

Gapped text
I can understand descriptions of different places

1 Which words in the box can you see in the photos?

a canyon golden sand a harbour
a monument rainforest a canal
a river rocks ruins a tropical beach
a mountain a statue shallow sea water

2 Read the text and answer the questions.

- How big and how old is the Grand Canyon?
- What is the best way to visit the canyon today?
- How many islands are there in Venice?
- What's the most expensive way to visit Venice?
- Where in Rio is the famous statue of Christ?
- How do you get to the statue?
- Where is the Great Barrier Reef?
- Why is it a popular destination for scuba divers?
- In which country is the Lost City of Petra?
- How do tourists visit the city?

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3 Which sentences A–F complete gaps 1–5 in the text? There is one extra sentence.

- A It is one of the most amazing natural wonders of the world.
B It is one of the best-known sights of this lively city.
C Luckily, European travellers 'found' it again in the nineteenth century.
D However, it is probably the most beautiful.
E That is before it became such a popular tourist destination.
F For example, the famous Vaporetto (river bus) only costs about 5 euros.

4 Decide which 'clues' 1–3 go with which functions a–c in the text.

- she, he, it, her, him, one, this, that, here, there
- But, However, Alternatively, On the other hand
- Also, In addition, For example
- they introduce additional information
- they introduce contrasting information
- they refer back to something in the text

5 Find examples of 'clues' in sentences A–F in Exercise 3.

Do they 'add', 'contrast' or 'refer'?

6 Which words and phrases in blue in the text complete the questions correctly?

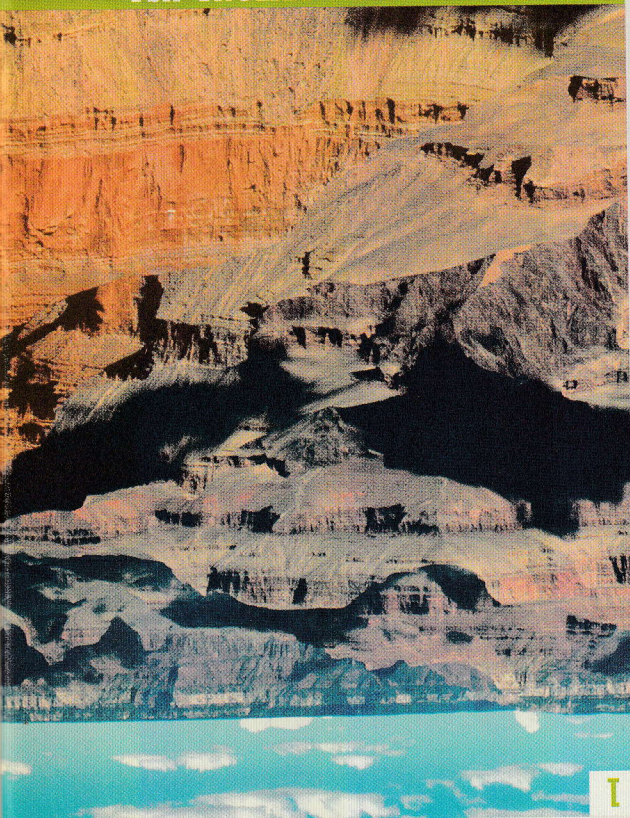
- Is there a building or monument that _____ your city?
- Is your city a busy _____ centre?
- Where are the rich _____ in your city?
- How good is the public transport _____?
- Which parts of your country _____ a lot of tourists?
- Where can you see _____ views?

7 In pairs, ask and answer the questions in Exercise 6.

8 In pairs, complete the sentences about your country in your notebooks. Give reasons for your choices.

- The most awesome natural wonder is ...
- The most impressive building is ...
- The most famous square is ...
- The most popular tourist destination is ...
- The most spectacular historic ruins are ...

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