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## READING COMPREHENSION: TEXT

### THE CAREFUL TRAVELLER

Steve Potter travels all over the world, as cheaply as possible. To explain why he does this, he talks about the time he travelled to Havana, Cuba and played a musical instrument called the 'bagpipes'. Tourists visiting Havana often head for one of its elegant hotels to enjoy this fascinating city. The problem, according to Steve, is it can be hard to see the real culture of the city from a hotel.

When Steve visited Havana, he stayed with a Cuban family, and although he couldn't order room service, or enjoy views over the city from his bedroom window, he felt part of the community by having coffee with them in the morning and practising his Spanish. The family introduced him to neighbours and within days had taken him to poetry readings, to watch Cuban baseball games, and even to see a bagpipe performance. Afterwards he talked with the performers who showed him how to play the bagpipes, discovering a side of Havana most people don't see. For him, this shows how cheap travel can offer a closer look at life, and has unexpected benefits.

Travelling cheaply is interesting for any kind of trip. When Steve visited the Czech Republic with his parents, they all checked into a youth hostel. His parents are in their 60s, but the backpackers there treated them just like everybody else, and offered some interesting suggestions for places to see. They spent three days exploring the city by public transport, and as well as visiting the usual city highlights, they saw jazz performed by children in a public square, and admired the architecture of post offices and pizzerias. A guidebook is an essential source of information for many tourists, though according to Steve you can miss some treats if you just follow it, instead of getting recommendations from people you meet.

Steve's style of travelling developed after leaving college, when he set off on his first major journey. His savings were meant to be enough for a three-month trip, but he decided to try and cross three continents, and managed to make his money last for another three years.

How to spend so little is no secret according to Steve. He just avoids rushing around new cities trying to do everything. He travels on foot, sleeps out under the stars, and sometimes even dines for free when invited by generous people. The money saved goes back into more travelling – and it's worth it for all his amazing experiences. However, Steve says that the attraction of travel is learning to be imaginative with his plans, and making the most of any situation rather than just trying to live as cheaply as possible.

# READING COMPREHENSION

(15 minutes)

Look at the sentences below about Steve Potter and travelling. Read the text on the previous page to decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it's false, tick "F" and **correct the false statement**, if it's true, tick "T".

**Example:**

T F

0. Steve likes spending a lot of money on travelling.

*Steve Potter travels as cheaply as possible.*

1. Steve says hotels in the city centre are suitable places to start learning about a city.

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2. Steve asked his Cuban friends if he could perform at a local concert.

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3. Steve thinks that being careful with money actually means you learn more while you are travelling.

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4. Steve's parents were shown great respect because of their age by other travellers they met.

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5. In the Czech Republic, they avoided the typical sightseeing areas popular with tourists.

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6. Steve advises travellers to get a good guidebook to learn about the places they visit.

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7. On his first big trip, Steve was able to use his money to travel much further than expected.

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8. Steve thinks it's obvious how to find ways to save money while travelling.

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9. Steve likes to buy meals for kind local people who have helped him.

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10. For Steve, using his time well is even more important than saving money.

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**GRAMMAR****(10 minutes)**

Underline the correct answer.

1. I **cooked / were cooking / was cooking** dinner in the kitchen when Dad called.
2. Where is the painting **what / who / which** was hanging on our bedroom wall?
3. My neighbours **have flown / flew / flied** to New York the day before yesterday.
4. Max **usually exercises / is usually exercising / exercises usually** before work.
5. Have you looked out of the window yet? It's **more sunny / sunnier / more sunnier** today!
6. The timetable says that our train to Zurich **will leave / leaves / will leaving** at 10.32 am.
7. When Kim was walking to school, she realised that she **left / has left / had left** her books at home.
8. The rent must be **payed / paid / paying** at the beginning of each month.
9. How long **do you live / did you live / have you lived** in Bern? - For about ten years.
10. Where is Lea? – She's in her supervisor's office. They **talking / talk / are talking** about her promotion.
11. I can't decide. The red dress looks just **as pretty than / as pretty as / so pretty like** the blue one!
12. I don't mind **doing / do / to do** the dishes if you help me clear the table first.
13. They won't qualify for the European Championships **unless / if / when** they train very hard.
14. There aren't **much / some / any** Chinese restaurants in this part of the city.
15. We usually have a big family dinner **for / at / while** the weekend.
16. If I knew the answer, I **couldn't / wouldn't / won't** ask you.
17. We've still got plenty of food here, you **haven't to / mustn't / don't have to** go shopping.
18. You can't sit in this seat, it's not **your / yours / your's**.
19. Unfortunately, I don't get **many / much / a lot** pocket money from my parents.
20. *The Hunger Games* was written **by / from / of** Suzanne Collins in 2008.

**VOCABULARY (PART 1)****(5 minutes)**

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. Tick the correct letter A, B, C or D.  
**Don't write the words or letters into the text.**

**CHOCOLATE**

Chocolate comes (0) .... the fruit of the cocoa tree. Its orange fruits are about the (1) .... of a pineapple and contain the cocoa beans. When these beans are made into powder and (2) .... with sugar and milk, chocolate is produced. Cocoa is a valuable (3) .... that once played an important (4) .... in the ancient cultures of South America, (5) .... it was known as the 'food of the gods'.

The Spanish (6) .... chocolate into Europe in the 16th century. It gradually became as popular as tea and coffee (7) .... rich people in France and England, and 'chocolate houses' were a common sight in London. During the 19th century, chocolate (8) .... be produced more cheaply by machine and became (9) .... to everyone.

Today, millions of tons of cocoa beans are used by the chocolate industry annually in a (10) .... variety of sweet products which are enjoyed by people all over the world.

0	A from ✓	B of	C on	D at
1	A area	B space	C range	D size
2	A added	B mixed	C turned	D applied
3	A custom	B creature	C crop	D case
4	A role	B game	C mark	D office
5	A whom	B which	C where	D why
6	A travelled	B arrived	C entered	D introduced
7	A over	B among	C about	D within
8	A could	B have	C will	D must
9	A suitable	B probable	C available	D possible
10	A long	B wide	C heavy	D strong

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## VOCABULARY (PART 2)

(5 minutes)

Choose the correct word or expression for each gap from the box below. There are more words than gaps. **Don't use any of the words more than once.**

retired	disorganised	sociable	think
finished	social	pretending	suggest
playing	fit	towards	finding
indecisive	past	suit	looking for

- Children are very good at \_\_\_\_\_ to be someone else.
- 'What are you doing?' 'I'm \_\_\_\_\_ my keys.'
- 'If you're tired, I \_\_\_\_\_ you go home now.'
- James is 70. He \_\_\_\_\_ 5 years ago.
- Rick is so \_\_\_\_\_. He just can't make a choice.
- Alcohol is one of the major \_\_\_\_\_ problems of our society.
- "I like your new sweater. Red and green really \_\_\_\_\_ you."
- The most important thing about new hiking boots is that they \_\_\_\_\_.  
Otherwise, the pain will be unbearable.
- The bus drove straight \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop without letting any passengers get on.
- 'Where's the station?' 'Walk straight on \_\_\_\_\_ the cathedral and before you reach it, you turn left.'

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Reading comprehension		10
Writing		10
Grammar		20
Vocabulary		20
Total		60