



Unit 6 Travel

Objectives:

- Determine the meaning of new words from context
- Listen for general ideas and details
- Listen for comparison and contrast
- Listen for pros and cons
- Understand differences in structure, sentence pattern, and choice of words in news reports, talks, announcements, and daily conversation
- Learn about words and expressions related to traveling



Task 1 Traveling abroad

In this task, you will hear several airport/on-flight announcements. Pay special attention to the details such as time, destination, and purpose of the announcement.

1. Listen to the announcements and match the announcement with the destination.

Announcement	Destination
A	New York
B	Athens
C	Amsterdam
D	Rome
E	Tokyo

2. Listen again and fill in the blanks.

- The 9:25 flight to Rome is delayed by _____ hours.
- Passengers going to Tokyo should go to boarding gate _____.
- Passengers going to Athens should go to boarding gate _____.
- The flight number of the plane going to Amsterdam is _____. It will leave from gate _____.
- The time in _____ is 18:30.
- The temperature in New York is _____.

Task 2 Special travel experiences

In this task, you will hear about Penny, Buck, and Tony's special travel experiences. Listen carefully to the details that indicate their route and describe their interesting experiences.

Listening aids

Bali /'bɑ:li/ 巴厘岛（印度尼西亚）
Bedouin /'bedu:ɪn/ 贝都因人（在阿拉伯半岛和北非沙漠地区从事游牧的阿拉伯人）
New Guinea 新几内亚（西太平洋）

1. Listen to the recording and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

- Which of the following statements is NOT correct?
 A. The Bedouin people live in the desert.

- B. There is a kind of local dance in the Himalaya Mountains.
 C. The travelers learned a kind of local dance on the island of Bali.
 D. The travelers stayed in a mountain village in New Guinea.
- 2) Who flies the plane?
 A. Tony. B. Penny.
 C. Buck. D. An unknown pilot.
- 3) Why did the travelers have to make an emergency landing?
 A. The weather was too bad.
 B. They wanted to enjoy the beautiful scenery in the South Sea islands.
 C. They had run out of petrol.
 D. Buck asked Penny to be careful.

2. Listen again and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- [] 1) The travelers flew eastward from the Pacific to Greenhill.
 [] 2) The travelers were really unlucky to be caught in rain, for it does not often rain in the South Seas.

Task **3**

Holiday bargains

In this task, you will hear some holiday bargains by Happy Holidays. Pay special attention to how the speakers compare and contrast different packages.

Listening aids

bargain /'bɑ:gɪn/ *n.* something you buy that costs much less than normal 便宜货, 减价品
Costa del Sol 阳光海岸 (西班牙)

Listen to the recording and complete the following table.

Destination	Wales	Costa del Sol, Spain	Greece
Cost per person			
Time span			
Food			
Accommodation			
Special features			

Task 4 A trip for everyone

In this task, you will hear a conversation at a tourist agency, in which a family inquires about travel information and finally makes up their minds.

Listening aids

- all-inclusive** /ɔ:l ɪn'klu:sɪv/ *adj.* including the cost of everything in the price charged 包括全部费用的
- casino** /kə'si:nəʊ/ *n.* a place where people try to win money by playing gambling games 赌场
- chalet** /'ʃæleɪ/ *n.* a small house, especially in a holiday camp 小屋
- comic** /'kɒmɪk/ *n.* a magazine for children that contains stories told in pictures 连环漫画
- excursion** /ɪk'skɜ:ʃən/ *n.* a short journey arranged so that a group of people can visit a place, especially while they are on holiday 短途旅行
- package trip** a trip completely planned by a travel company at a fixed price, which usually includes travel, hotels, meals, etc. 包价旅行
- pocket** /'pɒkɪt/ *n. (informal)* the amount of money that someone has for spending 钱, 财力
- self-catering** /self 'kɛt.ərɪŋ/ *adj. (BrE)* used to describe the kind of holiday in which one cooks one's own meals 自办伙食的
- substantial** /səb'stænʃəl/ *adj.* large enough to be satisfactory 大量的, 多的

1. Listen to the conversation and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- [] 1) This family travels often.
- [] 2) The wife is the one who always does the cooking and cleaning.
- [] 3) The child does not seem to be very much interested in the travel plans.
- [] 4) The trip to Copenhagen starts on the 18th and ends on the 25th of July.

2. Listen for a second time and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

- 1) How many people will take the trip?
 - A. 2. B. 3. C. 4. D. 5.
- 2) How much will the trip the family chooses cost them?
 - A. £300. B. £899. C. £975. D. £660.
- 3) Which of the following statements is NOT correct when you describe Sardinia?
 - A. It's warm.
 - B. It has a casino and cinema.
 - C. There are beaches.
 - D. It's possibly better for kids.

- 4) When the couple has decided to take a trip using the travel agency, the agent asked them for their “particulars,” which means _____.
- their names, addresses, etc.
 - their particular requirements for the trip
 - their particular interests
 - their personalities

3. Listen for a third time and fill in the blanks.

We’ve just got four _____ trips left. Ranging from _____ for this _____ holiday on the French Riviera to _____ for a week in Corfu—that’s a _____ hotel with _____, _____, you know, everything included.

Task 5

In this task, you will hear Tom talking with a friend his weekend camping trip. Pay special attention to the tone of the piece.

Camping

Listening aids

burn something to a crisp to burn something completely, leaving only a charred remnant
烧焦

campsite /'kæmpsaɪt/ *n.* a place, such as a field, used for camping 营地

flashlight /'flæʃlaɪt/ *n.* a small electric light carried in the hand to give light 手电筒

flat tire a tire which the air has come out of 漏气的车胎

hike /haɪk/ *n.* a long walk in the country, usually taken for pleasure 徒步旅行, 远足

1. Listen to the conversation and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

- What does Tom mean by saying that he “tried to” cook the steak?
 - He had wanted to cook it but didn’t.
 - He actually burned it because it was so dark.
 - He was thinking hard about how to cook it.
 - He tried his best to cook it.
- What does “it poured” mean?
 - There was a thunderbolt.
 - The people next to Tom started to pour some water.
 - It was windy.
 - It rained heavily.

- 3) What is a "raccoon"?
- A. An animal.
 - B. A plant.
 - C. A person.
 - D. A machine.

2. Listen again and list the small accidents Tom encountered during his camping trip.

Task 6

My dream island

In this task, you will hear about Buck's dream island. Listen carefully to discover how Buck changes his attitude over time.

Listening aids

- coconut** /'kəʊkənʌt/ *n.* the large brown seed of a tropical tree, which has a hard shell containing white flesh that you can eat and a milky liquid that you can drink 椰子
- forefather** /'fɔːfɑːðə/ *n.* relative in the distant past, (male) ancestor 祖先
- lagoon** /lə'ɡuːn/ *n.* a lake of sea water that is partly separated from the sea by rocks, sand, or coral 环礁湖, 咸水湖

Listen to Buck's monologue and answer the following questions.

- 1) What are the things that Buck likes about the small island?

- 2) What does Buck think of civilization at first?

- 3) What are the things that make Buck feel disappointed about his life on the island?

- 4) What modern things does Buck find himself in need of on the island?

Task 7

A weekend trip to London

In this task, you will hear a tour guide talking about a weekend trip to London. Pay special attention to the details.

Listening aids

Buckingham Palace 白金汉宫
freshen up to wash your hands and face in order to feel clean and comfortable 梳洗
Greenwich /ˌɡrɛnɪtʃ/ 格林尼治 (英国)
Hyde Park 海德公园
intersection /ˌɪntə'sekʃən/ *n.* a place where roads cross 十字路口
observatory /əb'zɜ:vətəri/ *n.* a special building from which scientists watch the sun, the moon, the planets, the stars, etc. 天文台
River Thames 泰晤士河
tiara /ti'ɑ:rə/ *n.* a piece of jewelry that is like a small crown 冕状宝石头饰

1. Listen to the talk and put the names of the places in the correct order.

- 1) What is the route of the walk through the West End of London?
 () → () → () → () → ()
 A. Piccadilly Circus
 B. Leicester Square
 C. Charing Cross Road
 D. Trafalgar Square
 E. Soho
- 2) What is the route of the walk through the great parks of London?
 () → () → ()
 A. Green Park
 B. Royal Park of St James
 C. Hyde Park

2. Listen again and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- [] 1) The guide asks the tourists to take a piece of toast with them for fear they might get hungry.
- [] 2) The tourists might not be able to see the Queen even if the Queen was at home.
- [] 3) The ceremony of the Changing of the Guard always takes place at 11 o'clock in the morning.
- [] 4) The Houses of Parliament are only open on weekends during Parliamentary sessions.

Task 8

Space travel

In this task, you will hear a news report on Spaceport America and the commercial space industry. Focus on the present and future of the industry.

Listening aids

Mojave Desert 莫哈韦沙漠

suborbital /sʌb'ɔ:bitl/ *adj.* relating to or denoting a trajectory that does not complete a full orbit of the earth or other celestial body 亚轨道的, 次轨道的

zip /zɪp/ *v.* to move or go somewhere very quickly 快速到某地

Listen to the report and answer the following questions.

- 1) Where is Spaceport America and what is special about it?

- 2) Why have entrepreneurs invested a lot of money in the space industry?

- 3) What does commercializing space entail?

- 4) What happened in Virgin Galactic's test flight in October?

- 5) What issues does the commercial space industry have to overcome?

- 6) Does the reporter believe that one day commercial spaceflights will shuttle customers back and forth to space?

Task 9

Untamed nature

In this task, you will hear a talk by a documentary film producer about her favorite place on the planet. Listen carefully for the main ideas and supporting details.

Listening aids

Andes /'ændi:z/ 安第斯山脉 (南美洲西部)

Bolivia /bə'lɪviə/ 玻利维亚 (南美洲中部国家)

Chile /'tʃɪli/ 智利 (南美洲西南部国家)

hangover /'hæŋəʊvə/ *n.* a feeling of illness after drinking too much alcohol 宿醉

otherworldly /,ʌðə'wɜ:ldli/ *adj.* more closely connected to spiritual things than to the ordinary things of life 超俗的

untamed /,ʌn'teɪmd/ *adj.* left in a natural or wild state 未开发的

1. Listen to the talk and complete the information about the Altiplano.

Location: _____

Altitude: _____

Descriptions: _____

Advantage of thin atmosphere: _____

2. Fill in the blanks with what you hear.

Some 1,500 miles _____, between Chile and Bolivia, the Andes completely change. It's called the Altiplano, or "_____"—a place of extremes and _____, where deserts _____ and waters _____. More like _____ than Earth, it seems just as _____ to life. The stars themselves—at 12,000 feet, the dry, thin air makes for perfect _____. Some of the world's astronomers have telescopes nearby. But just looking up with the _____, you really don't need one.

Task 10 Advice on traveling in London

Dictation: Listen to the following passage which gives a tour guide's advice on traveling in London. Altogether the passage will be read to you four times.

