ENGLISH

Chapter 22 Session B





SUMMER FUN



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A travel blog

- Work in pairs. Read the vacation facts and discuss the questions.
- 1 What type of vacation can you have in each place?
- **2** What facilities can you expect?
- **3** Which place would you most like to visit? Why?

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The world's most popular theme park is The Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Florida, with more than an estimated 20 million visitors a year.

The world's most expensive hotel room is in Geneva, Switzerland. It costs around \$80,000 a night!

The world's first space tourist paid \$20 million to visit the International Space Station.

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- Work in pairs. Look at the photos on p99 and answer the questions.
 - **1** What can you see in the photos?
 - **2** What connects them?



3 Read the introduction and the first paragraph of the text. Check your answers in exercise 2.

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With VR, some of the things that can turn your perfect vacation into a **nightmare** simply disappear. One travel company recently started offering customers a virtual tour of their hotel. Can you see the swimming pool from your room? What's the game room like? Put on your VR glasses and take a look before you **book**.

With VR you can swim with dolphins, or **parachute** from a plane while the person next to you visits a **waterfall**. And soon the experience will be even better with special clothes to wear during your VR trip. With your VR shoes you will be able to see the water and feel it on your feet. Fantastic!

You don't need a passport or sunscreen, just your VR glasses. See you in Bali, or Alaska, or ...



The Vacation Guy Comments (5)







COMMENTS



Lucien posted June 14 11:42 am For me, food is the most important thing about a vacation. With VR you can visit Italy, but you can't eat pizza!



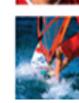
The Vacation Guy posted June 14 11:55 am Good point, Lucien. But I'm sure we will eat VR food in the future!



Lucy Lake posted June 15 3:33 pm VR travel is also good for people who can't walk well. I read about an 80-year-old grandmother who takes 3D vacations in Egypt, India and Australia.



Ryan posted June 15 6:16 pm What will this cost? Will it be expensive?



The Vacation Guy posted June 15 6:33 pm No, it won't! VR glasses cost about \$400 and I'm sure they'll get cheaper soon.

4 10 49 Read and listen to the text and circle the best summary.



- **a** There are lots of problems with traditional vacations.
- **b** Virtual Reality will change how people buy and experience travel.
- **c** People will stop traveling when we have VR.

Are the sentences true or false? Find information in the text to support your answer.

- 1 In the future, people will experience different places cheaply.
- 2 A travel company is using VR as an alternative **FALSE** vacation.
- 3 You can wear VR glasses in the ocean when swimming with dolphins.
- 4 People sitting in the same room will have the same VR experience.
- **5** A grandmother takes VR vacations because she **TRUE** has problems walking.

Find the information in the text. Which sentences are fact and which are opinion?

- Virtual Reality travel is amazing.
- 2 A travel company now offers customers the chance to see their hotel using VR.
- 3 VR clothes help people feel as well as see.
- 4 VR shoes are fantastic.
- **5** A woman uses VR to visit destinations a long way from home.
- 6 VR glasses cost about \$400.
- 7 VR glasses will get cheaper.

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- 8 Complete the sentences with words from exercise 7.
 - 1 You <u>climb</u> 327 steps to the top of the tower.
 - 2 We didn't book the restaurant and when we arrived there weren't any open tables.
 - 3 When I lost my **passport**, I went to the police station.
 - **4** Last year we visited the <u>Waterfall</u> in the Iguazu National Park.
 - 5 I'm frightened of flying. If I had to parachute from a plane, it would be a nightmare for me.

Word work Match the definitions to the words in bold in the text.

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- jump out of a plane with a large piece of material on your back
- 2 a place where water comes down from a high place
- 3 a very bad situation
- 4 a document you need for traveling to other countries
- **5** reserve (e.g. a restaurant or hotel)
- 6 walk up a hill or mountain