

13 Experiences

GRAMMAR
 Present perfect

1 Match the sentence beginnings (1–12) with the correct endings (a–l). There may be more than one possible answer.

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| 1 I've never met | a a book in English. |
| 2 I've never used | b a cigarette. |
| 3 I've never smoked | c a telephone meeting. |
| 4 I've never eaten | d a member of a gym. |
| 5 I've never been | e watching sport on TV. |
| 6 I've never played | f a famous person. |
| 7 I've never worked | g a horror film. |
| 8 I've never read | h to be rich. |
| 9 I've never liked | i an MP3 player. |
| 10 I've never had | j golf. |
| 11 I've never seen | k after midnight. |
| 12 I've never wanted | l Japanese food. |

2 Complete the table. Use the sentences in Exercise 1 to help you.

	Verb	Past participle
Regular verbs (-ed)	<i>use</i> _____	<i>used</i> _____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Irregular	meet	_____
	eat	_____
	be	_____
	read	_____
	have	_____
	see	_____

Over to you

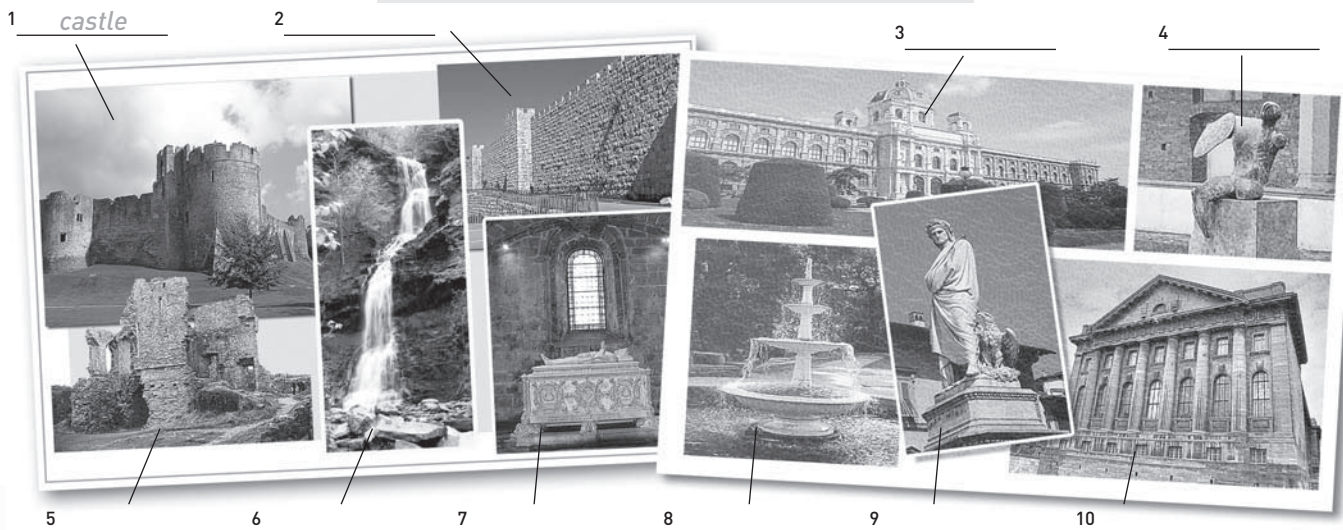
Write three things you've never done and three things you've always wanted to do. Use verbs from the table in Exercise 2.

VOCABULARY

Sights

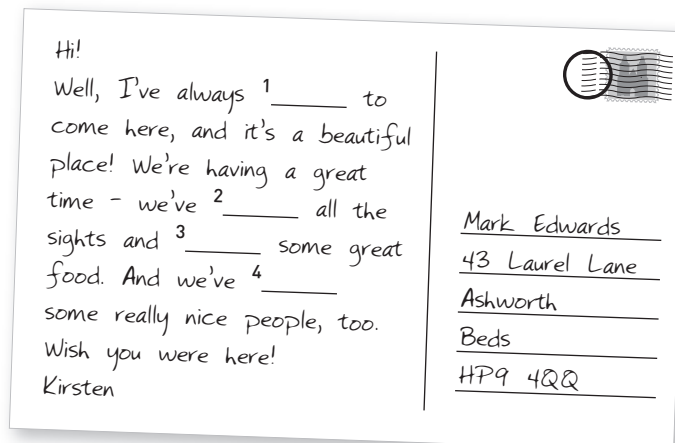
3 Label the postcards using the words in the box.

castle city walls fountain museum palace
 ruins sculpture statue tomb waterfall



4 Complete the postcard using the correct past participle of the verbs in the box.

eat meet see want



5 Complete the article using the questions in the box.

Over to you

Write your own answers to the six questions in Exercise 5.

- a What's the nicest hotel you've ever stayed in?
- b What's the most interesting place you've seen in your own country?
- c Have you had any bad experiences while travelling?
- d ~~What's the most beautiful place you've ever been to?~~
- e What's the strangest thing you've ever eaten when you're travelling?
- f Which country have you always wanted to visit?

My holidays

Michelle Giaquinto is from Australia. At the moment, she is working as a cook in a vegetarian restaurant in Italy. She has travelled to over 30 countries, including Mexico, Thailand, Nepal, Pakistan, Morocco, Guatemala, Turkey and many countries in Africa and Europe.

1 What's the most beautiful place you've ever been to?

It's difficult to choose the 'most beautiful' place I've visited, as every country has its personal bests. But I have very happy memories of the giant Himalayan mountains I walked through for three weeks in Nepal.



2
 I stayed in a beautiful little 'riad', or guesthouse, in Marrakech, Morocco. It wasn't very big, but it had a green courtyard with a fountain in the middle. The colourful tiles everywhere gave it an exotic feel, too.



3
 The strangest thing I've tried were the fried crickets on the street in Bangkok, Thailand. You get three or four on a stick, and they're not bad – sweet and crunchy.

4
 I have always been very lucky in my travels, but someone stole my bag on a train when I was in India. Getting very ill in a lonely part of Pakistan wasn't very nice, either.



5
 I still haven't visited Indonesia, a country with a very interesting culture and excellent diving sites to explore.

6
 Australia has so many interesting places to visit, as it's so large and diverse. But my favourites are the sights along the Great Barrier Reef, North Queensland. I also love the big, open spaces of our deserts and National Parks, especially Uluru National Park.

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GRAMMAR

Present perfect
(Have you ever ... ?)

Over to you

Write your own answers to the questions in Exercise 6.

- 6 Complete the questions using the past participle of the verbs in the box. Then complete the answers with *Yes* or *No*.

be be eat ~~hear~~ hear see

- Have you (ever) heard of Machu Picchu?
Yes, it's in Peru, I think.
- _____ to New York?
_____, it's a fantastic city.
- _____ Thai curry?
_____, I haven't. I don't really like spicy food.
- _____ the Pyramids in Cairo?
_____, they're incredible!
- _____ to France?
_____, but I've only been to Paris. What's the rest of the country like?
- _____ of Uluru National Park?
_____, I have, but I've never been there.



MYEnglish

- 7 Read what Piet says and answer the questions.

- Where does Piet work?
- Why does he use English at work?
- What two problems does he say he has with English?

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I work in the international department of a large bank in The Hague. I have a lot of colleagues who are not from my country, so I often use English at work. I learned English at school, of course, and when I was a student at university, I spent six months working for an international bank in Germany. That was a very good experience because the official language at work was English. I think my English is good now, but I know my pronunciation isn't perfect – I think the *th* sounds are very difficult. But I don't think this is a big problem – my colleagues understand me! One grammar mistake I often make is using the present perfect instead of the past simple, like *I have played tennis yesterday* instead of *I played tennis yesterday*. I think I need to practise more!

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Piet, Netherlands

Your English

- 8 Answer these questions.

- Who do you use English with?
 - English-speaking people (from Britain, Ireland, the USA, Australia, etc.)
 - people from other countries?
- Where do you use English?
 - in your country?
 - in English-speaking countries?
 - in other countries?

- 9 Do you have difficulty pronouncing *th* sounds? Go to the DVD-ROM for some practice.

EXPLORE Writing

- 10 Read these two extracts from a website where tourists write reviews of places they visit. Would you like to visit either of these places? Why? / Why not?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar set to www.tripreviewer.com. The page content is titled 'Find the best things to do' and features two columns of information:

- Museum of Archaeology and Prehistory**: Rating: 4 stars. Description: 'This is one of the most interesting museums in the town. It is in the centre, on the north side of the main square. It has impressive Roman and Egyptian collections, and objects from Africa, Asia and Peru. In the Prehistory section, there are life-size models of dinosaurs. The museum is open every day except Monday, from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. Adults €4.60 Under 16 €2.'
- Royal Gardens**: Rating: 4 stars. Description: 'This is the town's biggest open space and the best place to go for some fresh air. The number 13 bus goes past it, or you can walk from the centre in 15 minutes. The park has a café, a children's play area and a small lake, where you can rent a boat. And there's lots of grass to sit or lie on, or play Frisbee, football or cricket. Open from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm. In summer, the park is open late and there's live music every evening.'

- 11 Which text(s) includes this information? Write M (museum) and/or P (park).

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| 2 how to get there | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 opening days/times | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 what you can see there | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 ticket prices | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 12 Complete these superlative expressions from the extracts in Exercise 10.

- This is _____ most interesting museums in the town.
- This is the town's _____ open space ...
- ... and the _____ to go for some fresh air.

- 13 Circle the correct words.

- It has / is impressive Roman and Egyptian collections.
- There / They are life-size models.
- The park has / is a café.
- There is / are lots of grass.
- There / It is live music.

- 14 Complete the phrases with the correct prepositions, according to the websites.

- It is _____ the centre, ...
- _____ the north side _____ the main square.
- The number 13 bus goes _____ it, ...
- ... or you can walk _____ the centre _____ 15 minutes.

- 15 Correct these lists of things. Use commas (,) and write *and* where necessary.

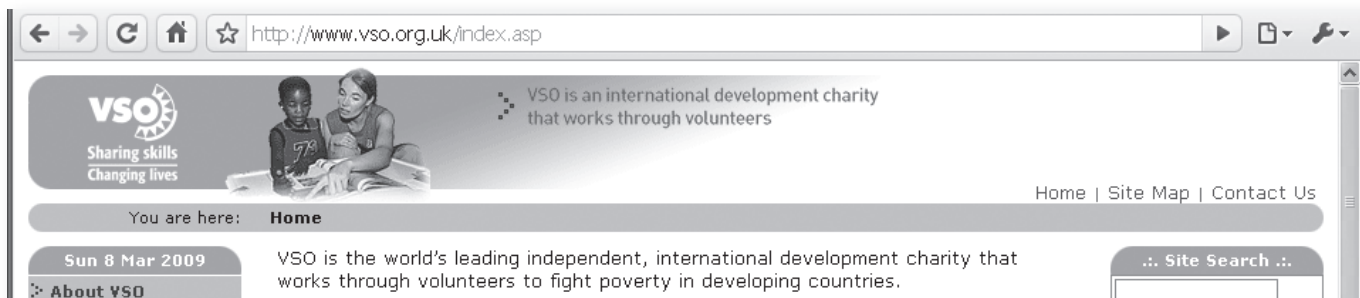
- objects from Africa Asia Peru
- The park has a café a children's play area a small lake.

Look at the texts again to check.

- 16 Think of two places/things in your town/area that would be interesting for visitors. Think about what information you want to include (look at the list in Exercise 11) and write your recommendations.

13 DVD-ROM Extra A great experience

- 1 Before you watch, look at part of the VSO website. VSO is a charity organisation that works in developing countries. Do you know other, similar organisations? Is there a similar organisation in your country?



- 2 Watch parts 1 and 2 of the video. Choose the best summary of what Patrizia says.
- Patrizia did voluntary work in Vietnam. She enjoyed the experience and now she would like to go to work in Africa.
 - Patrizia went on holiday to Vietnam. She enjoyed the experience, so she went to work in Africa as a marketing and communications officer.
- 3 Watch part 1 again (00:11–01:07). Tick (✓) the things in the advertisement that Patrizia mentions about her time with VSO.



Voluntary Service Overseas

- working with local colleagues
- sharing professional skills
- cultural experiences
- learning new languages
- an insight into working abroad
- interesting travel

- 4 Watch part 2 again (01:07–01:58) and circle the correct answers.
- Patrizia would like to work in Africa / Asia.
 - She would like to use her medical / marketing and communication skills
 - She went to Ethiopia for work / a holiday.
 - She really enjoyed / didn't enjoy her time in Ethiopia.
- 5 Look at the different ways Patrizia talks about work. Watch again and complete the sentences.

- ... the opportunity to work alongside local colleagues, and this ...
- ... have an insight into working _____ a foreign country, a very ...
- ... and given me the desire to work _____, and this has now ...
- ... my main ambition, and that is to work _____ an international development organisation.
- ... where I would like to work is _____ a country in Africa where ...
- ... marketing and communication skills, possibly to work _____ a health organisation.
- ... given me the motivation to go and work _____ Africa and maybe in a different ...

- 6 Would you like to do something like VSO? Explain why / why not.

GLOSSARY

volunteer (noun): a person who does something to help people – usually without being paid

insight (noun): the ability to understand what something is like

ambition (noun): something you really want to do in the future

international development (noun): projects to help improve the quality of life in countries around the world

diversity (noun): when many different types of thing or people are included in something

motivation (noun): your need or reason for doing something