6th Adol - Final Test - Reading

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READING

Four teenagers tell us about the places they would most like to visit and why.

A George

My dad is originally from the Greek island of Naxos, but moved to New York, where I was born, when he was 18. It was his descriptions of growing up in a close-knit community surrounded by stunning scenery that inspired my desire to go to Naxos. Not only are there lots of beautiful beaches, but the warm climate means you can swim in the sea nearly all year round. The local people have a very relaxed lifestyle too, staying up late at night and getting up late, which would definitely suit me! It sounds like the kind of place where you can lose track of time. As perfect as it might sound, though, I suppose I might get fed up with being in such a remote place after a while and miss city life.

B Sophia

My friends love chilling out on a beach and getting a suntan on holiday, but personally I find that really tedious. What I want are the kind of experiences I'd never have at home in England. That's why Norway appeals to me and, in particular, a town called Tromso, which is a cold and windswept place two hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle. I saw a nature documentary about it recently and I'd really love to visit it in January when temperatures are below zero and there is hardly any sunlight. I'm not a huge fan of the cold and the dark, but apparently this is the best time for whale-watching. There are boat trips you can do from a little island near Tromso which give you the chance to get close to these awesome creatures. I think the sight of them in their natural environment would be truly spectacular.

C Hans

I'm saving up at the moment to go to Seoul, the capital of South Korea. My love of Korean cinema has given me an insight into Korean culture so I think I would feel at home there. You get the impression that the city is super modern because it's dominated by huge skyscrapers and shopping malls, but apparently you can also find areas where traditional Korean buildings have been preserved. It's this diversity which really appeals to me. Apart from sightseeing, I'm looking forward to trying some of the street food, which sounds delicious, and going shopping. Young South Koreans are aware of all the latest trends and since it's a relatively cheap city, I'm determined to get some bargains!

D Daphne

When most people think of Holland, they think of Amsterdam, which I'm sure is a beautiful city if you don't mind the hordes of visitors it attracts. I'm drawn towards less obvious destinations and given the chance, the place I'd choose to visit is Rotterdam. Rotterdam has been called the 'city of the future' because of its striking modern architecture. It's also a truly green city with unusual features such as a floating park made from recycled rubbish which people have thrown into the river! If you're a keen surfer, like I am, you'll be impressed to learn that Rotterdam has got the world's only surfing centre to be built in the middle of a city on a canal! The only potential disadvantage about visiting Holland is that I don't speak Dutch, but fortunately English is widely spoken there.

1 Read the phrases below and find similar phrases in the article. Decide if the writers' attitudes are positive (P) or negative (N).

1 'I might get bored being away from the city.' ☐

2 'I don't like winter weather and lack of light.' ☐

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3 'I can't wait to eat some local food.' ☐

4 'The only bad thing about visiting Holland might be ...' ☐

Score: / 4

2 Read the article. For questions 1–8, choose from the four people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person ...

1 could pursue his/her hobby in the place he/she describes? ☐

2 intends to spend some money in his/her chosen place? ☐

3 is attracted to the way of life in his/her chosen place? ☐

4 doesn't like going to popular places? ☐

5 likes doing unusual things on holiday? ☐

6 is planning a trip to this place? ☐

7 was inspired to visit this place by a TV programme? ☐

8 wouldn't want to stay in this place too long? ☐

Score: / 16

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