

Famous Places

Hello from Santorini, Greece. It is hot and sunny here. This island is so beautiful. There are so many things to do here. You can visit the many museums, do to the black sandy beaches, watch one of the most beautiful sunsets in the world, or take a boat tour to the volcano and hot springs. Right now, I'm writing to you from Akrotiri. Some people believe that this is the lost city of Atlantis. There is also a beach with red sand here. Got to go now.

Lots of love,

Danielle

Greetings from Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia. It's the most popular tourist attraction here and one of the most beautiful places in the world. The park is a huge forest and it has got sixteen lakes connected by waterfalls. The highest waterfall is 70 meters tall. Yesterday, we went on a guide hike. We saw a lot of deer and rare birds. We even saw a bear eating grass on a mountain. It was amazing! Today, we are going on a boat tour of the park. I've got a lot of pictures to show you when I get back.

See you soon,

Fred



Reading Comprehension (O-NET Style)

Directions: Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the main purpose of this passage?

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| A. To explain the history of Santorini | B. To complain about the weather |
| C. To describe a holiday experience | D. To give travel warnings |

2. Santorini is described as a place that is _____.

- A. quiet and empty
- B. dangerous for tourists
- C. beautiful and interesting
- D. rainy most of the year

3. Which activity is mentioned as something tourists can do in Santorini?

- A. Visit ancient temples
- B. Relax at sandy beaches
- C. Go hiking in forests
- D. Watch animals in the wild

4. What makes the sunsets in Santorini special?

- A. They are very long
- B. They are very colorful
- C. They are among the most beautiful in the world
- D. They happen late at night

5. Why do some people think Akrotiri is important?

- A. It has the largest museum
- B. It has black sandy beaches
- C. It may be the lost city of Atlantis
- D. It is the hottest place on the island

6. Which beach is found in Akrotiri?

- A. White sandy beach
- B. Red sandy beach
- C. Rocky beach
- D. Snowy beach

7. The word “volcano” in the passage is related to _____.

- A. history
- B. nature
- C. shopping
- D. transportation

8. From the passage, we can infer that Danielle is _____.

- A. bored with her trip
- B. enjoying her vacation
- C. worried about the weather
- D. tired of traveling

9. What does the phrase “Got to go now” suggest?

- A. Danielle is angry
- B. Danielle is leaving Santorini
- C. Danielle is in a hurry
- D. Danielle is feeling sick

10. Who is most likely to write this passage?

- A. A tour guide
- B. A scientist
- C. A student on holiday
- D. A news reporter

11. Plitvice Lakes National Park is best described as _____.

- A. a city with many buildings
- B. a popular natural attraction
- C. a small village
- D. a shopping center

12. Why do many tourists visit this park?

- A. It is cheap to travel
- B. It has famous hotels
- C. It is very beautiful
- D. It has many restaurants

13. How are the lakes in the park connected?

- A. By rivers
- B. By roads
- C. By waterfalls
- D. By bridges

14. What information does the number “sixteen” refer to?

- A. The number of tourists
- B. The number of lakes
- C. The number of animals
- D. The number of waterfalls

15. Which statement about the waterfalls is correct?

- A. All waterfalls are the same height
- B. The highest waterfall is 70 meters tall
- C. The waterfalls are dry in summer
- D. The waterfalls are man-made

16. What did Fred do yesterday?

- A. Took many pictures
- B. Went on a boat tour
- C. Went on a guided hike
- D. Visited a museum

17. Which animals are mentioned in the passage?

- A. Fish and birds
- B. Deer, birds, and a bear
- C. Bears and wolves
- D. Only rare birds

18. The word “rare” in the passage most nearly means _____.

- A. dangerous
- B. common
- C. not often seen
- D. very large

19. What is Fred going to do today?

- A. Go hiking in the forest
- B. Travel to another city
- C. Take a boat tour
- D. Watch wild animals

20. What can be concluded from the passage?

- A. Fred dislikes nature
- B. The park is boring
- C. The trip is exciting and memorable
- D. The park is closed to tourists