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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



$\mathbf{I}_{\mathsf{Task}}$

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.

Traveling abroad

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

Announcement	Destination
A	New York
В	Athens
С	Amsterdam
D	Rome
Е	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 _____
- 3) Passengers going to Athens should go to boarding gate ______.
- 4) The flight number of the plane going to Amsterdam is ______. It will leave from gate ______.
- 5) The time in _____ is 18:30.
- 6) The temperature in New York is _____

Special travel experiences

Task 2

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 /ˈbaːli/ 巴厘岛(印度尼西亚)
Bedouin /ˈbedu¦n/ 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

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

Holiday bargains

Listening aids

bargain /ˈbɑːgən/ 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			

$_{ ext{Task}}$ 4

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.

A trip for everyone

Listening aids

all-inclusive /ɔːl ɪnˈkluːsɪv/ adj. including the cost of everything in the price charged 包括全部费用的

casino /kəˈsiːnəu/ n. a place where people try to win money by playing gambling games 赌场 chalet /ˈʃæleɪ/ n. a small house, especially in a holiday camp 小屋

comic /ˈkɒmɪk/ n. a magazine for children that contains stories told in pictures 连环漫画 excursion /ɪkˈskɜːʃən/ 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 /ˈpok-t/ n. (informal) the amount of money that someone has for spending 钱,财力 self-catering /self ˈkeɪtərɪŋ/ adj. (BrE) used to describe the kind of holiday in which one cooks one's own meals 自办伙食的

substantial /səbˈstænʃəl/ adj. large enough to be satisfactory 大量的,多的

1. Listen to the	conversation	and decid	e whether	the statemen	ts are true	(T)
or false (F).						

ΟI	Taise	(r).
[] 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.

C. 4.

D. 5.

- following questions.

 1) How many people will take the trip?
- 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.

A. 2.

B. It has a casino and cinema.

B. 3.

- 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 ______.
 - A. their names, addresses, etc.
 - B. their particular requirements for the trip
 - C. their particular interests
 - D. their personalities

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

We've just got fo	our trips left. Ranging from _	fo
this h	oliday on the French Riviera to	for a week in
Corfu—that's a _	, hotel with,	, you know
everything include	ed.	

Task 5

Camping

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

Listening aids

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

campsite /ˈkæmpsaɪt/ n. a place, such as a field, used for camping 营地 flashlight /ˈflæʃlaɪt/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.

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

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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 /ˈkəukənʌt/ 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 /ˈfɔːˌfɑːðə/ n. relative in the distant past, (male) ancestor 祖先 lagoon /ləˈguːn/ 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

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

A weekend trip to London

k, you a tour	Listening aids
cing about I trip to Pay special to the	Buckingham Palace 白金汉宫 freshen up to wash your hands and face in order to feel clean and comfortable 梳洗 Greenwich /,grenɪtʃ/ 格林尼治(英国) Hyde Park 海德公园 intersection /,ɪntɔ'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?
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	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?
	$() \Rightarrow () \Rightarrow ()$
	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.

Parliamentary sessions.

[] 4) The Houses of Parliament are only open on weekends during

Task 8

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.

Space travel

Listening aids

Mojave Desert 莫哈韦沙漠
suborbital /sʌbˈɔːbɪtl/ 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 快速地到某地

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

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.

Untamed nature

Listening aids

Andes /ˈændiːz/ 安第斯山脉(南美洲西部)
Bolivia /bəˈlɪviə/ 玻利维亚(南美洲中部国家)
Chile /ˈtʃɪli/ 智利(南美洲西南部国家)
hangover /ˈhæŋəʊvə/ n. a feeling of illness after drinking too much alcohol 宿醉
otherworldly /ˌʌðəˈwɜːldli/ adj. more closely connected to spiritual things than to the ordinary things of life 超俗的
untamed /ˌʌn'teɪmd/ adj. left in a natural or wild state 未开发的

1. Listen to the talk and comple	ete the information a	bout the Altipiano.
Location:		
Altitude:		
Descriptions:		
Advantage of thin atmosphere:		
2. Fill in the blanks with what y	ou hear.	
Some 1,500 miles	, between Chile	and Bolivia, the Andes
completely change. It's called t	the Altiplano, or "_	
of extremes and	_, where deserts	and waters
More like	than E	Earth, it seems just as
to life. The sta	rs themselves—at 12	2,000 feet, the dry, thin
air makes for perfect	Some of the w	orld's astronomers have
telescopes nearby. But just lool	king up with the	, you really
don't need one.		

$_{\text{Task}}$ 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.