

Language Tasks

UNIT 1: Holidaying

1/ Fill in the blanks with words from the box below (4pts)

marvel / savour/ head /roughly / temples / spectacular / adept /through /resort

Troubled by centuries of Mediterranean invaders, Sicily has ended up with a rich historical past. Greek theatres and _____, Norman cathedrals and Roman remains are to be found all over this _____ island. Taormina, on the north –east, is _____ 20 miles from Mt Etna and has been Sicily's prime holiday _____ for centuries. The two beaches at Mozzaro and Giardini Naxos have placid blue water that is perfect for swimming. Walk _____ Taormina's Public Gardens lush with palms and banana trees or visit the stunning Greek theatre carved from the hillside, and one of the largest in existence. After a day sightseeing, _____ for one of the local restaurants and _____ a typical Italian dish served with the renowned Sicilian gelato. Wherever you choose to spend your time in Sicily, you'll _____ at its rich and diverse culture, its friendly welcome and stunning countryside.

2/ Put in the right tense or form (4 pts)

The first flight of the space shuttle Columbia in the spring of 1981 was a revolutionary development in space (**explore**) _____. Unlike the rockets of the previous 20 years, Columbia has the enormous advantage of being (**special**) _____ designed to return to Earth and make further (**fly**) _____. Among the large number of projects astronauts are investigating for its future use, the (**exciting**) _____, perhaps, is that the first steps can now (**take**) _____ towards establishing human colonies in space. The present space ship can only stay in space for about a week, but it can take people out to build "islands" where they can stay for longer periods.

By the year 2050 scientists estimate that man (**can**) _____ construct permanent settlements. The first "islands" would be energy stations. There (**be**) _____ no hope of establishing colonies in space unless people could obtain energy there, instead of (**get**) _____ it from Earth.

3/ Circle the right option (4 pts)

My favourite work of art is Hay Vain by Constable. I like most of his paintings, but this one makes me (**to feel /feel / feeling**) specially peaceful. I never tire of it (**although /because /therefore**) it depicts a landscape that you see everywhere. They had one at my school. It was never put (**forward/off /aside**), it's been with me from day dot. When it was first (**exhibited/exhibition /exhibiting**) at the Royal Academy and Paris Salon, it was its "naturalness" that caused a stir. It showed how adept Constable was and revealed to us his (**charged- emotionally /emotionally –charged /charged -emotion**) way of painting. It was impressive and breathtaking. The sound of water, willows, old rotten banks... I love such things. Its style recalls the bold school of art of the (**incomparable /uncomparable/ non-comparable**) Ogata Korin, whose paintings and designs inspired craftsmen for centuries after his death. One day this Constable might just

inspire me to start **(to paint / painting / paint)**. When I gaze at it I get the same feeling of happiness I used to **(have / having / had)** at school when opened my eyes to really “looking” at art.

4/ Fill in the blanks with words from the box below (4 pts)

wander / renowned / roughly / ranked / year-round / beaches / blessed / impressive / resort

If you want to escape the city life then head to Mombassa. Kenya is _____ for wild life but there is more to explored in Kenya than just animals. Mombassa is Kenya's coastal city, _____ with beaches and lapped by the turquoise waters of the Indian ocean. _____ as Kenya's second city, visitors here are able to enjoy _____ sunshine on fantastic beaches. For drivers and snorkelers, the beaches between Watamu and Malindi offer an _____ underwater wild life display. The hundreds of miles of sandy _____ that fringe this coast line are backed by palm trees with numerous rivers heading inland. If you are interested in history, Mombassa is one of East Africa's oldest settlements and is a fascinating place to just _____ around but, be warned about Mombassa's claim of being _____ 2500 years old, it only dates back to Roman and Egyptian adventure stories.

5/ Circle the right option (4 pts)

Good morning. I'd like to welcome you to the Gold Museum of Bogota. As you know, our museum boasts an **(inrivalled/rivalled/ unrivalled)** collection of works of art. It displays the world's **(rich/richest/the richest)** collection of Pre-Columbian gold work. You'll marvel at the spectacular wealth and incredible craftsmanship. Can you hear me at the back? Please feel free to ask any questions. And if you have any suggestions please put them **(away/ forward/ aside)**. Now let me outline our program. First we'll spend around 30 minutes **(to watch/watching/watch)** a film which will give you an idea of the historical background and introduce you to the techniques ancient craftsmen **(were used to/used to/would use)** have. Then we'll look at the exhibition, ending with a feast for your eyes in the famous treasure room. This room's walls are completely covered with gold artifacts. You'll be dazzled, I promise you. I'm afraid photography **(forbidden/was forbidden/is forbidden)**. At the end of our tour you **(can't / can / must)** buy postcards or **(hand-painted /hand-paint /painted-hand)** items in the museum shop

6/ Put in the right tense or form (4 pts)



Mary had to go to New York last week, but she almost **(miss)** _____ the plane. She **(stand)** _____ in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly **(realise)** _____ that she **(leave)** _____ her passport at home. Fortunately, she **(not/live)** _____ very far from the airport, so she had time to take a taxi home **(get)** _____ it. She **(get)** _____ back to the airport just in time for her **(fly)** _____.

7/ Circle the right option (4 pts)

-Jim: I see the Russians are planning to go to Mars now. It makes me sick to think of all the money **(spending/ is spent/ spent)** on space research. How can they throw money away like that when millions of people on earth are hungry?

-Kate: I don't think it **(is throwing/ is thrown/ throws)** away. You can't put **(off/ aside/ forward)** the scientific progress made. People naturally want to find out about other planets and what we find out may be **(used to/ used/ useful)** to the human race in the future.

-Jim: But it doesn't do us much good now. Does it? **(Although/ Besides/ Nevertheless)** the successful landing on the moon was spectacular, it didn't advance human knowledge very much since we already knew it was **(disinhabited/ non-inhabited/ uninhabited)**.

- Kate: Yes, but when I saw the film, I thought it was thrilling. It caught people's imagination. **(Loving-comfort/ love -comfort/ comfort- loving)** people believe the effort to reach the moon led to technological advances in many areas.

-Jim: Well, they don't feed hungry people, neither **(they don't/ don't they/ do they)** improve social