

Listening

1 Recording 1 Listen to a radio programme. Complete the notes with one word from the programme.

- Some of the concerts will take place in local pubs.
- The presenter recommends a band called *The Diamond Guitars* that play _____ music.
- The photographic exhibition focuses on the daily _____ of people who live in the local area.
- The cabaret night has been organised to collect money for a _____ for young people.
- 'Hopes and memories' is the _____ for the *Poetry Unplugged* event.
- None of the circus acts involve _____.

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2 Recording 2 Listen to five people talking about commuting. Match the statements (a–f) with the speakers (1–5).

- Cristina e, _____
- David _____
- Esther _____
- Louis _____
- Jamal _____

- I rely on my colleagues to get me to work.
- I'm mostly happy travelling on public transport.
- I don't always feel safe when I'm commuting.
- I manage to do some exercise on my way to work.
- ~~It's not easy to find somewhere to park a car.~~
- I spend less time commuting than I used to.

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3 Recording 2 Listen again and write true (T), false (F) or no information (NI).

- Cristina thinks using public transport would be quicker than commuting by bicycle. F
- Cristina once had a cycling accident. _____
- David doesn't like to complain when people are late to pick him up. _____
- Esther sometimes spends an hour looking for a parking space. _____
- Louis thinks cars should be more environmentally friendly. _____
- Jamal avoids getting on trains that are too full. _____

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Grammar

4 Choose the correct answer, a, b or c to complete the sentences.

- They b all night so they slept all of the next day.
a been working b had been working
c have been working
- If I thought the flight had been cancelled, I _____ to the airport right now.
a won't be driving b 'm not driving
c wouldn't be driving
- _____ by the fire brigade, she was taken to hospital.
a Having been rescued b Being rescued
c Rescuing

- Experts think the portrait could _____ by Monet.
a be painting b painted c have been painted
- She _____ in Amsterdam for the last three years.
a 's working b 's been working
c 'll be working
- The information you need can _____ on the internet.
a be found b find c be finding
- When the guests arrived, we _____ the lunch.
a are still preparing b were still preparing
c have still been preparing
- Cork _____ one of the most beautiful cities in Ireland.
a is said to be b are said to be
c are to be said
- I'm going to _____ Jason this evening, so I'll mention it to him then.
a be seen b seeing c be seeing
- Hannah was very upset after _____ that she had not been chosen for the job.
a being told b telling c been told
- They must _____ for somewhere to park the car. I'm sure they'll be here any minute now.
a looking b being looked c be looking

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5 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- Realised* / *Realising* there was no one in the shop, we decided it was best to leave.
- My grandfather has been taken into a care *home* / *house* as he can't look after himself anymore.
- Located* / *Locating* on the west coast, this is one of the most exciting cities in the country.
- We didn't expect there to be *so* / *such* a long queue.
- We've been *home* / *house* hunting recently as we want something bigger.
- Seeing* / *Having seen* the play before, I didn't fancy seeing it again.

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6 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

- castle / interesting / we / the / expected / was / than / more
The castle was more interesting than we expected.
- sharply / risen / levels / unemployment / have

- noisy / didn't / she / them / expect / be / so / to

- happily / will / project / she / your / you / with / help

- surprised / big / we / how / was / park / were / the

- bed / expect / I / it / comfortable / didn't / be / a / such / to

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Vocabulary

7 Match the nouns in the box with the correct sentence.

boycott certificate clutter debris
glacier indie film ~~monopoly~~ roadblock

- In my town, there is just one company that operates all the bus services. monopoly
- It was produced in a small studio with a very small budget. _____
- We're not buying their products until they improve workers' conditions. _____
- They gave me one when I passed my English exam and now it's on my wall. _____
- Its ice is melting far more quickly than we previously thought. _____
- Workers had to remove tonnes of it after the building burnt down. _____
- The police are looking for something and stopping all the cars up ahead. _____
- I've got far too much stuff. I need to get rid of some of it and put some order in my life.

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8 Choose the correct answer, a, b or c to complete the sentences.

- Our strategy is to reduce prices so we can c our competitors.
a edge b focus c undercut
- We went to a great ___ yesterday where people from the audience performed different acts.
a poetry reading b stand-up comedy
c open-mike night
- There was a massive tailback earlier today but the cars are ___ now, so we'll arrive in time for the show.
a evacuating b flowing freely c hold ups
- The government is planning to create a ___ which will offer protection to local sea life.
a marsh b marine reserve
c rocky shoreline
- The recent discovery of oil is expected to be a real ___ to the economy.
a boost b bid c boycott
- My company is hoping to ___ into new areas of business.
a branch out b break up c turn over
- The special effects were pretty ___. There were so many, it was hard to focus on the story in the film.
a moving b mediocre c over-the-top

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9 Complete the sentences with the correct word. The first letters are given.

- I'd like to have a more s p a c i o u s apartment as this one is too small.
- We climbed to the top of the hill and walked along a narrow r _____.
- There was a massive p _____ f _____ which left half the city without electricity.
- The company has a large t _____, selling goods with a value of €2 million a year.
- It's a f _____-p _____ movie with non-stop action throughout.
- My grandmother always gets her best c _____ teacups out when she has guests.
- The traffic was c _____ along the road at less than 20 kilometres per hour.
- This is supposed to be a c _____ project so we should be working together.

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Function

10 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

advised be best bet check harm
ideally in into ~~make~~ must ought
out really sure wise

- A: What do you recommend seeing while I'm here?
B: 1 Make 2 _____ you visit the central library. It's a 3 _____ for anyone visiting the city.
- A: Ok, that sounds good. Is there anywhere else?
B: Well, if you're 4 _____ art, you might want to 5 _____ 6 _____ the Escher exhibition.
- A: I'm not a big fan I'm afraid. What about museums?
B: There's a fantastic science museum. You'd 7 _____ well 8 _____ to go there. 9 _____ you'd go on Sunday, because it's free then.
- A: Great. And what about places to eat?
B: You 10 _____ 11 _____ to try the Black Lion pub. It's won awards for its food.
- A: Is there anything you recommend from the menu?
B: Your 12 _____ 13 _____ would be to try the steak pie. It's amazing.
- A: Would I need to book a table?
B: There's certainly no 14 _____ 15 _____ doing that. It can get pretty busy.
- A: Excellent. And what about getting around?
B: It'd be 16 _____ to buy a travel card for the underground. That's the cheapest way to travel.

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Reading

11 Read an article discussing whether tourism is a good thing. Match the headings a–g with the paragraphs 1–7.

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| a A brief history | e Wait in line |
| b Safe from harm? | f A shocking story |
| c A positive impact | g A load of rubbish |
| d Looking forwards | |

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12 Read the article again. Tick (✓) the correct option, a or b, to complete the statements.

- The author read an article about a person who ...
 - climbed to the top of Mont Blanc.
 - had upset the Mont Blanc authorities. ✓
- According to the author, tourism first appeared ...
 - hundreds of years ago.
 - in the last century.
- The author claims the development of modern forms of transport ...
 - has only benefitted the super-rich.
 - has helped more people visit distant places.
- The author thinks the economic benefits of tourism ...
 - have only been felt by tour operators.
 - can often be felt across a country.
- The author doesn't think the Mont Blanc story ...
 - is an example of disrespect for the environment.
 - is just one example of disrespect for the environment.
- The author describes how ...
 - climbers on Everest would get rid of camping equipment.
 - tourists were attacking marine wildlife on a Philippine island.
- The author was surprised to learn that ...
 - the negative aspects of tourism were in the news.
 - Everest is not as peaceful as you might expect.
- The author notes that more people are attracted to climbing Everest as a result of ...
 - the falling costs of expeditions.
 - better access to the mountaintop.
- It is suggested that some Everest mountain guides ...
 - do not meet climbing fitness requirements.
 - should not be responsible for other climbers.
- The author believes that ...
 - some of the problems described in the article are being taken seriously.
 - people are unlikely to take safety and the environment into account.

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Is tourism really a good thing?

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Not long ago, a story in the newspaper jumped out at me. 'Rowing machine left at top of Mont Blanc,' said the headline. Someone had climbed to the top of the 4,800-metre mountain carrying a heavy piece of gym equipment, then left it there because he was too exhausted to carry it back down. The French local authorities were said to be angered at this behaviour and now a debate has begun about the negative impact of tourism around the world.

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Different forms of tourism, such as religious journeys, have existed for centuries. However, tourism for pleasure is relatively recent. Only in the last century have people been able to travel widely thanks to planes, trains and other motorised vehicles. It's now easier than ever to visit the most remote areas of the world, like Antarctica. You don't even need to be super-rich. It's not surprising that more and more people are climbing Mount Everest in Nepal, or walking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru.

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Global tourism is worth trillions of dollars, and many countries depend on it. It's hard to deny the economic benefits, which go beyond simply making money for tour operators. Tourism creates jobs for local people and results in investment in infrastructure like airports, roads and housing. What's more, interest in specific destinations, like Machu Picchu, tends to increase tourism in the rest of the country, so even more people benefit. Countries that most people might not have known about 20 years ago are now benefitting enormously from tourism.

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Without doubt, tourism has improved the lives of many people, but there is a price to pay. The Mont Blanc story is an extreme example of a lack of concern for the environment. However, there are many stories of the world's beauty spots being affected by the debris of human activity. For example, on Mount Everest, climbers would throw old tents off the mountain or bury them in the snow after they had finished with them. Another example is an island in the Philippines which had to be closed to visitors because human waste from the tourist resort was killing off marine wildlife.

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The negative side of tourism on Mount Everest was again the subject for the news recently. The latest story focused on the surprisingly long queues of noisy climbers waiting to get to the top of the mountain. It's surprising because, at nearly 9,000 metres, above sea level the top of Everest is not a place you'd expect to bump into anyone! In the past, only wealthy explorers could have afforded the cost of such an expedition. Now, however, new businesses are undercutting established tour operators and climbing Everest is becoming ever more accessible to ordinary people.

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You could argue that greater accessibility is a positive development, but there are concerns about safety. It's been reported that the companies offering lower prices aren't as strict about safety standards. For example, it has been alleged that some climbers aren't fit enough to go up Everest, but companies let them go anyway. It has also been suggested that, even though they know how to climb the mountain themselves, some of the guides aren't experienced enough at showing other people how to do so safely.

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It's tempting to think tourism can only get worse, especially having heard outrageous stories about people carrying gym equipment to the top of a mountain. However, the fact that people are discussing these problems is positive, and authorities are beginning to take notice. In Machu Picchu, for example, they have put limits on the number of visitors, and on Everest, guides are now paid to bring rubbish back down from the mountain. They know that the benefits from tourism will only continue if the industry is safe and sustainable.

