

Practice

1. Read the text below and decide which answer (A,B,C or D) best fits each gap.

The Brochure and the Dream - The Bay Hotel, San Leonardo

In the north-west corner of the island paradise Isla Perlita, nestling in the shadow of Mount Machu, lies the sleepy village of San Lorenzo. Off the beaten 1), there is nothing out of the ordinary about this quaint little village - nothing, that

is, apart from the magnificent five – 2) Bay Hotel. The Bay, as it is known locally, is a recent development catering for 3) travellers who enjoy luxury holiday-making. Famous throughout the island for the outstanding quality of its accommodation and the excellence of its cuisine, the Bay 4) 30 guest suites, each with a charm and character of its own. Each suite looks 5) Falmer Beach, commanding breathtaking views of the four miles of white sand, which gently shelves into the 6) clear waters of the Crepuscan Sea. At the heart of the Bay Hotel is personal, efficient and unobtrusive service. 7) staff anticipate your every need in an atmosphere of quiet professionalism and genuine friendliness. 8), the Bay Hotel is a place to get 9) from the stresses of everyday life, and whether it is 10) away the hours 11) up the sun or taking advantage of the wide range of recreational activities that the hotel has 12) offer, you can be sure that a holiday at the Bay truly is the holiday of a lifetime. Air Perlita flies direct to Isla Perlita once a fortnight from Gatwick. It is advisable to book well in 13), especially during 14) season (January through March) as flights fill up quickly. For air 15), hotel tariffs and general terms and conditions, please see pages 67 and 68 of this brochure.

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| 1 A path | B track | C road | D way |
| 2 A starred | B stars | C star | D starring |
| 3 A disconcerting | B discerning | C distinctive | D discriminated |
| 4 A announces | B claims | C asserts | D boasts |
| 5 A back on | B onto | C into | D down |
| 6 A crystal | B sky | C diamond | D pearl |
| 7 A Preoccupied | B Attentive | C Concentrated | D Undivided |
| 8 A All over | B For all | C Above all | D All along |
| 9 A out | B over | C off | D away |
| 10 A whiling | B wearing | C wending | D winding |
| 11 A soaking | B drawing | C taking | D absorbing |
| 12 A in | B for | C on | D at |
| 13 A anticipation | B time | C hand | D advance |
| 14 A high | B on | C full | D open |
| 15 A fees | B rates | C fares | D tenders |

2. Circle the correct item.

The Holiday and the Nightmare

We were jet- 1) **lagged** / **worn** before we arrived in Isla Perlita. We had made a number of unscheduled 2) **turnovers** / **stopovers** on our way to the island and all in 3) **total** / **all** our journey took 36 hours. Hardly a(n) 4) **express** / **direct** flight! It would have been quicker had we walked. Bearing in mind that this was high season, we probably should have been suspicious at being the only passengers, but it wasn't until we actually 5) **touched** / **landed** down on the island that we began to wonder why we had believed what had been written in the brochure. The airport building was the size of a garden shed and the customs 6) **officer** / **attendant** who searched our bags (and who, for no reason 7) **confined** / **confiscated** our belongings) also turned out to be the island's only taxi driver and porter at the Bay Hotel. We were dropped off in San Lorenzo's main street. Or should I say its only street. San Lorenzo 8) **consisted** / **comprised** of one dusty street, six shacks, two dogs and an empty telephone box. From there on, things went rapidly downhill. The Bay Hotel was half-built, did not have 9) **flowing** / **running** water or electricity and was staffed by a pensioner and the taxi driver, Johnny Paraguay, who spent most of his time asleep in his bedroom. The meals lovingly prepared by the chef (Johnny Paraguay again) included such local 10) **specialities** / **specials** as coconuts, tinned peas and coconuts with tinned peas. Falmer Beach was a long 11) **stretch** / **sequence** of grey sand 12) **littered** / **teeming** with rubbish. The hotel pool resembled a stagnant pond and we were unable to swim in the sea because it was full of poisonous jelly fish and man-eating sharks. Recreational activities included find the waiter, 13) **handle** / **haggle** with Johnny Paraguay for our passports, and on our third day, run as fast as we could from San Lorenzo as Mount Machu, the supposedly extinct volcano, 14) **burst** / **erupted**.