

Unit 10: Experiences

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2

Reading

European cities

In an online competition for the title of Best European Destination Porto was elected Best European Destination in 2012. Go to <http://www.europeanconsumerschoice.org/travel/european-best-destination-2012/> and have a look at the top ten European destinations listed there. Match the cities (1–10) with the facts (a–j).

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3

Writing

This year's best destination

Find out which European city is this year's "best destination" and write a short article about it. In your article you should:

- describe the location of the city.
- give information about its population, its size and one remarkable sight.
- explain why you want to travel there or why not.

Write 120–150 words.

4

Listening

World travellers

Listen to the recording from exercise 36, page 137 again. You are going to listen to a recording about world travellers. First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice. While listening, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question (1–5). Put a cross ☒ in the correct box. The first one (0) has been done for you.

0 Michelle Fraser is a young Australian

- A captain.
- B journalist.
- C chef.
- D accountant.

3 What was it like?

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1 How many countries has she visited?

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- A Once her car broke down in the mountains.
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5 Language

Sights

a Complete these words with vowels.

- 1 c__stl__ 3 f__nt__ n 5 p__l__c__ 7 sc__lpt__r__ 9 t__mb
 2 c__ty w__lls 4 m__s__m 6 r__ns 8 st__t__ 10 w__t__f__ll

b Talk together. Can you see these things in your country? Where? Are any of them famous sights? Do you recommend visiting them?

6 Language

Present perfect

Complete the questions with the past participle of these verbs. Then ask and answer these questions together.

buy ■ do ■ drink ■ go ■ meet ■ play ■ read ■ hear

- 1 Who's the most interesting person you've ever _____?
- 2 What's the worst joke you've ever _____?
- 3 What's the most expensive thing you've ever _____?
- 4 What's the most boring game you've ever _____?
- 5 What's the most exciting book you've ever _____?
- 6 What's the most difficult thing you've ever _____?
- 7 What's the most beautiful place you've ever _____ to?
- 8 What's the sweetest drink you've ever _____?

7 Language

Present perfect

Complete the questions using the past participle of the verbs in the box. Then complete the answers with **Yes** or **No**.

be ■ be ■ eat ■ ~~hear~~ ■ hear ■ see

- 1 Have you (ever) heard _____ of Machu Picchu? Yes _____, it's in Peru, I think.
- 2 _____ to New York? _____, it's a fantastic city.
- 3 _____ Tai curry? _____, I haven't. I don't really like spicy food.
- 4 _____ the Pyramids in Cairo? _____, they're incredible!
- 5 _____ to France? _____, but I've only been to Paris.
- 6 _____ of Uluru National Park? _____, I have. It must be great!

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Language

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Write the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

- 1 Joan sends her love. _____ (I / just / meet) her in the high street.
- 2 We can't have fish and chips again. _____ (we / have) that three times this week.
- 3 I can't tell you what I'm having. _____ (I / not / decide) yet.
- 4 _____ (you / hear) anything about Peggy?
- 5 Oh, she's fine. _____ (I / speak) to her on the phone quite recently.
- 6 _____ (you / clean) the bathroom yet?
- 7 Yes, _____ (I / already / do) it. I did it an hour ago.
- 8 I want to go to a rock concert on Friday, but _____ (I / not / buy) a ticket yet.
- 9 _____ (I / finish) using the computer if you want to go online.
- 10 No, thanks _____ (I / already / check) my emails today.

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Language

Present perfect

Write the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the conversation.

- 1 A: _____ a rugby match? (you / ever / see)
 B: Only on TV. _____ to a live game. (I / never / go)
- 2 A: _____ *Sleepless in Seattle*? I can't (we / see)
 remember.
 B: _____ it together at least three times! Or (we / watch)
 were you asleep?
- 3 A: _____ the USA? (they / ever / visit)
 B: Oh, yes. _____ all over the country. (they / travel)
- 4 A: _____ an exam in his life. Isn't that (Cal / never / fail)
 incredible?
 B: Not really. _____ many. He's only eleven! (he / not / take)
- 5 A: _____ a marathon? (you / ever / run)
 B: No, but _____ in quite a few! (my father / take part)
- 6 A: _____ golf? (your sister / ever / play)
 B: No, _____, but I think she'd like to! (she / never / try)
- 7 A: _____ to Australia? (you / ever / be)
 B: No, _____, but I'm hoping to go there (I / never / travel abroad)
 next summer.
- 8 A: _____ Chinese food at home? (you / ever / cook)
 B: No, _____. But I've been to lots of (I / not)
 Chinese restaurants.

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Language

Present perfect and past simple

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 _____ (I / not / see) Patty for a long time.
- 2 Really? _____ (I / see) her yesterday.
- 3 I've been to Mallorca. _____ (I / go) there three years ago for a holiday.
- 4 Doreen was looking for her wallet yesterday. I don't know if _____ (she / find) it yet.
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Language

Keyword: *take*

Match 1–7 with a–g to make sentences.

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12

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Complete the sentences using the correct form of *take* and the words in the box.

a painkiller ■ the underground ■ a message ■ a boat trip ■ 20 minutes ■ time

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