

Unit 7

A Complete the sentences with these phrases.

<u>bucket list</u>	<u>dawn on them</u>	<u>on a whim</u>	<u>out of this world</u>	<u>play it by ear</u>	<u>riot of colour</u>	<u>satisfy their curiosity</u>
<u>sense of adventure</u>	<u>stumble upon</u>	<u>spur of the moment</u>	<u>stone's throw</u>	<u>wipe them out</u>		

- 1 We loved the flowers on the islands, a complete _____ and the food was amazing too.
- 2 It began to _____ that they would be stuck in the airport for days.
- 3 _____ we rented a motorbike and toured the island. It was such fun!
- 4 When they spotted a strange-looking doorway, they had to _____ and go in.
- 5 We were really lucky to _____ a tiny, picturesque village in the mountains above the coast.
- 6 The views from the top are _____ so remember to take a camera.
- 7 The museum was a _____ from our hotel but we didn't visit it until the last day.
- 8 It was a _____ and a passion for botany that led him to the Amazon project.
- 9 The butterflies here used to draw thousands of tourists, before the heat began to _____.
- 10 We changed our plans on the _____ and went to Siena instead.
- 11 I wouldn't say it's on my _____ but I would like to visit Japan one day.
- 12 We don't need to choose a restaurant for lunch now, we can _____ as we walk around.

B Complete the sentences with a word formed with the word in CAPITALS.

- 1 They loved the trip to the Science Museum. It wasn't just _____, it was fun. **EDUCATE**
- 2 There is a _____ belief that flamenco is typical throughout Spain, but that is not true. **HOLD**
- 3 The variety of food was so _____, it was hard to choose what to have. **PHENOMENON**
- 4 Children are generally so _____ that travelling with them can be a joy – or a nightmare. **INQUIRE**
- 5 Attractive, peaceful rooms are a _____ feature of any hotel. **DESIRE**
- 6 My love of travelling is driven by a _____ for knowledge. **THIRSTY**
- 7 The _____ may be surprised by the mix of cultures in Jerusalem. **MIND**
- 8 The _____ of the beach in spring is the perfect antidote to the city. **TRANQUIL**
- 9 It's an "eco-café"; you can only get there by bike and all the products are from _____ sources. **SUSTAIN**
- 10 The area is struggling but the town hall hopes that the new port will bring a much-needed _____ of life to the area. **INJECT**
- 11 The structure is considered to be an _____ by many, but I quite like it. **ODD**
- 12 Proximity to the beach was a _____ factor in their choice of hotel. **DECIDE**

C Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Trying to buy tickets online was painfully _____.
a easy b practical c slow
- 2 The hotel food was _____ delicious.
a slightly b simply c very
- 3 Although we passed through very picturesque scenery, the bumpy ride was _____ uncomfortable.
a absolutely b extremely c utterly
- 4 Availability of flights connecting east and west Europe has _____ improved in recent years.
a considerably b entirely c rather
- 5 It's _____ impossible to find cheap, decent places to stay in London.
a extremely b fairly c pretty
- 6 He's absolutely _____ when we travel, which can be a good thing.
a fearless b fun c inquisitive
- 7 Trying to understand the local language was a bit _____.
a hilarious b impossible c tricky
- 8 We knew jetlag was catching up with us all when _____ no one appeared for breakfast.
a barely b scarcely c virtually

D Circle the best answer.

- 1 Although the suburbs are very modern, the **city centre proper** / **proper city centre** is medieval.
- 2 Sorry but we're not laughing any more. We need to take a **serious** / **seriously** look at the situation.
- 3 Could you please recommend a **responsible person** / **person responsible** to babysit for our children?
- 4 **Almost** / **Hardly** anyone spoke our language so we had to buy a phrasebook.
- 5 We liked the villa but mum thought the bathroom was **absolutely** / **incredibly** filthy.
- 6 The taxi driver who picked us up was **terribly** / **utterly** rude.
- 7 There were **incredibly** / **surprisingly** few tourists when we reached the Alhambra.
- 8 Several seagulls **hungry** / **hungrily** tried to steal our ice creams!

E Complete the second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first. Use the words in bold.

- 1 We were surprised by how good the folk concert we stumbled on was.
surprisingly
The folk concert _____.
- 2 The hotel room could not have been cleaner.
absolutely
The hotel room _____.
- 3 It was extremely difficult to stay on the right path back to the village.
virtually
Staying on the right path _____.
- 4 It was difficult to drive through the town as the streets seemed wider than they were.
deceptively
The streets of the town _____, making it tricky to drive through.
- 5 The sudden influx of noisy tourists has made local residents understandably annoyed.
how
It is not _____ noisy tourists has annoyed local residents.
- 6 It was almost midnight when most of us were finally brought dessert.
hardly
_____ dessert before midnight.
- 7 It was not normal to see him so enthusiastic about taking a plane, as he hated flying.
unusually
Considering his hatred of flying, he took _____.
- 8 Thanks to Carnival, there were hardly any rooms left in the whole city.
available
Practically _____ thanks to Carnival.