

1) If you went to a country, which of these things would you like to do?

- Eat food from many different cultures
- Visit a rainforest
- Go to the beach
- See wildlife
- Go deep-sea diving
- Visit a vineyard

2) Read the following article. Which of the things above did Dannii do on her trip?

Dannii Minogue loves travelling the world as much as her sister Kylie, but after working away she says there's no place like home ...

Melbourne is where I grew up so it obviously means a lot to me. It's a city that is constantly evolving. Melbourne people, like all Australians, enjoy travelling and their increasing experience of other countries means local tastes have changed. The city has become much more cosmopolitan.

One of the best places to visit is the Crown Casino, which features more than forty eating places all under one roof. Someone told me that in Melbourne you can sample the cuisines of seventy-five different countries; I haven't managed to eat my way through them all, but it's a wonderful challenge. And besides the top-class restaurants, you mustn't miss Melbourne's vibrant cafe culture, with wonderful beachside places at St Kilda.

If you enjoy your food, you will love exploring local produce markets. One I really like is the Queen Victoria Market on the corner of Queen and Elizabeth streets, which is open five days a week and sells a huge variety of fruit and vegetables.

My boyfriend joined me for my most recent trip home. It was fun showing him all the familiar landmarks, but also going to places I've never been before. From Melbourne, we took the Great Ocean Road, a 150-mile highway that is a scenic delight. You pass through an area that includes the world-famous Twelve Apostles rock formations, the Otways rainforest and Bell's Beach along with resort towns such as Torquay and Apollo Bay. We loved spending time on the beach, as well as visiting vineyards and taking in jazz music. It really was an amazing summer.

That said, we've still got a pretty extensive 'to do' list, including a trip to Queensland and the Barrier Reef. And although I've been to Hayman Island a couple of times, I'd like to get to know some of the more exclusive resort islands that can be reached only by private boat or helicopter.

The flight to Australia is a long one but perfectly comfortable if you follow a routine like mine. I get on board and immediately change into my flight pyjamas – one day I'm going to work out how to accessorise them with fashion items, but until then I just look like someone wearing pyjamas!

I just love to travel. It's an Aussie thing: as a people we are up for jumping on a plane and going off to explore. I can't wait to see where I'll go next.



3) Answer the questions.

- a) Why does Dannii think Melbourne has become more cosmopolitan?
- b) What does Dannii think is a "wonderful challenge"?
- c) What is St Kilda well known for?
- d) What does the Queen Victoria Market sell?
- e) What can you see as you drive along the Great Ocean Road?
- f) What area of Australia does Dannii still hope to visit?
- g) Why is it quite difficult to visit some of the resort islands?
- h) What is Dannii's tip for making the long flight to Australia more comfortable?

4) Do these extracts from the article use like as a verb or as a preposition?

Do you like it? (verb)

What's it like? (preposition)

a) There's no place like Rome.

b) Melbourne people, like all Australians...

c) One I really like is the Queen Victoria Market...

d) I'd like to get to know some of the more exclusive resort islands...

e) ...if you follow a routine like mine.

f) ...I just look like someone wearing pyjamas!

5) Complete the Active grammar box with the example sentences (a-f) in exercise 4.

Active grammar

The word *like* can be used as a verb or a preposition.

As a verb

A To enjoy something or to think that something is nice, good or right.
e.g. sentence 3

B To say what you want or to ask someone what they want.
e.g. sentence _____

C To suggest or offer something.
We could go to the art gallery if you like.

As a preposition

D Similar to something else or happening in the same way.
e.g. sentence _____ and _____
We often use *look* with this meaning.
e.g. sentence _____
We also use *sound/feel/taste*.
What's that noise? It sounds like an aeroplane.
What does papaya taste like?
It's so warm, it feels like summer.

E Used to give an example of something, instead of using *such as*.
e.g. sentence _____

F Used to ask someone to describe or give their opinion of something.
What is it like? It's very cosmopolitan.

6) Complete the dialogues using expressions with like.

a) A: I have never been to Paris. What _____?

B: Oh, it's a wonderful city.

b) A: What _____ do today?

B: I don't mind. You decide.

c) I love old buildings _____ castles and churches.

d) A: What _____ most about Krakon?

B: I love the market square with all the cafés and restaurants.

e) A: Why didn't you like the food?

B: Because it was horrible. It _____ rubber.