TOURIST INFORMATION: Session 3- Exotic destinations



Situation

Script

As you already know, Alan Bennet is visiting Bali, a mythical and magical exotic destination. Listen to him asking for information at the tourist office.

Alan Bennet: Good morning.

Information officer: Good morning sir, how can I help you?

Alan Bennet: Well, we're going to stay here for a week and we'd like some information on good places to visit, well, things to do in general.

Information officer: Of course, you are on a spectacular island surrounded by <u>sparkling</u> coral seas and full of volcanic mountains and lakes, ancient temples, palaces, religious festivals and ceremonies...a combination of modern tourist facilities and medieval culture.

Alan Bennet: Oh! It's amazing. We love doing sports and <u>b diving</u> seems to be a must on the island, doesn't it?

Information officer: Certainly, Sir. You are in the perfect place to go surfing, sailing, rafting, fishing or diving.

Alan Bennet: I see and what water sport activities would you recommend?

Information officer: Well...let's see. Look at this brochure, there is a water sport day trip at Lembongan Island where you'll find water slides in the sea, windsurfing, banana boats, sailing and diving trips at Nusa Penida.

Alan Bennet: Uh! It sounds really good. And can we get the tickets here?

Information officer: Sure. It is <u>\$</u> 50 per person and it includes water sports, lunch, as much beer, soft drinks, mineral water as you can drink for the day and transfers to and from your hotel.

Alan Bennet: Ha, ha! And...what time does the cruise depart?



Information officer: Well...It departs at 9.30 <u>a.m.</u> from Benoa Harbour on a traditional Balinese boat, so it means that they'll pick you up from your hotel at around 8.30 a.m.

Alan Bennet: That's great! We'll take it.

Information officer: Ok. So here are your tickets. With these tickets you get a special 50% discount to go to some of the best restaurants in Bali to enjoy eating the many different tastes this diverse country has to offer.

Alan Bennet: Oh! That's <u>hearth awesome!</u> And what about the floating Tanah Lot Temple? We're also interested in visiting Bali Temples, I've read on the Internet that they are places of great activity during festivals.

Information officer: That's right! They are ornately decorated during festivals with traditional dance performances. The floating Tanah Lot temple is built on a volcanic boutcrop on Bali's rugged west coast. It's worth visiting.

Alan Bennet: Definitely, we'll do it. Thank you so much! You've been very helpful.

Information officer: You're really welcome, sir. Have a nice stay.

1. What to say: Writing a descriptive composition



Quotes to make you think

"The only thing bad about a holiday is it is followed by a non-holiday" **Anonymous**



Think about it

Is your city a popular destination for tourists? Why? What tourist attractions does it have? How would you describe the nightlife?

When writing a descriptive composition about a popular tourist destination you should include the following information:

- ✓ Introduction: Give the name and location of the place and the reason why people should visit it, why it is famous.
- Main Body: Describe the main aspects of the place in detail, for example what you can see and do there. You should refer to landscape, buildings, landmarks, sights to see, places to go, etc.
- ✓ **Conclusion:** Express your feelings and opinions and/or give a recommendation. To express your impressions you can use the following adjectives: breathtaking, delightful, eye-catching, outstanding, overwhelming, picturesque, superb, etc.



USEFUL PHRASES WHEN DESCRIBING TOURIST DESTINATIONS.

- 1. It is situated / It is located...
- 2. It is in the north / south / east / west / south-east of....
- 3. It is on the north / south / east / west coast of...
- 4. It is in the centre / heart / middle
- 5. The most fascinating / interesting... part of the city is...
- 6. The most famous attraction is ...
- 7. There is plenty of...
- 8. The town centre has ...
- 9. The nightlife is ...
- 10. The city is well-known for its ...
- 11. To my hand amazement / astonishment / delight / surprise, the city...
- 12. The most noticeable / outstanding feature of the city is...
- 13. What 🛰 strikes / impresses / delights visitors about the city is...



A step ahead

If you want to know more useful phrases to describe tourist destinations, click on the following link:

Text summary



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1.1. Now you put it into practice (I)



Self-evaluation

The following adjectives are normally used in descriptive texts; match the adjectives on the left to their opposites on the right.

Matching exercise

Adjective	Number	Opposite
Charming	0	1. Unknown
Peaceful		2. Local
Beautiful		3. Wide
Famous		4. Old-fashioned
Modern		5. Ugly
Narrow		6. Boring
Exciting		7. Unattractive
Popular	•	8. Unpopular
International	•	9. Hectic

Self-evaluation

Read the following descriptive text about London then click on the button below.

Set in the heart of southern England, London is one of the biggest and busiest cities in Europe. London attracts millions of visitors every year from all over the world, yet never loses its own unique charm.

panging from the historical beauty of <u>St.</u> Paul's Cathedral and Big Ben to Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament. In this city of contrasts, you can be walking along one of the busiest streets, yet still be less than a mile from one of the many huge, peaceful parks. ■ The National Gallery contains one of the finest collections of classical paintings in the world.

London is also well known for other things apart from its monuments and art galleries. Shoppers will enjoy visiting the department stores on Oxford Street or they could try Harrods, the most exclusive shop in London. For evening entertainment, the choice of theatres is enormous. From the famous Southbank Theatre complex to the smallest theatres on Covent Garden, there is no end of plays to see.

a truly modern city that has managed to keep its traditional style and sense of history. You may get exhausted in London, but one thing is certain; you will never get bored- as Dr. Johnson once said, "When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life."

Adapted from: http://prosites-eslflow.homestead.com/descriptivewriting.htm

2. How to say it: Verb patterns- To infinitive and –ing form

If you look at the following examples, you will realize that in English there are different verb <u>patterns</u>.

- Would you **mind** clos**ing** the window. (**Mind** + -ing form).
- It was late, so I decided to take a taxi to get to the airport on time. (Decide + to infinitive).
- I want you to book the tickets online. (Want + object + to infinitive).
- They didn't let me smoke on the plane. (Let + object + infinitive without to).
- Do you remember going to Disneyland Paris when you were a child? (Remember + -ing form).
- Remember to send the fax to the travel agency. (Remember + to infinitive).

As you can see it depends on the first verb if we need infinitive or -ing form after it. In the following table you will see which verb pattern each verb needs:

Verb patterns

Verb + -ing form	Verb + to infinitive	Verb + object + to infinitive	Verb + object + infinitive without to
Avoid. Be used to Be worth Cannot help Can't stand Deny Dislike Enjoy Feel like Get used to Give Up Go on Hate Look forward to Love Mind Miss Put off Risk Suggest There's no point no use	Plan Promise	Advise Allow Ask Beg Command Expect forbid help invite order persuade remind tell want warn would like wish	Let Make





A tip

Pay attention to those verbs which can be used with two different verb patterns, for example, **remember**, **forget** and **like**.

Verbs + -ing form or to infinitive with a difference of meaning

Verb	Meaning 1: Verb + -ing form	Meaning 2: Verb + to infinitive
Remember	Remember + -ing form: I remember going to Disneyland when I was a child. (Acordarse de haber hecho algo)	Remember + to infinitive: Remember to send the fax to the travel agency. (Recordar hacer algo).
like	like+ ing <i>I like playing golf</i> (disfrutar, gustar)	like + infinitive I like to go in to the office very early so I can get some work done before the phones start ringing. (= preferir hacer algo- no hay indicación de gustar o no) Note: this difference is only true in GB English. In US English, like + to = like + -ing
Forget	Forget + -ing form: I'll never forget visiting Bali. (Olvidarse de haber hecho algo).	Forget + to infinitive: Don't forget to bring the brochures. (Olvidar hacer algo).
Stop	Stop + -ing form: We stopped travelling with low cost airlines. (Dejar de hacer algo).	Stop + to infinitive: We stopped to visit the museum. (Parar para hacer algo).
Mean	Mean + -ing form: My new job means moving to a different country. (Implicar algo).	Mean + to infinitive: I didn't mean to hurt you. (Tener la intención de algo).
Regret	Regret + -ing form: I regret travelling with him. (Arrepentirse de haber hecho algo).	Regret + to infinitive: We regret to tell / inform you that you haven't got the position you applied for. (Lamentar informar o decir algo).
Go on	go on + _ing form He went on talking as if nobody had said anything (continuar con lo que ya hacía)	Go on +infinitivo He went on to talk about other things but it was what he first said that impressed me (dejar algo para hacer otra cosa)

Other uses of -ing form.

In the tables above we have studied that the form -ing is used after certain verbs. And now we are going to study other uses of this form:

- After prepositions: Apart from looking at the brochure, I'll go to the travel agency.
- As the subject of a sentence: Travelling to exotic destinations is my dream.
- ✓ After verbs of perception like hear, see, watch, feel, notice... you can use two structures:
 - Verb of perception + object + infinitive without to: I saw him cross the road.(= from beginning to end)
 - Verb of perception + object + -ing form: I saw him crossing the road.(= part of the action, not all)



A step ahead

For a full list of verb patterns, click on the following link:

Verb patterns



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2.1. Now you put it into practice (II)



Think about it

Complete the following sentences so that they are true for you:

- I never let my brother / sister.....
- I'll never forget....
- I really enjoy....
- I want my teacher...
- I'm thinking of...



Self-evaluation

Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form. Use each verb only once:

 $Smoke \rightarrow Talk \rightarrow Dance \rightarrow Hear \rightarrow Visit \rightarrow Close \rightarrow Travel \rightarrow Take \rightarrow Leave \rightarrow Go$

- They enjoy during the traditional festivals of the village.
- The plane was about to when we arrived at the airport.
- We are looking forward to from you soon.
- Would you mind the window, please?
- They went on although they were tired.
- Don't forget photos.
- Bali is definitely worth
- Are you thinking of _____ to Disneyland next summer?
- Please, stop I've got a headache.
- on the plane is not allowed.

Self-evaluation

Match the halves of these sentences to form correct sentences.

Matching exercise

First part	Letter	Second part
I don't allow my students.		A. me feel sad.
Your behaviour makes.		B. help you.
Let me.		C. driving every day.
I want you.	•	D. to travel by plane.
The thief denied.	•	E. to smoke in class.
She got used to.	•	F. stealing the money.
I would like.	0	G. to tell me the truth.
For health reason, we stopped.	0	H. to buy some souvenirs.
We stopped.	•	I. study really hard.
She made him.	•	J. smoking last year.

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You should know

Choose the correct verb pattern:

Infinitive or -ing form 1

Infinitive or -ing form 2

Infinitive or –ing form 3



A step ahead

For more practice on verb patterns click on the following link:

Verb patterns.

2.2. Intensifying adverbs

Sometimes, when we describe something or some experience, we want to give emphasis so as to express our feelings and emotions associated to it. This emphasis can be conveyed by what can be called **intensifiers**.



- Intensifiers are degree adverbs and can be used:
 - Before gradable adjectives, that is adjectives which express qualities that can exist in different degrees.
 For example: big, comfortable, common, dirty, important, quiet, rich, young...
 Intensifying adverbs which can be used with gradable adjectives are: awfully, extremely, deeply, fairly, hugely, immensely, pretty, rather, really, reasonably, slightly, terribly, very.
 - Before non-gradable adjectives, that is adjectives which express extreme qualities. For example: awful, https://www.ncentrologi.nlm.nih.google.com/ dreadful, enormous, furious, huge, impossible, invaluable, terrible, wonderful, useless...
 Intensifying adverbs which can be used with non-gradable adjectives are: absolutely, completely, https://www.ncentrologi.nlm.nih.google.com/ entirely, pretty, really, simply, totally, https://www.ncentrologi.nlm.nih.google.com/



A tip

The intensifying adverbs **really** and **pretty** can be used with both gradable and non-gradable adjectives.

- Intensifying adverbs can be positive or negative:
 - It was an amazingly large number of people(positive)
 - An awfully bad film (negative)

Sometimes a negative intensifier is used before a positive adjective, which produces a confusing effect. However, it results in great emphasis. This is particularly popular with upper-class British people.

What a ridiculously interesting thing! (negative intensifier + positive adjective).

Intensifiers can be divided into **amplifiers** and **downtoners**.

- Amplifiers are those which increase or amplify the quality or state expressed by the adjective. The most common amplifiers are: absolutely, amazingly, deeply, entirely, really, so, strongly, terribly, too, totally, very, etc.
 - It was really good!
 - Is it so expensive?
 - She's very happy now.
 - That was too bad.
- **Downtoners** are those adverbs which decrease the quality or state expressed by the adjective. The most common downtoners are: <u>▶ barely</u>, fairly, hardly, quite, rather, relatively, slightly and ▶ somewhat.
 - It was rather late.
 - That's quite interesting.
 - It's a **slightly** humorous article.
 - He was somewhat offended.



A step ahead

To know more about those intensifying adverbs which can be used with gradable and non-gradable adjectives, click on the following link:

Gradable and non-gradable adjectives.



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2.3. Now you put it into practice (III)



Now it's your turn

Match the following gradable adjectives with their corresponding non-gradable adjectives.

Matching exercise

Gradable adjectives	Letter	Non-gradable adjectives
Angry		A. Essential
Big		B. Delightful
Clever		C. Brilliant
Expensive		D. Extraordinary
Нарру		E. Delighted
Important		F. Endless
Long		G. Amazed
Pleasant		H. Exhausted
Surprised		I. Furious
Tasty		J. Exorbitant
Tired		K. Devastated
Unusual		L. Delicious
Upset		M. Huge



● You should know

Choose the correct adverb for the following gradable or non-gradable adjectives:

Gradable and non-gradable adjectives quiz.

Click on the following link to do the activity on intensifying adverbs



2.4. Pronunciation of the phoneme /ŋ/

The most important characteristics of this sound are:

- Nasal sound: When you pronounce it the air escapes through the nose.
- Velar sound: The back of the tongue must be against the soft palate.
- ✓ Voiced sound: The vocal cords vibrate when you pronounce this sound.

 This phases can appear:
 - This phoneme can appear:



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\label{eq:ng:finger} \begin{split} &\textbf{ng: finger} \ / \text{'finge}(r) /, \ \textit{angry} \ / \text{`angry} \ / \text{`angry} / \text{longer} / \text{longe}(r) /, \ \textit{singer} \ / \text{'sine}(r) / \\ &\textbf{nk: donkey} \ / \text{'donkey} \ / \text{'manki} /, \ \textit{ankle} \ / \text{`ankle} \ / \text{`ankle} ) \text{I} / \\ &\textbf{nc: uncle} \ / \text{`ank}(e) \text{I} / \end{split}
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Note: it is the same sound pronounced in Spanish with the letters **ng** in **tengo**.

As you can see from the examples, the spelling nk, nc is always pronounced with $_{\eta k}$. However the spelling ng, when it is in the middle of a word, can be pronounce with $_{\eta g}$ or simply $_{\eta}$. The difference lies in the way the words are constructed. For example, the word singer is derived from the word sing and the suffix -er is added. However, the word finger is not derived from any other word. Therefore, words which are derived are pronounced with $_{\eta}$ / unlike words which are not derived from other words.

But, there is an exception to this rule. It is the case of comparatives and superlatives. They do not follow the rule explained above. Although they are derived from another adjective plus the suffix **-er/-est**, they are always pronounced with $/\eta q/$ like $longer/lp\eta q = (r)/r$.

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At the end of a word:
ng: long /|νη/, song /sνη/, thing /θιη/, wing /wιη/, wrong /rνη/
nk: think /θιηk/, thank /θæηk/
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At the end of a word the spelling **ng** is always pronounced /n/ and the spelling **nk** always /nk/



Can you notice the difference between these two sounds? Read them aloud.

/n/ /ŋ/

sin. sing.

thin. thing.

느 ban 느 bang

wing win.

singer. sinner.

ran. rang.

ton tongue.



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2.5. Now you put it into practice (IV)



Self-evaluation

How do you pronounce the spelling ng in the following words? Write 1 or 2 according to their pronunciation.

Matching exercise

Example	Number	Pronunciation
Youngest.	0	
Language.		
Singer.	0	/ŋ/
Longer.		
Ingredients.		
Finger.		
Walking.		
Young.		
England.		/ŋg/
Wrong.	•	
Tongue.		

Self-evaluation

Read the following transcriptions aloud and write the corresponding word:

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/wiŋ/:
/θiŋ/:
/siŋiŋ/:
/'i:vniŋ/:
/'rɪŋiŋ/:
/'ʌŋk(ə)l/:
/tʌŋ/:
/rɒŋ/:
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3. Words you need: Geographical features

2.



1.





3.



Think about it

Look at the pictures above. Can you say the names of these geographical features? How many other words related to geographical features can you say?

Which of them can you use to describe the area where you live?

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When describing a country, some of the most characterizing elements are its geographical features. Look at the table below where you will find a list of words that you can use when describing tourist destinations and above all when describing the natural beauty of a place.

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES



Match the geographical features with their translation.

Archipelago	
Bay	
Beach	
Canyon	
Cliff	
Coast	
Coral reef	
Countryside	
Desert	
Forest	
Fjord	
Glacier	
Gulf	
Hill	
Lake	

Check



Vocabulary

Match the words and their translations.

Mountain	
Mountain range	
Oasis	
Ocean	
Peak	
Plain	
Pond	
Rainforest	
River	
Sea	
Shore	
Tributary	
Valley	
Volcano	
Waterfall	

Check



Translation

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3.1.- Now you put it into practice (V).



Self-evaluation

Match the following phonetic transcriptions to each word according to its pronunciation:

Matching exercise

Phonetic transcription	Number	Geographical features
/'væli/		A. Desert
/'kænjən/		B. Oasis
/'dezət/		C. Volcano
/ˈglæsiə/		D. Valley
/əʊˈeɪsɪs/		E. Pond
/pɒnd/		F. Glacier
/vɒlˈkeɪnəʊ/		G. Canyon
/rixf/		H. Reef
/beɪ/		I. Shore
/ʃɔː(r)/		J. Bay
/ˌaːkɪˈpeləgəʊ/		K. Archipelago

Self-evaluation

Read the following description about the geography of the United States:

The eastern United States has a varied topography. A broad, flat coastal plain lines the Atlantic and Gulf shores from the Texas-Mexico border to New York City, and includes the Florida peninsula. Areas further inland feature rolling hills and temperate forests. The Appalachian Mountains form a line of low mountains separating the eastern seaboard from the Great Lakes and the Mississippi Basin. The five Great Lakes are located in the north-central portion of the country. four of them forming part of the border with Canada. The southeast United States contain subtropical forests and, near the gulf coast, mangrove wetlands, especially in Florida. West of the Appalachians lies the Mississippi River basin and two large eastern tributaries, the Ohio River and the Tennessee River. The Ohio and Tennessee Valleys and the Midwest consist largely of rolling hills and productive farmland, stretching south to the Gulf Coast. Alaska contains some of the most dramatic and untapped scenery in the country. Tall, prominent mountain ranges rise up sharply from broad, flat tundra plains. On the islands off the south and southwest coast are many volcanoes. Hawaii, far to the south of Alaska in the Pacific Ocean, is a chain of tropical, volcanic islands, popular as a tourist destination for many from East Asia and the mainland United States.

Adapted from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography of the United States

Read the text again and find words in the text for the following definitions:

✓ The physical features of an area of land:	
An area of land that is almost surrounded by water but is joined to a large	er
piece of land:	
Relating to or denoting a region or climate characterized by mi	ld
temperatures: .	
✓ A river flowing into a larger river or lake:	
✓ A low area between hills or mountains, typically with a river or strea	m
flowing through it:	
✓ The large flat Arctic regions of northern Europe, Asia and North Americ	a
where no trees grow and where the soil below the surface of the ground	is
always frozen: .	
✓ A large area of flat land with few trees:	
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A step ahead

To review words related to geography, click on the following link:

Geographical features

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