

THEME 5 TRAVEL READING SKILL (SPICE UP)

A. Read the city guide and fill in the blanks with the given sentences (a-e) below. One is extra.

- a) The Tube runs daily from 5 a.m. to midnight
- b) Its population has just passed 9 million
- c) The ride nearly takes 30 minutes
- d) It's the most historical part of London
- e) Big Ben serves as a symbol of British history

LONDON FOR FIRST-TIME VISITORS

Welcome to London, England's exciting and sophisticated capital! Whether you're looking for historic attractions and iconic landmarks or beautiful parks and world-class museums, London has it all and even some more. If you haven't visited this dynamic city yet, it's time to hit the road.

London is the biggest city in the UK. (1)_____. Do you know its nickname? Big Smoke! The city is always grey and rainy, so never forget to take your broly with you.

The UK currency is the pound sterling. You can exchange money in an exchange office on high streets, at the airports and at major railway stations. London is a perfect place for food lovers. If you're interested in a culinary journey, you will enjoy fish and chips, pie and mash, a full English breakfast and afternoon tea. Oh, who could forget the traditional afternoon tea served with jam? It's a must-do in London.

Getting around the city is unbelievably easy thanks to the amazing London Underground. Londoners have called it the Tube since 1890 due to the shape of the tunnels. (2)_____. London is divided into 9 zones. Central London is Zone 1.

If you're visiting London for sightseeing or to shop, you will take the Tube to Zone 1. (3)_____. If you are a dedicated football fan and want to visit Wembley Stadium, take the Tube to Zone 4. It's worth getting an oyster card, a sort of electronic ticket for all public transport.

Never forget to book a Thames cruise with afternoon tea. Many of the biggest attractions are along the River Thames, such as Tower Bridge, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye. No trip to London is complete without a ride on the London Eye. (4)_____, and you will be amazed by the spectacular view. Since the London Eye opened in 2000, many cities around the world have copied the eye and opened observation wheels. Don't miss a visit to the famous wax museum, Madame Tussauds, if you want to meet the world's most famous stars from Hollywood to Bollywood. Try to purchase a combo ticket in advance for the two attractions. It will be cheaper. The journey time between the museum and the London Eye is around 16 minutes by the Tube. Madame Tussauds is just a minute's walk away from Baker Street tube station.

B. Read the city guide again and complete the top travel tips to help your friend plan his/her trip.

- Pack your rain jacket and _____ as it always rains.
- Exchange your euros for _____ because Londoners don't use the euro.
- The _____ is the easiest way to get around the city.
- Get an _____, a smart card for the Tube and the London bus.
- Take the Tube to _____ if you have a match ticket at Wembley Stadium.
- To visit the amazing attractions in the city centre, take the Tube to _____.
- Never finish your trip without a ride on the _____. The view will take your breath away.
- To make a short and easy journey from the London Eye to Madame Tussauds, take the Tube to _____ station.

C. Read the emails. Write the correct holiday types.

1. _____

Hi Henrik,

After the final exams, it was time for me to go away and relax. For three days, I have been on holiday with my friends at the Queensgate campsite in the Rocky Mountains. Actually, these mountains, often called the Rockies, are a broad mountain range in Colorado, the USA. The place has thrilled me with its bright sunshine, fantastic weather and endless outdoor adventures.

So far, we have been to Bear Lake, Alberta Falls and Moraine Park. We have ridden horses for hours, taken photos in the most photo-worthy spots and gone hiking. We haven't done any mountain climbing or cliff diving yet. I'm looking forward to trying them. Believe me the Queensgate experience is definitely a must-do.

Take care,

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2. _____

Dear Mum and Dad,

Ahoj (Hi)! My Prague holiday has already started. I'm staying at a hotel with a view of the river and the castle, and it's very convenient to walk everywhere. Recently, I've been to the Charles Bridge, Wenceslas Square and Old Town Square. I was amazed by the beautiful architecture on every single building in the old town. My personal highlight was seeing Prague Castle at night from Charles Bridge, though. Totally breathtaking! There are many lively Parisian-style cafés on the riverbanks of this nice city. The groups of musicians, puppeteers and street entertainers performing their shows were really the best of all I've ever seen. That's all for now. I have two more days to explore new things.

Lots of love and kisses,

Camila