

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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 **Total Estimate: \$2,000 – \$4,500 per family for a 5-day package**

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!