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| 1. Exploring wildlife | 5. The symbols of Florida |
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| 3. The land of sun and beauty | 7. Life on a beach |
| 4. Mind the strong win | 8. A family holiday resort |

A. Florida has always been very popular with tourists from different parts of the world. It presents a lucky combination of pleasant climate and man-made attractions. Thousands of parents and their children go there in search of fun, sun and entertainment. They enjoy theme parks like the Walt Disney World Resort and the Sea World Resort, numerous movie studios, water parks, pools and other facilities.

B. One of the most popular places is the Walt Disney Resort, the biggest amusement park in the world. It includes different attractions for younger tourists. Children can enjoy magic exhibits or explore science at special centers situated within the area of the resort. They can also watch wild animals at the Animal Kingdom or enjoy one of the world movies at Disney Studios.

C. However, there is more to see in Florida than just Mickey Mouse. Florida is probably the sunniest state of the USA. Its nickname is the 'Sunshine State'. Though Florida is one of the flattest states in America, its landscape is really amazing. Lakes with fresh water, hills, forests, eight miles of coastline and countless small islands create a fantastic atmosphere in the resort.

D. Florida provides an opportunity for adventure on both land and water. There are many types of unique wildlife, including dolphins and whales, deer and black bears. Tourists can enjoy African wildlife in a huge park in Tampa Bay. Giraffes, lions and zebras walk through the park's grounds. Tourists can watch the animals in the wild and take photos. It goes without saying all kinds of hunting are strictly prohibited.

E. Besides all of this, Florida is also an extremely popular seaside resort. One of its beaches was called the safest bathing beach in the world. The range of facilities for holidaymakers is also impressive – from banana riding to renting boats for fishing and dolphin watching. Numerous cafés offer tourists excellent service, tasty seafood and a vast variety of drinks to cool down on a hot day.

F. The warm summers and mild winters make Florida an ideal place for different sports like boating, diving, surfing and water skiing. Not only are water sports popular – lots of people go there to play golf and they even plan their vacations around golfing! There are more golf courses in Florida than in any other state of the USA. There are state and private courses within a short driving distance of each other.

G. Hurricanes are a fact of Florida life. They can affect some vacations that is why it's wise to avoid Florida in certain months. The Florida Hurricane Season officially starts on June 1 and ends on November 30. Historically, September is the most active month of the year. The National Hurricane Centre monitors the territory of Florida in order to warn the people of the danger well beforehand.

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The Best Job in the World

Have you ever heard of the Great Barrier Reef? It is the world's largest coral reef system along the eastern coast of Australia. In February 2009 an extraordinary position was advertised by the Australian Tourism Office. The advertisement ran that the Great Barrier Reef needed a caretaker for half a year. It was for a special person who would look after the Reef.

The job offered a large salary, free accommodation in a luxury villa, and transportation there and around the islands. All expenses would be paid: the winner wouldn't need to spend any extra money on anything.

The job's duties were pretty simple. You could only dream of such requirements. First, the person had to speak English and swim well. Second, on the island his responsibility included writing a weekly Internet blog. That's right, weekly, not even daily! The job description also required the successful applicant to explore the islands of the Great Barrier Reef, swim, make friends with the locals and generally enjoy the tropical climate and lifestyle. A real dream!

Within the first 2 days of the contest, the tourism office received more than seven thousand online applications. All told, 34,000 people of all different nationalities applied. Each made and presented a 60-second video resume. They had to be creative and they were. In the end 16 people were chosen, who flew to Australia for the final selection. The candidates were interviewed and the winner was Ben Southall from the UK.

Ben greatly enjoyed the dream job he had got. He realised that people knew very little about planet earth and its treasures. Living in big cities, they forgot how important the flora and fauna of this world were. Every time Ben went outdoors, he could discover something new. "Every time I dived or went underwater, I forgot about all the troubles above water and concentrated on living in the moment. It was a good way to clean the mind and build respect for the natural world," Ben said.

Ben's life on the island was not just fun. It was very busy, busier than most people imagined, and certainly busier than Ben himself had imagined. He worked seven days a week and up to 19 hours a day. The Best Job included travelling to over 60 islands of the Reef almost every day. It was not just looking after the Reef, Ben had a lot of meetings, press conferences and interviews. He was getting a lot of attention all the time and he couldn't get away from it. That was probably the hardest part of the job.

Moreover, any adventure has a certain degree of risk. Swimming and diving on the Great Barrier Reef was not different. Ben had to deal with whales, sharks and other huge sea creatures. Surprisingly, the most dangerous thing was a small jellyfish about the size of a little finger. It's considered to be extremely poisonous and Ben was stung by it. He had to spend a couple of days in hospital but luckily recovered after a course of antibiotics.

Ben often says that the project has taught him a few valuable lessons. Working with the Internet is one of those jobs you can do 24 hours a day. Ben realised it was hard to separate life and work, but this he had to do. He also said: "I've learned that we get one life on earth so we have to use it. There'll always be other countries to visit, other people to meet and other adventures to meet. This is what I wish to do. I'm planning to go to Asia in a few years time".

A7 The Australian Tourism Office employs a new caretaker twice a year.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

A8 There was no Internet on the islands of the Great Barrier Reef.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A9 People from different countries applied for the job.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A10 Ben Southall was a good swimmer.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A11 While working as a caretaker Ben Southall had lots of free time.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A12 To do his job Ben Southall had to communicate with journalists.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A13 Ben Southall was taken to hospital after a shark attack.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A14 Ben Southall is going to make a film about his work on the islands.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

B4 Dana Miller was a bus driver in the city of Philadelphia.

Her working hours _____ from 10.00 pm till 6:00 am

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B5 It was a hard job and very few _____ worked as bus drivers in those days but Dana loved her job very much.

WOMAN

B6 One of her regular passengers was a guitar player. Every Friday night he got on the bus carrying his guitar. The guitar _____ of wood, not plastic and Dana liked the way it sounded.

MAKE

B7 "You should come to see our show," the guitarist kept saying to Dana. "I _____ it one day," Dana promised each time,

SEE

B8 but she never said when exactly she _____. Another passenger who often used Dana's bus was a Biscuit Lady.

GO

B9 She worked at the biscuit factory and often _____ Dana a small bag of biscuits.

GIVE

B10 Dana _____ sweets and pastries very much but she could never resist those biscuits – they were so fresh and tasty.

NOT/LIKE

B11 "How was your night?" Dana's husband liked to ask _____ when she came home. "Good music, good food and a great view of the city," she cheerfully answered.

SHE

B12 "I wish I _____ my work as much as you enjoy yours," her husband said, " but I'm going to have just another boring day at the office."

ENJOY

B13 Many tourists find they don't like staying in city hotels. They prefer to avoid _____ cities completely.

NOISE

B14 They are attracted instead to dramatic views of mountains and _____ valleys.

PEACE

B15 If you like this sort of tourism, Mountain View Camp is for you. You'll have an _____ vacation there.

FORGETTABLE

B16 The Camp has a view over the _____
Hampson Valley.

IMPRESS

B17 In the camp, tourists can rent either tents or bungalows. All the guests have free access to different facilities such as kitchens, bathrooms and playgrounds for children. The camp is a successful _____ of both comfort and a green environment.

COMBINE

B18 The tourists can also have lunch in one of the many restaurants and try European or _____ cuisine.

NATION

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, Ben.

...Yesterday our teacher asked us to stay after classes. A basketball star came to us to talk about sport in everyday life. The way he spoke about being a teenager was funny. He said he didn't like getting up early!... ..When do you get up in the morning? What do you do to keep fit?

Would you like to go in for sports professionally, why?

Write him a letter and answer his 3 questions.

Write 100–120 words. Remember the rules of letter writing