

1 Use the words in their correct form to complete the gaps.

• dare • risk • challenge • venture

- You shouldn't **risk** going on the train without buying a ticket first.
- The explorer **venture** unknown areas of the jungle during the expedition.
- No one had ever **dare** ask the boss for a pay rise before.
- Paul **challenge** a game of chess yesterday afternoon.

• explore • examine • investigate

- Police are **investigating** the cause of the car accident last night.
- They **examined** my passport carefully before allowing me into the country.
- The tourist spent the whole afternoon **exploring** the city centre.

• witness • observe • gaze • stare

- When I told him the news, he just ... at me without saying anything.
- The karate teacher told his students to ... him doing the move.
- I have never ... anything like Brian's card trick before.
- Lisa ... in wonder at the ballerina dancing gracefully on the stage.

• feature • characteristic • sights • sites

- One of Russia's most amazing natural **features** is Baikal Lake.
- Karen visited many archaeological **sites** during her holiday in Crete.
- They hired a guide to show them around the **sights** of Prague.
- Thatched cottages are a **characteristic** of the landscape of Western Ireland.

• strike • hit • beat • knock

- Sales of the toy **strike** record numbers during the Christmas period.
- During the sales, shops often **knock** down their prices by 50 per cent.
- Arsenal **beat** Manchester United by two goals to one and won the cup.
- Paul usually wakes up when the church clock near his house **hits** seven.

Phrasal verbs & Prepositions

2 Choose the correct item.

- They've decided to travel **on/by** train.
- We came **down/across** this beautiful vase while on holiday in Italy.
- Let's get a cab. It'll take too long to get there **on/with** foot.
- He hasn't come **up/into** with an idea yet.
- The children walked **along/over** the beach, looking for pretty shells.

Word formation

3 a) Complete the gaps in the blog entry with the correct form of the words in bold.

Hi bloggers!

Home About

So much has happened since my last entry. You remember I was going on holiday. Well we missed our flight, and were 1) **not able** to get on another until the following evening. Then, the hotel we'd booked turned out to be in a really 2) **convenient** location. Not only that, the rooms were old and 3) **dirty** and the beds were really 4) **uncomfortable**. Last, but not least, the day tours we went on were 5) **unorganised** (organised) and every single beach we went to was 6) **crowded**. I hope we never have a holiday like that again. Has anyone else had a similar experience?

b) Write a blog entry about a holiday/trip that went wrong.

Grammar in Focus

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. Then complete the gaps with an appropriate word.

James and Lily 1) **have waited** (wait) for their flight to take off for three hours when they heard an announcement that said there 2) ... be further delays. At that point, they both wished that they 3) **had chosen** (choose) to travel by train. But they thought that flying to Edinburgh would save them time. 4) ... wrong they turned out to be! Another two hours passed and there was still 5) ... sign of their flight taking off any time soon. What made things 6) ... was that no one would tell them the reason 7) ... there was such a long delay. Finally, the couple gave 8) They decided 9) ... (return) home, putting 10) ... their city break for the following weekend. Of course, this time catching a plane would be 11) ... of the question!