

G expressing future plans and arrangements **V** travel and tourism **P** homophones

1 VOCABULARY travel and tourism

a Complete the verbs.

- During her trip to Kenya, Becky **went** on a safari.
- We had to **c** _____ our vacation when my husband lost his job – we just couldn't afford it.
- We're going to the mountains for the weekend to **g** _____ away from it all.
- They're going to **p** _____ their honeymoon until the bride's mother has had her operation.
- I prefer to **w** _____ around the sites on my own rather than listening to a tour guide.
- We decided to **e** _____ our stay by two nights because we were having such a good time.
- They **s** _____ off early to avoid the traffic.
- We're broke this year, so we're going to **g** _____ camping instead of staying in a hotel.
- As soon as we'd checked into the hotel, we hurried downtown to **h** _____ the stores.
- If you're feeling tired, maybe you should take a few weeks off to **r** _____ your batteries.
- The best thing about going abroad is being able to **s** _____ the local cuisine.
- For me, the point of a vacation is to **ch** _____ out and forget about work for a while.
- You need to spend at least a week in Mexico City to really **s** _____ up the atmosphere.

b Replace the bold words and phrases with the words and phrases in the list.

breathtaking dull lively off the beaten track
overcrowded overrated picturesque remote
spoiled tacky ~~touristy~~ unspoiled

- The town is full of hotels and stores; it's too **designed to attract visitors** for me. touristy
- Some of our coastal areas have been totally **changed for the worse** by over-development. _____
- There's no Wi-fi signal because the town is very **far from places where other people live**. _____
- Don't bother going into that store; all of the souvenirs are very **cheap and badly made**. _____
- There are some beaches in the north that are **beautiful because they have not been changed**. _____

- Our vacation was really **boring** last year – nothing interesting happened. _____
- Singapore is a **vibrant** island, famous for its food and great shopping. _____
- I think the Seaview Hotel is **not nearly as good as the reviews said** – we were very disappointed. _____
- Torremolinos in southern Spain is no longer the **old-fashioned, pretty** little fishing village it was in the 1950s. _____
- We rarely go to the beach in August because it's always **too full of people**. _____
- When we eventually reached the top of the mountain, the view was **absolutely spectacular**. _____
- We wanted to rent a quiet cabin **away from where people usually go**. _____

2 LEXIS IN CONTEXT

Are you a tourist or a traveler?

Can you remember the phrasal verbs from the article on Student Book p.81? Choose the right answer.

- I'm...going to the beach for vacation. Let's do something else this year.
a sick about **b sick of** c sick with
- We packed our suitcases two days before our flight to Tokyo so that we wouldn't have to...at the last minute.
a rush around b rush out c rush into
- There's a big sale at Macy's. Let's go today so we don't...on any great bargains!
a miss out b miss for c miss over
- Jane...her principals on being environmentally aware when she bought a huge pickup truck instead of a small electric car.
a sold on b sold off c sold out
- Let's not...going to the beach this weekend until we check the weather forecast.
a rule out of b rule out c rule over
- You've been all over the world! What's left on your bucket list of places to...?
a check up b check into c check off
- Rob doesn't...fancy cars or houses. He just enjoys the simple things in life.
a care in b care to c care about

3 GRAMMAR

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a Circle the correct form. Check (✓) if both are possible.

- 1 From now on, I'm going to save / about to save my money instead of spending it all on clothes.
- 2 Our plane takes off / is taking off in three quarters of an hour.
- 3 The bus is to leave / is going to leave soon. I'd better get on and get a seat.
- 4 Do you eat / Will you be eating in the hotel restaurant tonight, sir?
- 5 My nephew is due to start / is starting college in August.
- 6 I won't be driving / I'm not to drive to work next week because my car will be at the garage.
- 7 The neighbors have invited us over tonight because they're having / going to have a party.
- 8 The President and her family are to visit / are going to visit Brazil, Chile, and Peru next month.
- 9 Sorry, but I'm about to go / I go into a meeting. Can I call you back in half an hour?

b Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first using the bold words.

- 1 Anna intends to have an early night tonight. **is**
Anna is going to have an early night tonight.
- 2 We expect the flight to land in about ten minutes. **due**
The flight _____ in about ten minutes.
- 3 May I ask who is picking me up from the train station? **be**
Who _____ from the train station?
- 4 The managing director is going to retire soon. **about**
The managing director _____.
- 5 I'm catching the 12:15 bus to Chicago tomorrow. **at**
My bus to Chicago _____ 12:15 tomorrow.
- 6 The play is going to start very soon. **about**
The play _____.
- 7 I have arranged to take part in a half-marathon next Saturday. **taking**
I _____ in a half-marathon next Saturday.
- 8 They are going to hold the presidential election on November 6th. **to**
The presidential election _____ on November 6th.

4 LEXIS IN CONTEXT

Christmas getaway crippled by storms

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student Book p.82. Then complete the sentences.

- 1 The plane looked as if it was going to land, but then it shot back up in the air.
- 2 The captain said the lights would be turned back on when we had gained sufficient h.
- 3 It was very stormy when we flew to Denver, so the flight was b.
- 4 After such a long delay, the passengers were r when they boarded the plane at last.
- 5 We flew into thick cloud as we were a Chicago O'Hare.
- 6 The plane c the airport until the pilot was given permission to land.
- 7 My parents are o to Greece tomorrow and are really excited.
- 8 We were advised to keep our seat belts fastened in case we hit some t.
- 9 The flight arrived so late that we faced the d of whether to spend the night in the airport or pay for a taxi to our hotel.
- 10 The gale-force w on the coast caused serious damage last night.

5 PRONUNCIATION homophones

8.3 Listen to the sentences and circle the right spelling of the words you hear in the sentence.

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| 1 a) board | b bored | 6 a brake | b break |
| 2 a caught | b cot | 7 a sight | b site |
| 3 a fair | b fare | 8 a peace | b piece |
| 4 a peer | b pier | 9 a suite | b sweet |
| 5 a wait | b weight | 10 a cereal | b serial |

6 READING

a Read the article once and check (✓) the best summary.

- 1 ☐ Career breaks to travel are usually amazing experiences, but you may put your job at risk.
- 2 ☐ Career breaks to travel sound like a good idea, but are often not worth it.
- 3 ☐ Most people who take career breaks to travel do not regret their decision.

The truth about taking a career break to travel

They say that travel broadens the mind, an adage that implies that the more we see of the world, the better. Yet once we get a foot on the career ladder, most of us put this idea in the back of our minds. ¹ _____ But does taking a break to travel really have such a negative effect on your career?

Diving enthusiast Russ Brooks found that it did not. When he was 36, Russ took a career break of 11 months, which took him to 16 different countries. ² _____ "The break showed that I was an independent thinker and willing to take risks to succeed," he says. "Nothing like a few stories of traveling in the developing world to show you can cope with anyone and any situation." Contrary to what our society says, Russ was indeed employable.

Not only was Russ successful in his job hunt, but the break helped him to get his career back on the right track. "My time away gave me time to unplug and recharge, see the world in an incredibly different light," he says. "It allowed me the time to step back and think about what was truly important to me. When I returned, I was inspired not to settle until I had found work that matched my core values." ³ _____

Far from having a negative impact on your career, taking a break to travel can actually increase your prospects when presented in the right way. Heather Baker, an HR professional in Chicago, advises on how to best explain the time away. "Think about this from the employer's point of view. ⁴ _____ Include it on your résumé and share the details of when and why you took the break, as well as the result. If you are enthusiastic and positive about the experience, your passion will shine through and excite your potential employers as well."

The main reason why travel improves a person's job prospects is that it can help them stand out in a crowd. ⁵ _____ Mitchel Samuelson was surprised by his interview experiences after the six months he spent traveling. "All the companies I interviewed with, the first topic we discussed was my career break and traveling, as it was either a common interest or they were envious and/or interested in where I'd gone."

To sum up, then, it appears that the consequences of taking a career break to travel are nothing but positive. These breaks often provide people with better opportunities on their return, and on top of that, they can lead to more clarity and job satisfaction. ⁶ _____ So, now that you know that traveling will not destroy your career, you can start planning your next career break. Bon voyage!

- b Read the article again and match the missing sentences A–H to the blanks 1–6. There are two sentences you do not need to use.

- A On his return, it only took him three or four months to find employment.
- B As a side benefit, it allows you to see the world before you retire.
- C Long-term travel emphasizes a person's uniqueness and lets them be noticed – in a good way.
- D Most people cite fear of change, financial concerns, and lack of stability as excuses not to quit their job and head out to see the world.
- E In many cases they don't know what they want, so they stay.
- F After his sense of community was re-energized during his career break, Russ came back to become the CEO of a social impact media company.
- G We all fantasize about it: quitting our jobs, hopping on a plane, and heading out to see the world.
- H They want to know your career path and how this career break fits into that.

- c Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases and try to figure out their meaning. Check in your dictionary.

7 LISTENING

- a **8.4** Listen to Moira, who lives in the US, describing a disastrous trip. How long did it take her to get home? Check (✓) the right answer.

- 1 eight hours ☐
- 2 twelve hours ☐
- 3 fourteen hours ☐
- 4 three days ☐

- b Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What was unusual about the weather that day?
- 2 How far is Moira's home from her office?
- 3 Who offered to give Moira a ride home?
- 4 Why had so many drivers parked at the side of the road?
- 5 What were some of the people walking along the road wearing?
- 6 What problems did they have between 5:30 and 6:45 a.m.?
- 7 Where did Moira tell the driver to drop her off?
- 8 Where did Moira walk to avoid falling over?
- 9 How did Moira get down the hill leading to her house?
- 10 What time was it when Moira eventually got home?

- c Listen again with the audioscript on p.77 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.