

## Unit 11: Experiences

### Language 01 Three special cities in Europe

Read the texts below and **circle** the correct words.

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### Reading 02 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  | Dubrovnik | <input type="checkbox"/> | c | has got 1.940 m long city walls.                         |
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| 9  | Florence  | <input type="checkbox"/> | i | is divided into two parts by the Danube.                 |
| 10 | Edinburgh | <input type="checkbox"/> | j | is the capital of Portugal.                              |

**Writing 03** 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.

**Listening 04** World travellers

Listen to the recording from exercise 33, page 138 again and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 1–5. Put a  in the correct box. The first one (0) has been done for you.

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| <p><b>0</b> Michelle Fraser is a young Australian</p> <p><b>A</b> captain. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>B</b> journalist. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>C</b> chef. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>D</b> accountant. <input type="checkbox"/></p>                | <p><b>3</b> What was it like?</p> <p><b>A</b> a bit spicy <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>B</b> rather sour <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>C</b> bitter <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>D</b> sweet <input type="checkbox"/></p>   |
| <p><b>1</b> How many countries has she visited?</p> <p><b>A</b> more than 30 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>B</b> 29 countries exactly <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>C</b> about 20 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>D</b> fewer than 30 <input type="checkbox"/></p>           | <p><b>4</b> What bad experiences did she have?</p> <p><b>A</b> Once her car broke down in the mountains. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>B</b> She had to eat strange food. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>C</b> She got ill in Pakistan. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>D</b> She walked through Nepal for three weeks. <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p><b>2</b> What's the most exotic food she has ever tried?</p> <p><b>A</b> fried crickets <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>B</b> fried crabs <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>C</b> fried chicken <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>D</b> fried coconut <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p><b>5</b> What's her home country also called?</p> <p><b>A</b> down there <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>B</b> down under <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>C</b> lower down <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>D</b> deep under <input type="checkbox"/></p>   |

**Language 05** 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?

**Language 06 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 \_\_\_\_\_?
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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_?

**Language 07 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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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.
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- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (you / hear) anything about Peggy?
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- 10 No, thanks \_\_\_\_\_ (I / already / check) my emails today.

**Language 09 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 remember. (we / see)  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_ it together at least three times! Or were you asleep? (we / watch)
- 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 incredible? (Cal / never / fail)  
 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 next summer. (I / never / travel abroad)
- 8 A: \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese food at home? (you / ever / cook)  
 B: No, \_\_\_\_\_. But I've been to lots of Chinese restaurants. (I / not)

**Language 10 Present perfect and past simple**

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

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- 2 Really? \_\_\_\_\_ (I / see) her yesterday.
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- 5 It's really cold in here because \_\_\_\_\_ (someone / open) all the windows.
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Match 1–7 with a–g to make sentences.

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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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