3 Experiences

In this unit, we will ...

- describe and talk about exciting experiences
- learn how to check in at a hotel
- contribute to an online discussion
- understand how to use your free time well

Today, I've given a survey to eight students in my class. I wanted to find out about their exciting or scary experiences. Here are the questions I asked and their answers.

Have you ever seen a famous person?

Only two people have ever seen a famous person. Luisa has seen Alexia Putellas, one of the best female soccer players in the world. She saw her at the airport. Also, Gabriel saw actor Antonio Banderas outside a restaurant last year. I'm impressed!

Have you ever tried surfing?

The students I asked haven't tried surfing, but Ana has tried skiing. She said it was difficult and cold, and she didn't really enjoy it. Sorry, Ana!

Have you ever held a large insect?

Three people have done this. It's on my wish list of things I'd like to do. I don't find insects scary, but I know a lot of people do.

Have you ever traveled to an exciting place?

Half of the students haven't been anywhere very exciting, but Daniel has visited New York City with his aunt and uncle. They saw the Statue of Liberty. I'd love to go there one day.

Have you ever won a competition?

Three people have won a competition. Ella won $200 in an art competition last year. That's awesome, Ella! Joe won a cake in a quiz last Christmas. Joe, that's less awesome.

yes
no

Have you ever been really scared?

Most people say they have been really scared. Carlos says the scariest moment of his life was when he slept in a tent on the side of a mountain. But only one person in this class has ever actually done something really scary, and that's me. I've been rock climbing and I've never been so scared in my life! I wonder if anyone can beat that!

1 Pairwork **Answer the question.**

Why is it important to try new experiences in life?

2 033 **Read and listen to Trevon's survey. Answer the question.**

What made Trevon scared?

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Fun fact

The Giant Wētā is the world's heaviest insect. At 71g it is three times the weight of a mouse.

Real English

Find these phrases and check their meanings.

I'm impressed! *It's on my wish list.* *I wonder if anyone can beat that!*

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3 **Comprehension** **Answer the questions.**

What did Trevon do with his classmates? *He gave them a survey.*

1 Which famous person has Luisa seen?

_____

2 What does Trevon want to do?

_____

3 What did Daniel do in New York City?

_____

4 Where did Carlos sleep?

_____

4 034 **Complete the sentences and questions from Trevon's survey results. Then listen and check.**

Have you ever seen a famous person?

1 The students I asked _____ surfing.

2 Three people _____ this.

3 _____ to an exciting place?

4 Daniel _____ New York City.

5 Three people _____ a competition.

6 I _____ so scared.

5 035 **Trevon is talking with some friends about their experiences. Check (✓) the things they have done and put an ✗ next to the things they haven't done.**

1	Mari	meet a famous person	☐
2	Samuel	visit an exciting place	☐
3	Catalina	be on TV	☐
4	Kenji	win a competition	☐

6 **Pairwork** **Which experiences from the survey would you like to try?**

e.g., I'd like to see a famous person, but I wouldn't like to hold a large insect.

Link to life

Should you do things that scare you?

Sachi and Nevin's vlog

STEP 1

1 **Pairwork** **Imagine it's your birthday. Which present would you prefer and why?**

a backpack a pair of slippers a surfing lesson
a street art tour

STEP 2

2 036 **Watch or listen to the vlog. Which present from exercise 1 does Nevin choose for his sister, Alina?**

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3 036 **Watch or listen again. Are the statements true (*T*) or false (*F*)?**

1 Alina's birthday is in two weeks' time. ___

2 Sachi knows Alina well. ___

3 Alina already has a backpack. ___

4 Sachi thinks Alina will like the rabbit slippers. ___

5 Nevin says the surfing lesson is too far away. ___

6 Their followers prefer things to experiences. ___

STEP 3

4 **Pairwork** **Discuss the questions.**

1 Do you prefer to get things or experiences as gifts? Why?

2 Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Why?

Real English

Check the meaning of these phrases from the vlog.

Give me a hand. *That's too bad.* *Are you kidding?*

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Vocabulary

Exciting experiences

1 037 **Match the verbs in the box with the experiences. Then listen and check.**

~~visit~~	meet	be	win	go	hold	climb	sleep	fly	do

visit a famous place

1 _____ a bungee jump
2 _____ a large insect
3 _____ a famous person
4 _____ a mountain
5 _____ in a tent
6 _____ in a helicopter
7 _____ on TV
8 _____ a competition
9 _____ skiing or snowboarding

Vocabulary strategy

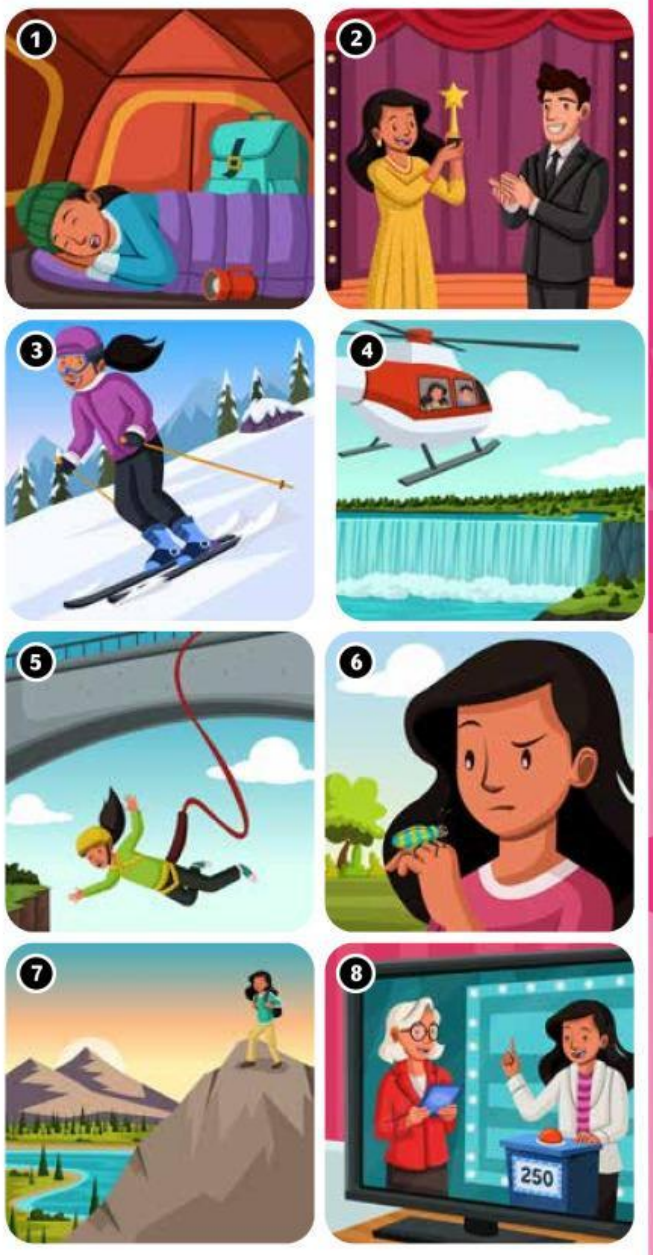
Associating new vocabulary with people and things

A fun way to learn new words is to associate them with people or things you know well. For example, when you want to learn new verbs and phrases, imagine your family and friends doing the actions. Imagine that a family member or a friend did each of the actions in exercise 1, and write a sentence for each one.

My sister went skiing last winter.

2 **Monica traveled around the world last year and had a lot of exciting experiences. Look at her pictures from the trip and write sentences. Remember to use the simple past form of the verbs.**

She slept in a tent.



3 **Pairwork** **Look at the exciting experiences in exercise 1 again. Check (✓) the things you want to do and put an ✗ next to the things you don't want to do. Discuss your choices with your partner.**

I want to fly in a helicopter.

Really? I don't! I want to visit the Grand Canyon.

Me too! I want to meet …

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