

Topics: Travel
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LEAD-IN

Work in groups to discuss the following questions:

1. What does the word *travel* mean to you?
2. Where did you last go on holiday?
3. How did you get there?
4. What did you do there?
5. What would your ideal holiday be? Why?

PICTURES

Look at these photos. Talk about what you can see in each one with a partner.

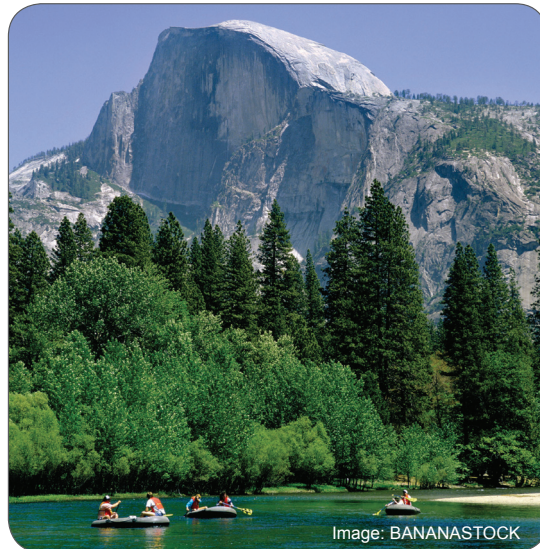
A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



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READING: ADVERTISEMENTS

a. Read the travel advertisements below and match the photos from the previous exercise to the correct advertisements.

1. _____

Do you like the idea of being snug and warm while outside its cold and icy?



Experience the trip of a lifetime by floating among the glaciers of Antarctica on a cruise ship.

Join the ship in Ushuaia in the far south of Argentina for a magical eleven-day cruise in one of the most stunning places on the planet.

Go sea kayaking to get up close to the penguins and watch seals basking in the sun.

2. _____



Relax on your own luxurious houseboat and cruise along the backwaters of Kerala.

Hundreds of miles of rivers allow you to see so much of this southern Indian state.

Visit villages, buy fresh fruit from the riverside markets and just relax as you drift along on the water.

3. _____

**DON'T LIKE
HIGH-SPEED
ROAD TRAVEL?
TAKE THE TRAIN!**

ON THE RAILS



Enjoy the slowest train ride in Europe and ride past some of the most scenic landscape imaginable. Travelling through 91 tunnels, across 291 bridges, as well as the 7,000-foot-high Oberalp Pass, you'll have trouble tearing yourself away from the window.

4. _____

**The perfect
fly-drive break!**

**simply
travel**

Fly to Lisbon, hire a car at the city airport and drive through some of the most stunning landscape around.

Stop off at the picturesque town of Óbidos, with its cobbled streets and medieval walls, to experience a bit of history and taste some of the regional dishes on offer.

5. _____



HIKING, CLIMBING AND CAMPING IN ONE OF THE MOST REMOTE PARTS OF THE USA.

WHY NOT SPEND A WEEK AWAY FROM IT ALL IN THE WORLD-FAMOUS YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK?

IF YOU'RE LUCKY YOU MIGHT EVEN SEE ONE OF THE MANY BLACK BEARS FOUND IN THE PARK. WHILE THE MORE ADVENTUROUS CAN GO RAFTING DOWN THE MERCED RIVER.

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b. Now read the texts again and complete the table.

On which of the holidays ...	1	2	3	4	5
... are you in Europe?			✓	✓	
... can you see wildlife?					
... is the beautiful scenery mentioned?					
... are you not near a crowded place?					
... might you sleep in a tent?					
... do you travel slowly?					
... is taking a plane mentioned?					
... is food part of the experience?					

WORKING WITH THE LANGUAGE

Focus 1: Understanding meaning

Answer the following questions:

1. In text 1, why does the writer use the word *floating*?
2. In text 2, does the word *allow* mean 'give permission' or 'give the opportunity'?
3. In text 3, why might you have trouble tearing yourself away from the window?
4. In text 4, what does the writer mean by *on offer*?
5. In text 5, how is Yosemite National Park described?

Focus 2: Language use

Articles are an important part of English. Look at the examples below:

- a. ... hire a car ...
- b. Fly to Lisbon ...
- c. ... drive through some of the most stunning landscape ...
- d. go rafting down the Merced River ...
- e. ... seals basking in the sun.

a. Match the examples above to the grammatical uses below.

1. We use the definite article, *the*, with many rivers, seas and mountain ranges.
2. We use an indefinite article, *a* or *an*, when we are talking about a singular thing that we haven't mentioned before.
3. We use the definite article, *the*, when there is only one.
4. Generally we do not use an article with a place name.
5. We use the definite article, *the*, when we use a superlative adjective.

b. Complete the advertisement with *a*, *the* or - if no article is needed.

LONDON CITY BREAKS

As one of (1) _____ major capitals of Europe, (2) _____ London has much to offer.

The best way to travel around is to use (3) _____ Underground, which covers pretty much all of London.

Visit the South Bank and (4) _____ Houses of Parliament and take (5) _____ cruise along (6) _____ River Thames.

It's (7) _____ experience you shouldn't miss.

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WORKING WITH VOCABULARY

Focus 1: Meaning

Look back at the travel advertisements and find words to match these definitions.

1. feeling comfortable and safe
2. to move near something _____ (three words)
3. very expensive and comfortable
4. to move somewhere slowly as though you do not know where you are going _____
5. providing beautiful views of nature
6. to force yourself to leave somewhere or stop doing something _____ (three words)
7. surfaces made from many small round stones fixed closely together _____ (two words)
8. relating to or typical of a particular area of a country _____
9. far away from cities, towns or people
10. far from people, places, or things, especially so you feel relaxed and stress-free _____ (four words)

Focus 2: Topic-related words

Read the texts again and find the following:

1. six types of transport
2. four verbs to do with travelling on different transport
3. three adjectives that mean beautiful
4. three activities you can do in the mountains

LISTENING

Listen to the short radio feature and answer the questions below.

1. Which of the five holidays featured in the travel advertisements did the person go on?
2. How do you know?

SPEAKING

Discuss these questions in small groups.

1. Which of the five holidays would you choose as a group? Why?
2. What would you need to take with you on the holiday?

PROJECT

Write a short travel advertisement for a newspaper about a holiday destination of your choice.