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Unit 9 A holiday on the moon

Exercise 1: These five people want to visit Sicily, Italy, and they are looking for an Airbnb. Read about each person and then match them with the best property.

1



Simon is planning a trip with his parents and two brothers. They are very sporty people and practice many sports: sailing, scuba diving, tennis, swimming, so they would like to be close to the beaches, but also not miss out their favourite football team's matches on TV.

2



Ana wants to stay in the capital city of Palermo for a few days. She will be going to an important event in the city centre during her visit and needs to look good. She will also be working on her laptop in the evenings. She needs somewhere convenient to eat.

3



Mike is arriving with his dog and staying for 10 days. Mike plans to meet some old friends and they're going to get up early and go for long walks in the countryside together. He'd like to save some money by cooking his own meals. He will rent a car for excursions.

4



Lee is planning a weekend visit to Sicily with two friends to celebrate a special birthday. They want to go out to pubs and clubs on Saturday night, so they'll be coming home very late. On Sunday afternoon, they will be watching an important football match on TV.

5



Vera is arriving by train. She is on her own, so she needs a place that is really central and within easy walking distance to all historical sites and restaurants. She doesn't like cooking.

Eight Rentals in Sicily (Italy)-Airbnb

<p>A. CAPO In the heart of one of Palermo's most pretty markets, a beautiful apartment with terrace overlooking the cathedral. There will be no central services and especially linen change, breakfast and reception service. 6 guests 2 bedrooms 3 beds 2 bathrooms at €77 per night.</p>	<p>B. CASA SANTANDREA Casa SantAndrea is right in the heart of the city, just a few meters from Piazza San Domenico in Palermo. The open space includes kitchen, dining and relaxation areas with a view of the square and church of San Domenico. The minimal bedroom provides plenty of guest space, including a walk-in wardrobe. Good Wi-Fi.</p>
<p>C. SCOPELLO This house is located on the hill of Scopello about 4.3 km from the village of Scopello, the beaches, and the Zingaro Nature Reserve and offers a splendid panoramic view. The house is ideal for all those who wish to spend some time in a natural environment. The guests can take advantage of a private apartment, free Wi-Fi, freedom to return at night at any time. It has a parking area.</p>	<p>D. CASA LEVANTE Welcome to Casa Levante! This flat is wonderfully located in the city center and is close to the seaside and the train and bus station. It is spacious, comfortable, and airy. You'll find one large bed and three single beds. We also have a large sofa and a sofa bed. The hot and cold A/C has been installed recently. The flat is located on the first floor. There is no elevator.</p>
<p>E. BAROQUE Spacious and bright apartment recently renovated, located in the heart of the city, next to the Cathedral and the main monuments. The accommodation is equipped with air conditioning, washing machine and dishwasher and is made up of living room, bedroom, a kitchen with living room and bathroom. Ten minutes walking from train and bus station. There are lots of great restaurants, several mini markets and bakeries with the most delicious pastries nearby.</p>	<p>F. Enjoy Apartment Enjoy Apartment is a cozy and spacious apartment located in the historical center of Palermo, a short walk to all the areas of greatest historical and cultural interest. Ideal for anyone who wants to visit the city on foot. The apartment is equipped with unlimited super-fiber Wi-Fi. No elevator. The apartment is on the main street with all restaurants and bars. Three bedrooms. €93 per night.</p>
<p>G. LA NICA Absolute calm in a wonderful natural environment. Beautifully designed and with superb views. Wi-Fi, dishwasher, washing machine, oven and air-conditioning. 15-minute journey to the city of Noto and 20 minutes to lovely sandy beaches. New small private pool. 1 queen bedroom at €250 per night.</p>	<p>H. LA GEBBIA The house is located in the residential area. There is a covered outdoor eating area with table and chairs, close to the swimming pool. The house has 3 bedrooms, and 2 bathrooms. It has a fully equipped kitchen complete with a dishwasher and a lounge with a TV set. Close by to walk (approx. 15 min) or by car are different beaches.</p>

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Exercise 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Northern Lights



It has always been my dream to see one of nature's most marvelous light show...the Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis. When I finally made it to the beautiful city of Honningsvåg, the northernmost city of Norway, I was in my element. Although chances of seeing the Aurora were slim, I was happy enough to admire the stunning view of the harbour from my window.

The Northern Lights are formed by the natural release of light when electrons (negatively charged particles) interact with oxygen and nitrogen in Earth's upper atmosphere above the Arctic. Aurora refers to the name of the Roman goddess of the dawn who announced the sunrise each morning. They are viewed best from the Arctic during a clear, dark night close to midnight. Apart from the poles, auroras are best seen in parts of Canada, Iceland, Norway and the coastal waters of Siberia. Auroras are studied and tracked by NASA and NOAA because they impact high frequency radio transmissions and GPS (Global Positioning System) devices and the Global Navigation.

After a long day of various activities, I sleepily admired the views from the window as our bus drove to the meeting point for the convoy that leaves for North Cape.

When we arrived to North Cape, the Aurora was active, but there was just too much cloud. We were slightly disappointed, however, we could eventually see a faint green colour in the sky, and we were happy enough to have experienced some of the Aurora Borealis, even if it was in a very faint form.

Feeling cold, we all headed inside to have a look around the gift shop and wait for our departure time, when suddenly another guest ran in and told us that the Northern Lights were becoming clearer. I hurriedly pulled my hat and gloves on and ran outside, to see the bright green lights that were slowly making their way in different shapes and formations across the sky. Suddenly, the movement of the lights became faster, spreading across the sky in various ways. Then came the red swirls amongst the green, as they danced in beautiful patterns – the sight was so incredible that I, embarrassingly, cried! Apparently, if you see a red aurora, that means the charged particles are low in energy. You can see a green aurora when more energetic particles slam into oxygen.

Seeing the Aurora was the most amazing experience that I have ever had, and probably ever will have, and as it happened on my first ever time visiting the Arctic Circle, I would say it was pretty lucky.

Adapted from: <https://www.theaurorazone.com/about-the-aurora/the-northern-lights-blog/item/334-seeing-the-northern-lights-for-the-first-time#/authorblock>

1. When the writer arrived at the city of Honningsvåg, she felt..
 - a) amazed by the beauty of the city.
 - b) pleased by the beautiful view of the harbour.
 - c) happy to witness the Northern Lights.
 - d) relieved that the journey was over.

2. Electrically _____ particles create auroras.
 - a) charged
 - b) filled
 - c) powered
 - d) lit

3. When they happen, Auroras are visible...
 - a) in the evening
 - b) at dawn
 - c) at sunset
 - d) at noon

4. They disturb...
 - a) people
 - b) birds
 - c) technology
 - d) sea life

5. Red auroras are created when the energy released from charged particles from the sun is...
 - a) energetic
 - b) high
 - c) bright
 - d) low

6. The writer almost cried because...
 - a) the northern lights were faint.
 - b) she could finally experience the Northern Lights.
 - c) there was a small probability of seeing the Northern Lights.
 - d) she was cold.

Exercise 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Tourists in space



With the right amount of money, anyone can buy a ticket to space. For a mere half a million dollars, wealthy **(1)**can enjoy a suborbital trip. Or, for \$50 million, orbital expeditions are on offer. Suborbital **(2)** are essentially a quick look at space before falling down to Earth again. Orbital flight, however, involves staying in orbit. This means flying around the planet

at very high speeds so as not to fall back down on Earth. SpaceX, NASA and Axiom Space are **(3)** commercial spaceflights to the International Space Station, which is 254 miles up. Customers spend days or months in orbit.

Meanwhile, World View has shown for the first time its designs for a capsule to fly passengers to “the edge of space”. Here, they can “witness the curvature of Earth”. World View is already taking **(4)** for its commercial spaceflights, beginning in 2024. Tickets cost \$50,000 per seat.



This then **(5)** nearly 23 miles above Earth for an experience that lasts between six and eight hours. Flights are to take off from **(6)** including both the Grand Canyon and Great Barrier Reef.

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| 1 | a commuters | b riders | c drivers | d passengers |
| 2 | a excursions | b hikes | c treks | d voyages |
| 3 | a supplying | b providing | c keeping | d transferring |
| 4 | a bookings | b orders | c complaints | d demands |
| 5 | a rises | b arises | c raises | d runs |
| 6 | a monuments | b landmarks | c sights | d museums |

Exercise 4

For each question, write the correct answer.

A road trip



I recently took a road trip with my aunt to Toronto, Canada. It was an amazing experience to visit **(1)** my family originated. We set off and made our way to Canada overnight. After a long drive, we finally made it to our destination, Canada. Our first stop was Niagara Falls just north of the Canada border. Niagara Falls is **(2)** largest waterfall by volume in North America. It is one of the

largest tourist attractions in North America. Even though it was extremely busy, it was totally worth the trip. Along **(3)** the falls, they have great places for those wanting to shop, as well as places **(4)** have some great tasting food. After the Niagara Falls, we were able to take in some of the sights and we went to the C&E, which is a carnival held yearly just outside **(5)** downtown Toronto. While there, we had the opportunity to see a Canadian air show. It wasn't as amazing **(6)** some air shows I have seen in the past, however, it was still a good show. I was excited to see one of my favourite aircraft, the F-22 Raptor. I enjoyed everything I saw in Toronto, but this was the absolute best.

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4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

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Answer Key!

Exercise 1

1. H, 2. B, 3. C, 4. D, 5.E

Exercise 2

1. b, 2. a, 3.a, 4.c, 5.d, 6. b

Exercise 3

1. d, 2.a, 3. b, 4. a, 5. a ,6. b

Exercise 4

1. where, 2. the, 3. with, 4. that, 5.of , 6.as