Text with Blanks (Fill in the Gaps)

Travelling has always been one of the most enriching human _____. Whether we set _____ on a long journey abroad or simply take a weekend trip, the act of leaving our routine behind allows us to discover new perspectives. For many people, travelling is not only about sightseeing but also about meeting people whose lifestyles are completely _____ from their own. Such encounters broaden our horizons and help us appreciate diversity.

Of course, travelling is not without challenges. Flight delays, language barriers, and unexpected changes in the weather can easily disrupt our plans. Yet it is precisely these inconveniences that often turn into memorable stories we later share with friends. A traveller who has missed a train in a foreign country or who has had to find _____ at the last minute will usually remember the experience with a sense of _____.

Moreover, travelling encourages us to reflect on our own culture. When we compare our customs with those we encounter abroad, we notice both surprising similarities and striking _____. In this way, each journey contributes not only to our enjoyment but also to our self-understanding. Ultimately, travelling reminds us that the world is vast, full of opportunities, and always ready to be _____.

Dialogue: Talking About a Vacation

Anna: Hey Ben! I heard you just got back from Italy. How was your trip?

Ben: It was amazing! When we ***(1)*** (a. arrived / b. had arrived / c. were arriving) in Rome, the sun was shining and the city looked beautiful.

Anna: That sounds great. Did you visit Florence too?

Ben: Yes, but by the time we ***(2)*** (a. reached / b. had reached / c. were reaching) Florence, we were already exhausted.

Anna: Oh, I can imagine. How long ***(3)*** (a. had you been travelling / b. did you travel / c. were you travelling) before you got there?

Ben: Almost six hours! We ***(4)*** (a. took / b. had taken / c. were taking) the wrong train at first, so the trip was longer than expected.

Anna: Wow! So what did you do once you finally arrived?

Ben: We ***(5)*** (a. explored / b. had explored / c. were exploring) the old town and visited some galleries. While we ***(6)*** (a. walked / b. had walked / c. were walking) around, we bumped into some old classmates!

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Anna: No way! What a coincidence.

Ben: Yeah! They ***(7)*** (a. stayed / b. had stayed / c. were staying) in Florence for a week already and gave us great restaurant tips.

Anna: And what about Venice? Did you manage to go there?

Ben: Of course. I ***(8)*** (a. always wanted / b. had always wanted / c. was always wanting) to see Venice, so it was a dream come true. By the time we arrived, the sun ***(9)*** (a. set / b. had set / c. was setting), and the city looked magical.

Anna: That sounds unforgettable!

Ben: It really was. We ***(10)*** (a. made / b. had made / c. were making) so many memories on that trip that I'll never forget.

What Should We Pack for a Beach Break?

Tick (✓) the items you would definitely pack for a beach holiday.

Winter coat	Sunscreen
Sunglasses	Sandals
Flip-flops	Notebook and pen
Swimsuit	Passport
Beach towel	Snorkel mask
Scarf and gloves	Umbrella
	Hiking boots

Quiz: Phrasal Verbs in Travelling

1. We had to _____ at the hotel reception before going to our room.

2. The plane will _____in twenty minutes, so please fasten your seatbelts.

3. She loves to _____on new adventures whenever she has free time.

4. After the long holiday, it was difficult to _____to work.

5. We had to _____the trip because of the stormy weather.

6. He couldn't wait to _____from the city and relax by the sea.

7. Don't forget to _____your seatbelt before take-off.

8. We had to _____our tickets at the counter before boarding.

9. At the airport, all passengers must _____security control.

10. Our flight was _____because of heavy fog.

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Matching Exercise: At the Airport

Match the airport words with their definitions.

1. ***Airport terminal***	**A.** A building at an airport divided into Arrivals and Departures
2. ***Bag(gage) drop***	**B.** An electronic display showing flight times and if the flight is on time, boarding, closed, or delayed
3. ***Baggage reclaim***	**C.** Where you give in any checked-in luggage (bags, cases, etc.) and are given a boarding pass if you don't already have one
4. ***Check-in desk***	**D.** Where you take your luggage to check it in if you already have your boarding pass
5. ***Customs***	**E.** Where they check that you are not trying to take prohibited items (e.g. liquids or sharp objects) onto the plane, by scanning your hand luggage and making you walk through a metal detector
6. ***Departures board***	**F.** Where passengers who are travelling business or first class can wait for their flight
7. ***Gate***	**G.** Where you show your boarding pass and ID and board your flight
8. ***Runway***	**H.** Where planes take off and land
9. ***Security***	**I.** Where you collect your luggage on arrival, and where there are usually trolleys for carrying heavy cases
10. ***(airline) Lounge***	**J.** Where your luggage may be checked to see if you are bringing illegal goods into the country

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ON BOARD

a. Complete the text with the words in the list.

aisle – cabin crew – connecting flight – direct flights – jet lag –

long-haul flights – row – seat belts – turbulence

I often fly to Bolivia on business. I always choose an **1** _____ seat, so that I can get up and walk around more easily. My favourite place to sit is the emergency exit **2** _____ so I have more legroom.

Sometimes there's **3** _____ when the plane flies over the Andes, which I don't enjoy, and the **4** _____ tell the passengers to put their **5** _____ on.

There aren't any **6** _____ to La Paz from London, so I usually have to get a **7** _____ in Madrid. Whenever I take **8** _____ I always suffer from **9** _____ because of the time difference and I feel tired for several days.

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