

Hitchhiking and adventure

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Advanced

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English



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Goals

- Can read, listen to and understand a challenging text on hitchhiking and adventure.
- Can present my own ideas on the pros and cons of adventure and explain the importance of personal safety.





Have you ever tried **hitchhiking**?

It's easy! Just make a sign, take a friend and **stick your thumb out** by the side of the road.

The only question is – where will you go on this adventure?



Travel

Do you enjoy travelling? Where are some notable places you have been? Where would you like to go?





Talk to your teacher

Adventure can mean different things to different people. Talk to your teacher – what would your ideal adventure look like? Ask your teacher about theirs.

hiking Mount
Everest

sailing the Baltic
Sea

road tripping
around the US

exploring the
streets of
Barcelona



What kind of adventures are these people having?





Hitchhiking



One of the most exciting and appealing options for travelling on a budget is to hitchhike. For the **shoestring** traveller, hitchhiking presents an affordable and more human way to get from one place to the next.

The feeling of not knowing what is around the corner can be addictive and it allows you to test yourself in a new situation. While it may be challenging for many to step out of their comfort zone, there are many benefits to this approach to travelling.



Hitchhiking

For a backpacker looking to save money, hitchhiking is the ultimate method to travel cheaply. Despite the common notion that hitchhiking is free, there are some countries where it is **customary** to pay a small fee upon having successfully **hailed** a ride.

Some people even like to gift their drivers with something small to express their gratitude – a postcard or small travelling **memento** can spread appreciation and express goodwill for someone's turn of kindness. Some people may also choose to bring souvenirs from their home country to distribute!





New words

(on a)
shoestring

I'll be living **on a shoestring** until I get paid next week!

customary

In this part of the world it is **customary** to offer someone a cup of tea when they come over to visit.

to hail

Claire was finding it very difficult **to hail** a taxi in the pouring rain.

memento

This guitar is a **memento** from my time learning flamenco in Spain.



Over to you

“Hitchhiking presents an affordable and more human way to get from one place to the next”

What could be more human about hitchhiking than other forms of travel? Discuss with the teacher, comparing to the methods below.



flying



bus



driving



cycling



Vocabulary

What were these words referring to in the article? Explain your answers to your teacher.





Shoestring travel

Shoestring travel is a term that means travelling with a very limited budget. Shoestring travellers don't stay in expensive hotels, and often eat street food, at local restaurants or cook for themselves where they can.

Talk about the opinions of the travellers below.

Travelling on a budget allows you to see a more authentic side of the country you visit.



All I like to do when travelling is sit by the pool and relax.

I like to wake up clean and well-rested every day. I couldn't travel after a bad night's sleep.



I managed to travel for three years by keeping my costs low! It was such an adventure.



Get ready to listen



The next few slides will focus on
training your listening comprehension



Fill in the gaps

As you listen, fill in the gaps below. Are any of the words new?

1. Striking up a _____ with a local driver can be a _____ into the country's culture or a way to spark up a _____ friendship.
2. To minimise the potential dangers it is always _____ to hitchhike with other travellers and use your _____.
3. The important thing is to _____. The feeling of _____ when a generous driver pulls over is worth all the disappointment and _____ of waiting for a lift.





New vocabulary

to minimise

to spark up

itinerary

instincts

to persevere

exhilarating



Hitchin' a ride!

You're trying to hitchhike to Sydney in Australia. It's hot, and you've been on the side of the highway sticking out your thumb for three hours.

Luckily a driver has stopped! Convince your teacher to give you a ride – what will you say?



"Please take us to Sydney!"

"Hi, where are you heading?"

"Finally... we've been waiting here in the sun for three hours!"

"Have you got any water? We are parched!"

precaution

A precaution is an action taken by somebody in advance to protect them from risk or danger.



If we follow the correct **precautions** nothing will go wrong.



Talk to your teacher

What are some precautions you can take to minimise the safety risks associated with hitchhiking?



Tell somebody where you are going

Be alert

Use eye contact

Communicate
confidently

Take a friend



Write a safety guide

Hitchhiking safety guide

ATTENTION!

For all guests wishing to hitchhike from Sydney to Melbourne, please read the following safety guidelines...

You work for a youth hostel and have been tasked with writing a guide for tourists on how to hitchhike safely. The language should be direct and clear, to get your message across with clarity.



Warm down

How do you feel about hitchhiking
after this lesson?

Is it something you would be
willing to try? Why?



Reflect on the lesson

Take a moment to review any new **vocabulary, phrases, language structures** or **grammar points** you have come across for the first time in this lesson.

Review them with your teacher one more time to make sure you don't forget!



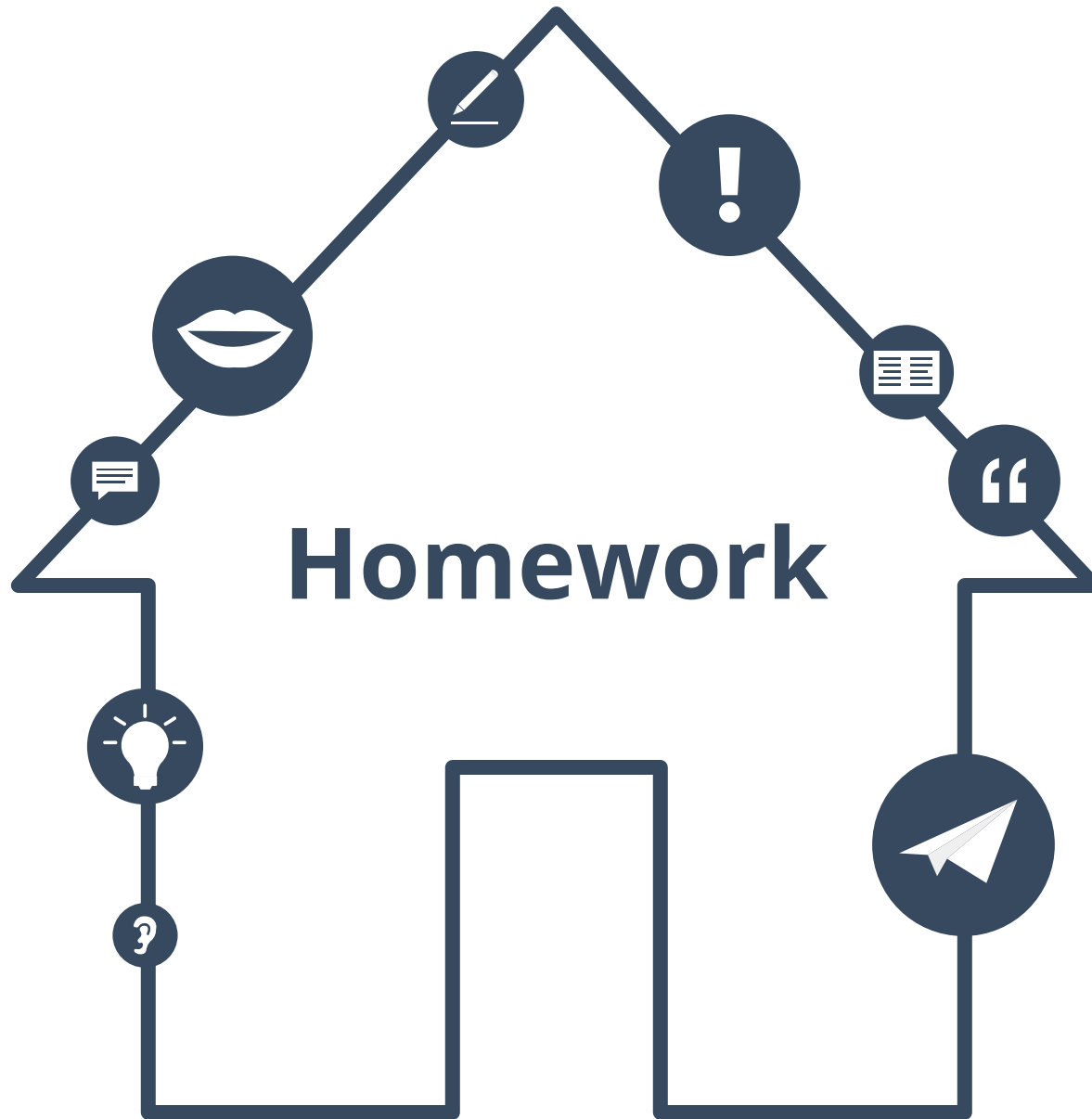


Transcription

Hitchhiking isn't only an effective way of saving money. For many, waving your thumb on the side of the road offers a more spontaneous and **exhilarating** experience than fixing your **itinerary** to a bus or train timetable. Striking up a conversation with a local driver can be a window into the country's culture or a way **to spark up** a genuine friendship. People willing to stop to offer a lift to a stranger can be tremendously interesting, and share stories about their lives or perspectives on their country.

Many people find the idea of getting into the car of a stranger unsettling, and it is true that there is a degree of risk involved. To **minimise** the potential dangers it is always wise to hitchhike with other travellers and use your intuition. If you don't feel comfortable about a potential lift follow your **instincts** and make an excuse to not get in the car. It also helps to know some of the local language – getting to know the driver and reflecting confidence in your speech and body language go a long way towards fostering a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

Hitchhiking can be disheartening – drivers can pass you in succession without a glance, or even laugh at you waving a sign. The important thing is to **persevere**. The feeling of jubilation when a generous driver pulls over is worth all the disappointment and drudgery of waiting for a lift. This is the moment of joy and gratitude that all hitchhikers are chasing.





Transform the sentences so that you'll be more likely to get a ride. Manners and clarity go a long way!

1. Thank heavens! Someone finally stopped. Where are you going?



Hi, you are so nice for stopping! Mind if we join you for part of the way?

2. Please help us! We've been driving each other crazy out here for hours.



3. Feel like giving us a ride?



4. I'm in such a bad mood from standing here all day.



5. We really hope you will take us all the way to Sydney.



6. You are not going to believe how grumpy and smelly we are!



7. We were thinking of going to Newcastle, but decided it would be cool to stop in Nimbin along the way.



8. Would you mind taking a detour? It will only take an extra 30 minutes.





My favourite words


Write a list of your favourite words from the lesson.





Favourite words to sentences

Turn the words on the previous slide into sentences to practise them in use.



Life on a shoestring can be challenging, but doing a lot with little is always an adventure.



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