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1. Michael travelled by plane a
 2. Michael travelled by ferry
 3. Michael drove a car
 4. Michael rode a horse
 5. Michael travelled by train
 6. Michael travelled by coach
- a. from London to Venice.
 - b. from Italy to Croatia.
 - c. from Slovakia to Austria.
 - d. in a national park in Slovakia.
 - e. from Austria to Germany.
 - f. from Croatia to Serbia, Hungary and Slovakia.

▶ READING

Read the article and decide if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences.



The Best Trip Around Europe

By Michael Aldridge

I travelled around Europe in nine different ways last summer and visited seven different countries! I only took a backpack with a few basic possessions. I think backpacking is the best way to travel. I started my journey in London and went by plane to Venice in Italy. From there, I went by bus along the coastline to the port. Then I got on a ferry and travelled across the sea to Croatia. In Croatia, I rented a car and drove to Serbia, then into Hungary and finally through Slovakia. The roads were long, but I went through forests and valleys and drove on narrow roads between huge mountain ranges. While I was in Slovakia, I rode a horse in the national park. It was fantastic! After that, I got on a train to Austria. Trains were the best way to travel in Slovakia. They were less expensive than other types of transport,

and they were the safest. Next, I floated over the largest lake in Austria in a hot-air balloon. And from Austria, I went by coach to Germany. On my last day, I phoned for a taxi to take me to the airport. And finally, I went back home to the UK.

1. Michael used seven different types of transport on his journey.
False. He used nine different types of transport.
2. Michael went backpacking around Europe.

3. Michael was in Croatia when he travelled by bus.

4. He travelled along wide roads between huge mountain ranges in Slovakia.

5. Michael said that the safest way to travel in Slovakia was by coach.

6. In Austria, Michael took a ride in a hot-air balloon.

▶ GRAMMAR

Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Last night while I ⁰ *was watching* (watch) TV, I ¹ _____ (hear) a loud noise outside in the garden. I ² _____ (look) out the window, but it was dark and it ³ _____ (rain), so I didn't see anything. I continued watching TV when I heard the noise again – someone ⁴ _____ (try) to break into the house! I was really scared. My neighbour told me just last week that a burglar tried to break into her house while she ⁵ _____ (cook) dinner. Maybe it was the same burglar? I ⁶ _____ (think) about calling the police when the person ⁷ _____ (say) my name. It was my brother – he ⁸ _____ (climb) through the window because he forgot his key! He said he ⁹ _____ (knock) on the door for ages, but no one ¹⁰ _____ (answer)!

▶ GRAMMAR

Write questions using the past continuous. Then match them with the short answers.

1. you and your friend / have a coffee at a café / on Saturday?
Were you and your friend having a coffee at a café on Saturday?
 2. fish / any / menu / there / on / is / the / ?

 3. you / sleep / at midnight on Sunday?

 4. your brother / eat pizza / on Friday?

 5. your sister / cycle through town / at 4.30pm on Sunday?

 6. your mother and her sister / talk on the phone / at 10.45 am on Saturday?

- a. No, I wasn't. ___

- b. Yes, she was. ___
- c. No, it wasn't. ___
- d. Yes, we were. 0
- e. es, they were. ___
- f. No, he wasn't. ___

► GRAMMAR

Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives below.

~~cheap~~ cold delicious
heavy interesting popular

1. The plane tickets were cheaper on the internet than at the airport.
2. The weather is _____ up the mountain
_____ it is in the valley. You should wear a coat then.
3. Julia bought lots of things on holiday. Her suitcase is
_____ it was before.
4. The film we saw at the cinema last week was _____ the
one we saw today. I enjoyed it a lot!
5. Apples aren't _____ peaches.
6. The national history museum is _____ with visitors
_____ the science museum. Not many people visit the
national history museum.

► GRAMMAR

Complete the conversation with past simple forms. Use the verbs in brackets where they are given.

Simon: ⁰ did you have (have) a good evening, Poppy?

Poppy: No, I ¹ _____ It was terrible! I ² _____ (be) with
my sister Elena.

Simon: What ³ _____ you _____ (do)?

Poppy: At 5pm, I ⁴ _____ (meet) Elena outside her university.

Simon: So, where ⁵ _____ you _____ (go)?

Poppy: Then we ⁶ _____ (go) to the cinema. It ⁷ _____
(be) really busy with people. But the worst thing was, while we were queuing to
buy the tickets, two muggers ⁸ _____ (steal) Elena's purse.

Simon: Oh, no! ⁹ _____ anyone _____ (catch) them?

Poppy: No, they ¹⁰ _____ They took all her money, her mobile phone
and her keys.

Simon: Oh, dear! That was a terrible evening!

► GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

I'm in Scotland on holiday. Last week, my family and I ⁰ **were / was** in the
Highlands – it's in the north of Scotland! We ¹ **staid / stayed** in a castle near a
beautiful lake and the Scottish mountains. The weather ² **was / wasn't** very good,

respects me.

Josh and I both have a part time job. We work at an animal rescue centre. We're really fond of animals. We feed the animals, sweep the floors and clean the animal hospital. We can only work for a few hours during the week, but on Saturdays we're allowed to work for five hours. We love it! It gives us a sense of responsibility, and we've also learnt lots of important skills. We must work as part of a team, and we must be polite with the public. You have to be good at teamwork and be punctual – you mustn't arrive late to work. You have to be good with animals, and you must know first aid, too.

Max, Wales

1. Josh is slim, and he's got long hair.

Josh is slim, and he's got short hair.

2. Max is fun to be with and makes his friend Josh laugh.

3. Max and Josh love playing basketball.

4. Max and Josh don't like playing ice hockey.

5. Max and Josh can't stand rock music.

6. Max and Josh work full time at an animal hairdresser's.

▶ **READING**

Read the text and complete the sentences with information from the text.



Best Friends

My best friend is Josh. We've known each other since 2009 when his family moved next door. He's medium height and quite thin. He's got short blonde hair, and he wears glasses. Josh is fun to be with and always makes me laugh. He's also really intelligent and is good at Science. We share the same interests. We enjoy playing baseball and are crazy about ice hockey! We're both really keen on rock music, too. I think Josh is a good friend because he

respects me.

Josh and I both have a part time job. We work at an animal rescue centre. We're really fond of animals. We feed the animals, sweep the floors and clean the animal hospital. We can only work for a few hours during the week, but on Saturdays we're allowed to work for five hours. We love it! It gives us a sense of responsibility, and we've also learnt lots of important skills. We must work as part of a team, and we must be polite with the public. You have to be good at teamwork and be punctual – you mustn't arrive late to work. You have to be good with animals, and you must know first aid, too.

Max, Wales

1. Max and Josh work at an animal rescue centre.
2. They have to _____ the animals, the floors and _____ the animal _____.
3. Max and Josh work for _____ during the week and _____ on Saturdays.
4. They must _____ as part of a _____, and they must be _____ with the public.
5. You have to be good at _____ and be _____ - never late to work!
6. You have to _____ with animals and know _____.

▶ GRAMMAR

Give some advice for each of these problems. Complete them with should or shouldn't.

1. If I miss (miss) the bus to school, i' ll ride (ride) my bike instead.
2. I _____ (stay) in a camping near the sea if I _____ (go) on holiday this year.
3. If I _____ (not have) any homework this weekend, I _____ (play) computer games with my friends.
4. If the weather _____ (not be) good on Saturday evening, I _____ (watch) a DVD at home.
5. If I _____ (pass) all my exams this year, I _____ (be) really excited.
6. I _____ (take) an aspirin if I _____ (feel) ill.

▶ GRAMMAR

Put the words in order to make questions. Then read Amy's plans for Monday and match the questions with the answers (a-f).

1. Monday morning / doing / what / Amy / is / on / ?
What is Amy doing on Monday morning?
2. with / tennis / play / who / Amy / is / going to / ?

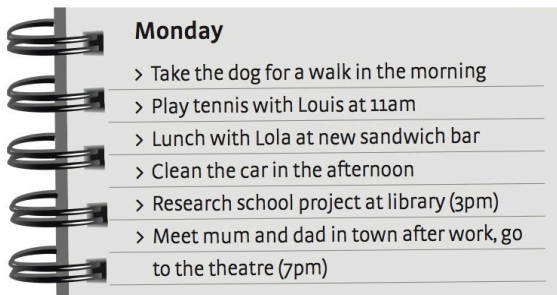
3. having / where / lunch / Amy and / are / Lola / ?

4. Amy / Monday afternoon / what / is / doing / on / ?

5. is / Amy / when / library / going to / the / go / to / ?

6. Monday evening / is / going / Amy / the theatre / on / to / ?

- a. With Louis. ___
- b. Yes, she is. ___
- c. She's cleaning the car. ___
- d. She's going to take her dog for a walk. 1
- e. At the new sandwich bar. ___
- f. At 3pm. ___



▶ GRAMMAR

Give some advice for each of these problems. Complete them with should or shouldn't.

1. My dad always loses his keys in the house.
 - a. He shouldn't leave them just anywhere in the house
 - b. He should have a specific place to put them
2. I find it difficult to get up in the morning, and I'm always late for school.
 - a. you _____ go to bed late.
 - b. you _____ set an alarm clock.
3. My brother plays computer games all the time.
 - a. He _____ go outside more.
 - b. He _____ sit in front of a computer screen for many hours.
4. It's difficult to concentrate in class because my friend always chats to me.
 - a. you _____ explain to your friend your problem.
 - b. you _____ get angry or annoyed.
5. My sister doesn't eat healthy food.
 - a. She _____ try to start eating more fruit and vegetables each day.
 - b. She _____ eat junk food.
6. I want to get fit, but I don't like the gym.

- a. you _____ choose a sport to do outside.
 b. you _____ do something that you hate!.

▶ GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

The Art Gallery

- All children under the age of 16 **must / mustn't** be with an adult at all times.
- You **must / mustn't** touch any of the exhibits or collections.
- Photography is allowed, but you **must / mustn't** use your camera without a flash.
- You **must / mustn't** bring any food or drink with you into the gallery. You also **must / mustn't** put all chewing gum in the bin before you enter.
- You **must / mustn't** turn off your mobile phones.
- You **must / mustn't** walk inside the gallery, and you **must / mustn't** talk loudly.

▶ GRAMMAR

Complete the answers with the present perfect form and for or since.

- How long have you studied English?
I have studied English for two years.
- How long has Leonie lived in China?
Leonie _____ in China _____
2010.
- How long has Theo been a pilot?
Theo _____ a pilot _____ ten
years.
- How long have Brian and Lauren had their digital camera?
Brian and Lauren _____ their digital camera
_____ last month.
- How long has Jake not eaten junk food?
Jake _____ junk food _____
January.
- How long have you not spoken to your cousin in New York?
I _____ to my cousin in New York
_____ about six months.

▶ GRAMMAR

Put the words in order to make sentences.

- never / Mark / visited / an art gallery / has
Mark has never visited an art gallery.
- ever / you / on a waterslide / have / been / ?

- a kangaroo / has / in Australia / my sister / seen

- played / Angela / a video game / has / never

- in a tree house / slept / ever / Harry / has / ?

6. a car / I / driven / never / have
