**Ex.1b Read the text and fill in the gaps with the words from the table.**

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| *cuisine* | *demand* | *destination* | *leisure* | *catering* |
| *recreational* | *route* | *discount* | *hire* | *fortune* |

**China**

China is a popular **1) destination** for tourists due to its rich culture and history. Additionally, the country offers diverse **2) cuisine**, making it a foodie's paradise. Tourists can taste various local dishes and explore different flavors. Moreover, they can enjoy a **3) discount** on meals at certain restaurants, attracting even more visitors.

China also provides a wide range of **4) recreational** activities. From hiking in the picturesque mountains to exploring ancient temples, there is something for everyone. The **5) demand** for such activities is high, as tourists seek unique experiences and opportunities for adventure.

When planning a trip to China, it is essential to choose the right **6) route** and destination. Whether one wishes to visit big cities like Beijing and Shanghai or explore the quiet landscapes of Guilin and Zhangjiajie, each place has its own charm and attractions.

To make the most of their trip, tourists can **7) hire** a local guide who can provide insights into the culture and history of the region. This service is especially helpful for those who are new to the country and want to optimize their **8) leisure** time.

China offers a mix of modern and traditional experiences. Tourists can witness the rapidly developing cities with their futuristic skyscrapers, as well as explore historical sites dating back centuries. Lastly, **9) catering** to the needs of tourists is a priority in China. Accommodations, restaurants, and transportation services are available to various preferences and budgets. Despite the fact that some tourists prefer luxurious hotels which cost a **10)** **fortune**, there are also budget-friendly hostels to suit all.

**Ex. 1c Make up your own sentences with 3-4 words from the table above**.

1. The protesters gathered in front of the city hall, making their demand.
2. The tour guide carefully explained the route we would be taking
3. The travel guide recommended the ancient city as a must-visit destination.

**Ex. 2 Read the text and complete the rules below with the underlined words and phrases from the text.**

**Turkey**

Turkey (the official name – the Republic of Turkey) is a country located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, offering a diverse and stunning natural landscape. The Taurus Mountains (its highest peak is Aladağ (3,333m) located in the south, offer many opportunities for hiking and adventure. The country is also home to the ancient and culturally rich city of Istanbul, situated on the Bosphorus Strait, which connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara. The Aegean and Mediterranean coastlines offer picturesque beaches and crystal-clear waters, perfect for swimming, snorkeling, and water sports.  
Turkey is known for its historic sites, including the ancient city of Ephesus, with its well-preserved ancient Roman ruins, and landscapes of Cappadocia, known for its hot air balloon tours. Inland, there are beautiful lakes such as Lake Van and Lake Tuz, the second-largest lake in the country and one of the largest salt lakes in the world.  
Turkey also has several magnificent rivers, including the Tigris and the Euphrates, which contribute to the rich history and agricultural significance of the region. With its mix of natural beauty, history, European and oriental culture, Turkey offers a lot of experiences for every traveller.

**We usually use the definite article ‘*the*’ with:**

**1 names of oceans, seas, rivers, straits, bays, gulfs, channels, mountain chains**: *the Pacific ocean, a)* The Taurus Mountains*, b)*the Black Sea*c)* the Bosphorus Strait*, the Vyborg Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, the Suez Canal, d)* the Tigris*.*

**2 countries with plural names, and words *Republic, Kingdom, States, Union, Emirates, Federation***: *the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Arab Emirates, e)* the Republic of Turkey*.*

**3 groups of islands, lakes, archipelagos and peninsulas**: *the Maldives, the Great Salt Lakes, the Bismarck Archipelago, the Kamchatka Peninsula.*

**4 cardinal points**: *the north, the north-west, the east, f) the south.*

**5 names of big regions**: *the Antarctic, the Caribbean, the Middle East.*

**6 names of deserts**: *the Sahara Desert*, *the Gobi Desert, the Atacama.*

***We don’t use any article with:***

**1 the names of continents**: *Africa, North America, g) Asia.*

**2 most countries and cities**: *Germany, h) Turkey, i) Istanbul.*

**3 the names of lakes**: *Lake Ladoga, j) Lake Van.*

**4 names of individual islands, capes, mountains, volcanoes:** *Rhodes, Cape Chelyuskin, Kilimanjaro, k)* Aladağ*.*

**Ex.3 Put the article ‘the’ with geographical names where necessary.**

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| 1 the south-east  2 the Indian Ocean  3 - Lake Superior  4 the Czech Republic  5 - Crimea  6 - Everest  7 the Gobi Desert  8 the Nile  9 - Lenin Peak  10 - Netherlands  11 the Panama Canal  12 the Sahara  13 the Antarctic | 14 the Bay of Naples  15 - Italy  16 the Strait of Messina  17. the Gulf of Aden  18. the United States of America  19. - Central America  20. the Rocky Mountains  21. the Maldives  22. -Venice  23. - Etna  24. - Cape Cod  25. the Iberian Peninsula  26. the Archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia and Santa Catalina |

**Ex. 4 Read the text and fill in the gaps with the article ‘the’ where necessary:**

**Pyatigorsk**

**1) -** Pyatigorsk is a charming city located in **2) the** Stavropol Krai of **3) -** Russia. Located at the foot of **4**) the Caucasus Mountains, it is known for its breathtaking natural beauty, with the iconic **5**) - Mount Mashuk. The city is also famous for its numerous mineral springs, including Yessentuki 4 and Yessentuki 17, which are believed to have healing properties due to their high content of hydrogen sulfide. The city is situated on the banks of **6) the** Kuma River and is close to **7)** - Lake Tambukan, an ancient saltwater lake known for its therapeutic muds.

**8)** - Pyatigorsk offers a wide range of recreational activities, such as hiking and mountain biking along the picturesque routes of **9)** the Caucasus, making it an ideal destination for nature enthusiasts. Additionally, visitors can explore historical landmarks like **10**) - Proval, a natural karst cave, and the stunning Flower Garden Park. The city caters to tourists with a variety of accommodations, leisure facilities, and a diverse cuisine, ensuring an enjoyable stay for all. With its rich history, stunning landscapes, and therapeutic resources, **11) -** Pyatigorsk offers a perfect relaxation and adventure.

1. The Black Sea is known for its unique ecosystem and cultural significance throughout history.
2. The Soviet Union played a crucial role in shaping global politics and military strategies.
3. The Maldives, a tropical paradise in the Indian Ocean, is a popular destination for travelers.
4. The sun sets behind the picturesque mountains in the west.
5. The Antarctic continent is currently experiencing the darkest period of its yearly cycle.
6. The Sahara Desert spans over 3.6 million square miles and crosses the borders of ten African countries.
7. Asia is the world's largest and most populous continent.
8. Moscow, the capital of Russia, is known for its rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant culture.
9. Lake Baikal is located in southeastern Siberia, Russia, and is known for its unique ecosystem.
10. Cape Chelyuskin, located in Russia, is the northernmost point of the Eurasian continent.
11. The cuisine of Chine is attracting food lovers from around the world.
12. Make sure to take advantage of the discount in the store before it expires at the end of the week.
13. On the weekends, I enjoy engaging in recreational activities such as hiking and playing board games with my friends.
14. The company has made a formal demand for the supplier to deliver the materials by the end of the week.
15. The tour guide explained the route we would be taking through the city.
16. The tropical island of Bali is a popular destination for travelers seeking sun, sand, and relaxation.
17. The company is planning to hire a new marketing manager to help improve their brand.
18. After a long week of work, I am looking forward to some leisure time this weekend.
19. Fortune favors the brave so don't be afraid to take risks and seize opportunities.
20. The wedding reception was a success, thanks to the delicious food provided by the professional catering company.