

THEME 5 TRAVEL READING SKILL (COUNT ME IN)

A. Read the e-mail of Auntie Jane and jot down four items that she mentioned in the text.

Dear Ethan,

I hope you are having a good time in Washington D.C. I guess you are busy during the week, but there is a lot to do there. You know I've had holidays in Washington, D.C. several times, and I have visited many places in its vicinity. I'll sometimes e-mail you to recommend some activities and places.

Perhaps, one of the best places nearby is Alexandria. You should see it as soon as possible. It's a great place to explore the waterfront and enjoy the centuries-old architecture and souvenir shops of a lakeside district. When I was there for the last time, three months ago, I liked the sea food best. You should try it. There are several restaurants close to the lake and almost all are nice. I have tried all of them :) Don't worry about the prices.

I have enjoyed the sunny and rainy weather there and either is nice. Don't change your plans due to the weather conditions. Give it a go at anytime. Most love taking a ride on the free King Street Trolley, but I've never tried it. One more thing...

Don't miss the oldest farmers market in the country. I've visited it several times, and I'm still thinking of seeing it again. It's special because George Washington sold his products there. It is close to Washington, D.C., so you can take the train, subway or even bike. The last time I was there, I took the train. It is comfortable and cheap. You should try that. You'll become a fan of that place. Let me know when you go there.

Bye, Auntie Jane

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B. Read the e-mail again and answer the questions below.

1. What does Auntie Jane recommend Ethan to do in Alexandria?

2. What did Auntie Jane like to eat most?

3. What are her recommendations for transportation?

C. Read the text again and list the types of vacations in the chart. More than one option is possible.

Brand New Types of Vacation

Changing lifestyles of the 21st century are changing people's understanding of a holiday. People used to dream of days with a lot of sleep and no activity. Therefore, they used to laze around all day at a warm, sunny holiday center. However, that's not the expectation now. As most people live an immobile lifestyle, sitting in their offices as part of today's urban life, they look forward to more things such as the sun, nice weather, culture, nature, activity, etc...' says Dr. Thomas Dixon of New York. As a result, there is more variety in today's tourism. Here are some types of vacations for today's vacationers.

Glamping: If you think traditional camping is exhausting, there is a new form of it. It is also called luxury camping and it even has all- inclusive forms as the word itself is a blending of glamour and camping. This new form of camping makes it possible to enjoy nature and outdoor activities in tents with 5- star comfort. You don't have to cook but you may choose to cook for yourself.

Trekking&Hiking Vacations: If you like traveling on foot when you want to explore a place, this is for you. However, no one cooks for you. Professional teams help you make it happen. You can choose your destinations. Note that this is not for comfort-seekers.

All-Inclusive Hotels: Trends may change but for families with small kids and for comfort- seekers, this type of vacation has never lost its popularity. Swim, eat, sleep and have fun. Early reservations can get you discounts.

Cruise Vacations: If you are a sea- lover, this is for you. You can enjoy the smell of sea as much as possible while enjoying the traditional comfort and service of cruise ships. You may have to move around to explore various spots close to harbors in a limited amount of time.

Sports Tours: Tiredness from going somewhere to watch a match at a stadium and traveling back in a rush is a thing of the past. Travel agencies combine city tours and cultural tours with sports events services for fans and add to the joy. Obviously, you need more time to participate in such an activity.

Facility based vacations :

Activity based vacations :

Outdoor vacations :

Combined vacations :