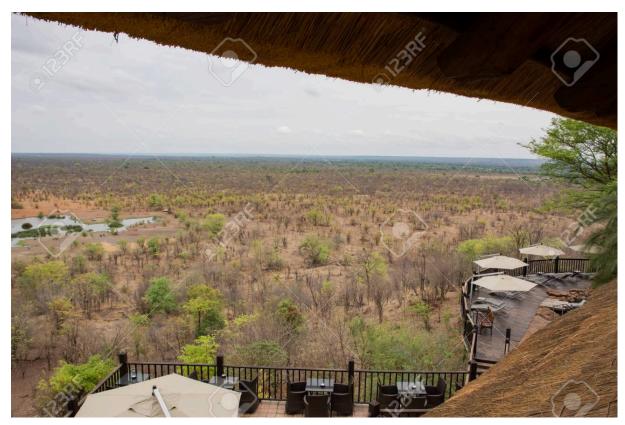
# A Trip to the Veldt

# 1. Warm-Up Questions:

- Have you ever been to Africa or a savanna-like region?
- What do you imagine a trip to the South African Veldt would be like?
- What activities do you think you could do there?









**Task:** Show a few images of the South African Veldt (landscape, lodges, wildlife). Ask the student to describe what they see and predict what tourists typically do there.

#### 2. Thematic Word Sets

#### A. Activities in the Veldt

- **Game drive** (a safari tour in a 4x4 vehicle)
- **Bushwalking** (hiking in the wilderness)
- Birdwatching
- Stargazing
- **Tracking animals** (following footprints to locate animals)
- Hot air balloon safari
- Horseback safari
- Cultural immersion (visiting local tribes)

#### **B.** Accommodation Types

- Safari lodge (a luxurious nature lodge)
- **Bush camp** (a remote, minimal campsite)
- **Tented camp** (luxury tents with amenities)
- **Eco-lodge** (environmentally friendly accommodation)

#### C. Means of Travel

- **Chartered plane** (private plane for remote locations)
- 4x4 safari vehicle
- Overland truck (used for long guided tours)
- Riverboat (for cruises along rivers)

#### 3. Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

#### **Phrasal Verbs**

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**Go off the beaten track** (travel to remote places) – *They love going off the beaten track when traveling.* 

- **Run into** (encounter unexpectedly) We ran into a herd of elephants during our game drive!
- **Look forward to** (anticipate excitedly) *I'm looking forward to my bushwalking adventure.*

#### Idioms

- A once-in-a-lifetime experience Going on a safari in the Veldt is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
- **The call of the wild** Many travelers feel the call of the wild when they visit the African savanna.
- **Pack light** When going on a safari, it's best to pack light.
- **Live out of a suitcase** Traveling through South Africa means you'll be living out of a suitcase for a while.

### 4. Speaking Task (15 min) - Role Play

#### Scenario:

The student is planning a trip to the Veldt and must discuss options with a travel agent (the teacher).

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# Blog Entry: Budget Backpacking on the Veldt

When people think of safaris in South Africa, they imagine luxury lodges, gourmet meals, and high-end game drives. But what if I told you that you can experience the raw beauty of the Veldt **without spending a fortune**?

### Day 1: Getting There on a Shoestring

Instead of flying into a private reserve, I hopped on a **local minibus taxi** to reach the nearest town, then took a budget **overland truck** with other backpackers. It was bumpy, dusty, and absolutely thrilling!

### Day 2-4: Sleeping Under the Stars

Forget expensive lodges—**bush camping** is the real deal. For just a few dollars, I pitched my tent in a designated camping area, listening to the distant roar of lions as I drifted off to sleep. Campfires became my kitchen, and the starry sky was better than any hotel ceiling.

## **Day 5: Exploring on Foot**

Instead of pricey 4x4 safaris, I joined a **guided bush walk**, learning to track animals from an experienced ranger. Walking through the Veldt, spotting rhino tracks in the dirt, and watching giraffes amble by felt **more intimate and real** than any jeep ride.

### **Day 6-7: Local Culture & Budget Eats**

I visited a **small village on the outskirts of the reserve**, where I met locals, learned a few words in Zulu, and enjoyed a **homemade meal for just a few dollars**. Forget fancy resort food—this was **real African hospitality**.

### Final Thoughts: A Million-Dollar Experience for Less Than \$300

The Veldt doesn't have to be a playground for the rich. With some **creativity**, **a good backpack**, **and a sense of adventure**, you can have an **authentic**, **unforgettable experience** without emptying your wallet. So, if you're dreaming of Africa but worried about the cost—**just go**. The wild is waiting!