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**Level 3 – 2nd September, 2019**

## **Luxury 51-country, 8-month cruise sets sail**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Have you ever wanted to go on a luxury cruise? The cruise of a lifetime set sail from London on Sunday. It could set the Guinness World Record for the longest cruise ever. It is called the Ultimate World Cruise. The 245-day voyage will visit 51 countries on six continents. The cruise ship Viking Sun will dock at 111 ports as it sails all the way around the world. The chairman of Viking said: "For more than 20 years we have been committed to connecting travelers to...experiences that allow them to explore the world in comfort. Our Ultimate World Cruise is the most extensive itinerary available in the industry....I am pleased to offer such a unique experience for our guests."

The luxury cruise isn't cheap. The 930 passengers have paid a minimum of \$81,000 each to sail around the world. Even at this price, all tickets have been sold. Guests will be able to live in luxury while on the high seas. The ship has eight restaurants that offer 245 different menus - a different menu for every day of the cruise. Guest chefs will create special menus to reflect the destination. A Viking spokesman said: "There is more food than you can ever imagine. But we also have a wellness theme throughout the cruise, so you can look after your nutrition." The ship also has two swimming pools, a Nordic spa, and a snow grotto where snowflakes fall from the ceiling.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. LUXURY CRUISES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about luxury cruises. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

luxury / cruise / lifetime / voyage / continents / connecting / travelers / comfort / cheap / passengers / minimum / seas / menu / destination / food / imagine / snow

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. TRAIN TRAVEL:** Students A **strongly** believe train travel is better than travel by ship; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. LUXURY TRAVEL:** What things can you do in these types of luxury travel? What are their good and bad points? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Luxury Things	Good Points	Bad Points
Ship			
Plane			
Train			
Car			
Coach			
Other _____			

**5. LIFETIME:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "lifetime". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. CRUISES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about cruises at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cabins
- destinations
- food
- sea views
- other passengers
- entertainment
- sea air
- fishing

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. lifetime  | a. Any of the world's main areas of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America). |
| 2. set sail  | b. Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.  |
| 3. ultimate  | c. The length of a person's life.   |
| 4. continent | d. The best.  |
| 5. dock      | e. Start a journey on a sea, river, lake, etc.  |
| 6. explore   | f. Stop a ship or boat in a port.   |
| 7. unique    | g. Travel in or through an unfamiliar country or area to learn about it.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. minimum      | h. Gave something to someone to say yes or no to.   |
| 9. offer        | i. A person paying to stay at a hotel or on a ship.   |
| 10. guest       | j. The subject of a talk, a piece of writing, a person's thoughts, or an exhibition; a topic. |
| 11. destination | k. The least or smallest amount or quantity possible.   |
| 12. imagine     | l. The process of providing or obtaining the food necessary for health and growth.            |
| 13. theme       | m. Make a mental image of something.  |
| 14. nutrition   | n. The place to which someone or something is going or being sent.                            |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A luxury cruise will set sail from London next Sunday. **T / F**
- b. The cruise is set to be the longest cruise ever. **T / F**
- c. The cruise ship will stop at 111 ports on its 245-day voyage. **T / F**
- d. The cruise company has been helping travelers for over 20 years. **T / F**
- e. The most expensive ticket on the cruise is \$81,000. **T / F**
- f. Guests will enjoy a different menu every day for the whole voyage. **T / F**
- g. A spokesman said there might not be enough food at the end. **T / F**
- h. The cruise ship has eight swimming pools. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>set sail</b>    | a. health club   |
| 2. <b>ultimate</b>    | b. devoted       |
| 3. <b>voyage</b>      | c. journey's end |
| 4. <b>committed</b>   | d. best          |
| 5. <b>itinerary</b>   | e. give          |
| 6. <b>minimum</b>     | f. travel plan   |
| 7. <b>offer</b>       | g. leave port    |
| 8. <b>destination</b> | h. topic         |
| 9. <b>theme</b>       | i. journey       |
| 10. <b>spa</b>        | j. lower limit   |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The cruise of a                     | a. minimum of \$81,000     |
| 2. The 245-day voyage will             | b. experience              |
| 3. connecting                          | c. can ever imagine        |
| 4. allow them to explore               | d. visit 51 countries      |
| 5. I am pleased to offer such a unique | e. every day of the cruise |
| 6. The 930 passengers have paid a      | f. lifetime                |
| 7. Even at this price, all tickets     | g. from the ceiling        |
| 8. a different menu for                | h. travelers               |
| 9. There is more food than you         | i. have been sold          |
| 10. snowflakes fall                    | j. the world in comfort    |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

Have you ever wanted to go on a luxury cruise? The cruise of a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ set sail from London on Sunday. It could set the Guinness World Record for the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cruise ever. It is called the Ultimate World Cruise. The 245-day voyage will visit 51 countries on six (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The cruise ship Viking Sun will dock at 111 ports as it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ all the way around the world. The chairman of Viking said: "For more than 20 years we have been committed to connecting (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to...experiences that allow them to explore the world in (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Our Ultimate World Cruise is the most extensive itinerary (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the industry....I am pleased to offer such a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ experience for our guests."

*continents*  
*travelers*  
*unique*  
*lifetime*  
*available*  
*sails*  
*longest*  
*comfort*

The luxury cruise isn't cheap. The 930 passengers have paid a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of \$81,000 each to sail around the world. Even at this (10) \_\_\_\_\_, all tickets have been sold. Guests will be able to live in luxury while on the high (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The ship has eight restaurants that offer 245 different menus - a different (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for every day of the cruise. Guest chefs will create (13) \_\_\_\_\_ menus to reflect the destination. A Viking spokesman said: "There is more food than you can ever (14) \_\_\_\_\_. But we also have a wellness theme throughout the cruise, so you can look after your (15) \_\_\_\_\_." The ship also has two swimming pools, a Nordic spa, and a snow grotto where snowflakes fall from the (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*menu*  
*price*  
*imagine*  
*minimum*  
*ceiling*  
*special*  
*seas*  
*nutrition*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

- 1) The cruise of a lifetime \_\_\_\_\_ London
  - a. set sail from
  - b. sets sail from
  - c. sets ail from
  - d. set sail from
- 2) The 245-day voyage will visit 51 countries \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on six contents
  - b. on six continence
  - c. on six continents
  - d. on six con tin tents
- 3) experiences that allow them to explore the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. world in comfortable
  - b. world in comfort
  - c. world in comforts
  - d. world in comforted
- 4) Our Ultimate World Cruise is the most extensive itinerary available \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in the industrial
  - b. in the industry
  - c. in the industries
  - d. in the in dust tree
- 5) I am pleased to offer such a unique experience \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for our guests
  - b. for our guest
  - c. for our gusts
  - d. for our gests
- 6) The 930 passengers have paid \_\_\_\_\_ \$81,000
  - a. a mini mum off
  - b. aim mini mum of
  - c. a minimum of
  - d. a minimum off
- 7) Even at this price, all tickets have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be in sold
  - b. bean sold
  - c. being sold
  - d. been sold
- 8) Guest chefs will create special menus to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reject the destination
  - b. deflect the destination
  - c. affect the destination
  - d. reflect the destination
- 9) There is more food than you \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. can never imagine
  - b. can ever imagines
  - c. can ever imagine
  - d. can never imagines
- 10) a wellness theme throughout the cruise, so you can look \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. after your nutritious
  - b. alter your nutritious
  - c. after your nutrition
  - d. alter your nutrition

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

Have you ever (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on a luxury cruise? The cruise of a lifetime set sail from London on Sunday. It could set the Guinness World Record for the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It is called the Ultimate World Cruise. The 245-day voyage will visit 51 countries (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The cruise ship Viking Sun will dock at 111 ports (4) \_\_\_\_\_ all the way around the world. The chairman of Viking said: "For more than 20 years we have been committed to connecting travelers to...experiences that allow them to explore the (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Our Ultimate World Cruise is the most extensive itinerary available in the industry....I am pleased to offer (6) \_\_\_\_\_ experience for our guests."

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

1. What city did the cruise set sail from?
2. What is the name of the cruise?
3. How many ports will the cruise ship dock at?
4. For how many years has the cruise ship country helped travelers?
5. What kind of experience did the chairman call the cruise?
6. What is the price of the cheapest ticket on the cruise?
7. How many tickets for the cruise have been unsold?
8. How many restaurants does the ship have?
9. What will passengers be able to enjoy every day in the restaurants?
10. What will fall from the ceiling in a part of the ship?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

- 1) What city did the cruise set sail from?
  - a) London
  - b) New York
  - c) Dubai
  - d) Sydney
- 2) What is the name of the cruise?
  - a) the Global World Cruise
  - b) the Oceans World Cruise
  - c) the Ultimate World Cruise
  - d) the Longest World Cruise
- 3) How many ports will the cruise ship dock at?
  - a) 115
  - b) 112
  - c) 110
  - d) 111
- 4) For how many years has the cruise ship country helped travelers?
  - a) less than 20
  - b) over 20
  - c) exactly 20
  - d) 12
- 5) What kind of experience did the chairman call the cruise?
  - a) a unique experience
  - b) a sightseeing experience
  - c) a fantastic experience
  - d) a crazy experience
- 6) What is the price of the cheapest ticket on the cruise?
  - a) \$85,000
  - b) \$18,000
  - c) \$80,000
  - d) \$81,000
- 7) How many tickets for the cruise have been unsold?
  - a) one
  - b) two
  - c) none
  - d) seven
- 8) How many restaurants does the ship have?
  - a) seven
  - b) eight
  - c) twelve
  - d) twenty
- 9) What will passengers be able to enjoy every day in the restaurants?
  - a) the sun
  - b) fishing
  - c) a different menu
  - d) a guest singer
- 10) What will fall from the ceiling in a part of the ship?
  - a) balloons
  - b) snowflakes
  - c) water
  - d) money

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Cabins**

You think cabins are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): destinations, sea views or other passengers.

## **Role B – Destinations**

You think the destinations are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): cabins, sea views or other passengers.

## **Role C – Sea Views**

You think sea views are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): destinations, cabins or other passengers.

## **Role D – Other Passengers**

You think other passengers are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): destinations, sea views or cabins.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'luxury' and 'cruise'.

luxury	cruise

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lifetime</li><li>• called</li><li>• 51</li><li>• 111</li><li>• 20</li><li>• such</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 930</li><li>• each</li><li>• live</li><li>• special</li><li>• imagine</li><li>• fall</li></ul>
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# LUXURY CRUISES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

Write five GOOD questions about luxury cruises in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# LUXURY CRUISES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'luxury'?
3. What do you think of cruises?
4. What would you do on a luxury cruise?
5. What do you think of the idea of a 51-country cruise?
6. What is your holiday of a lifetime?
7. What would a 245-day holiday be like?
8. What are the countries you most want to visit?
9. What is the world's best continent?
10. Which is better - traveling by ship or train?

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# LUXURY CRUISES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'cruise'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the price of the cruise?
15. What is luxury for you?
16. What is the most luxurious experience you've had?
17. Would you like a different menu every day for 245 days?
18. What do you do to look after your nutrition?
19. What three adjectives best describe this news story?
20. What questions would you like to ask one of the passengers?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                   |                |                |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) at          | (b) on            | (c) in         | (d) to         |
| 2.  | (a) let         | (b) set           | (c) met        | (d) pet        |
| 3.  | (a) consistence | (b) contents      | (c) continence | (d) continents |
| 4.  | (a) grouped     | (b) committed     | (c) extended   | (d) duty       |
| 5.  | (a) at          | (b) in            | (c) of         | (d) on         |
| 6.  | (a) thanked     | (b) congratulated | (c) pleased    | (d) hoped      |
| 7.  | (a) cost        | (b) bought        | (c) paid       | (d) sold       |
| 8.  | (a) up          | (b) increase      | (c) high       | (d) tall       |
| 9.  | (a) shine       | (b) edge          | (c) border     | (d) reflect    |
| 10. | (a) event       | (b) never         | (c) every      | (d) ever       |
| 11. | (a) theme       | (b) them          | (c) these      | (d) those      |
| 12. | (a) floor       | (b) window        | (c) ceiling    | (d) roof       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The cruise of a fiimeetl
2. The 245-day ogyave
3. 51 countries on six intstcnone
4. allow them to elxepor the world
5. the most extensive itinerary vllabaiaa
6. offer such a uueiqn experience

## Paragraph 2

7. 930 sasegrnpes have paid
8. chefs will aetecr special menus
9. eftrcle the destination
10. more food than you can ever namiige
11. you can look after your untritoin
12. snowflakes fall from the ecnigli

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) cruise, so you can look after your nutrition." The ship also has two swimming pools,
- ( ) voyage will visit 51 countries on six continents. The cruise ship Viking Sun will dock at 111
- ( ) the Guinness World Record for the longest cruise ever. It is called the Ultimate World Cruise. The 245-day
- ( ) around the world. Even at this price, all tickets have been sold. Guests will be able to live in
- ( ) 20 years we have been committed to connecting travelers to...experiences that allow them to
- ( ) The luxury cruise isn't cheap. The 930 passengers have paid a minimum of \$81,000 each to sail
- ( ) for every day of the cruise. Guest chefs will create special menus to reflect the destination. A Viking spokesman said: "There is more
- ( ) explore the world in comfort. Our Ultimate World Cruise is the most extensive itinerary
- ( ) ports as it sails all the way around the world. The chairman of Viking said: "For more than
- ( ) available in the industry....I am pleased to offer such a unique experience for our guests."
- ( ) luxury while on the high seas. The ship has eight restaurants that offer 245 different menus - a different menu
- ( **1** ) Have you ever wanted to go on a luxury cruise? The cruise of a lifetime set sail from London on Sunday. It could set
- ( ) a Nordic spa, and a snow grotto where snowflakes fall from the ceiling.
- ( ) food than you can ever imagine. But we also have a wellness theme throughout the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise.html>

1. a lifetime The of cruise set sail .
2. 245-day will countries . visit voyage 51 The
3. sails world . the way It all the around
4. to that world . allow Experiences explore the them
5. experience a for our Offer guests . unique such
6. to in will luxury . able live Guests be
7. of menu every for A the cruise . day
8. create menus destination . Chefs special to reflect the
9. is There you food can than more imagine .
10. where grotto ceiling . snowflakes fall the A from

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Have you ever wanted to go *on / in* a luxury cruise? The cruise of a lifetime set sail from London on Sunday. It could *set / let* the Guinness World Record for the longest cruise ever. It is *calling / called* the Ultimate World Cruise. The 245-day voyage will visit 51 countries on six *contents / continents*. The cruise ship Viking Sun will *dock / mock* at 111 ports as it sails all the way around the world. The chairman of Viking said: "For more than 20 years we have been *commit / committed* to connecting travelers to...experiences that *allow / let* them to explore the world in *comfort / comfortable*. Our Ultimate World Cruise is the most extensive *itinerant / itinerary* available in the industry....I am pleased to offer such a *uniquely / unique* experience for our guests."

The luxury cruise isn't *cheaper / cheap*. The 930 passengers have paid a minimum of \$81,000 each to sail *around / about* the world. Even at this price, all tickets have been *selling / sold*. Guests will be able to live in *luxury / luxurious* while on the *high / low* seas. The ship has eight restaurants that offer 245 different menus - a *difference / different* menu for every day of the cruise. Guest chefs will create special menus to *deflect / reflect* the destination. A Viking spokesman said: "There is more food than you can *ever / never* imagine. But we also have a wellness theme throughout the cruise, so you can look after your *nutrition / nutritious*." The ship also has two swimming pools, a Nordic spa, and a snow grotto where snowflakes fall from the *ceiling / floor*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. LUXURY CRUISES:** Make a poster about luxury cruises. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BANNED:** Write a magazine article about luxury cruises being banned for being bad for the environment. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on luxury cruises. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on cruises. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. set sail    | a. leave port    |
| 2. ultimate    | b. best          |
| 3. voyage      | c. journey       |
| 4. committed   | d. devoted       |
| 5. itinerary   | e. travel plan   |
| 6. minimum     | f. lower limit   |
| 7. offer       | g. give          |
| 8. destination | h. journey's end |
| 9. theme       | i. topic         |
| 10. spa        | j. health club   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. London
2. The Ultimate World Cruise
3. 111
4. Over 20
5. A unique experience
6. \$81,000
7. None
8. Eight
9. A different menu
10. Snowflakes

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The cruise of a lifetime set sail.
2. The 245-day voyage will visit 51 countries.
3. It sails all the way around the world.
4. Experiences that allow them to explore the world.
5. Offer such a unique experience for our guests.
6. Guests will be able to live in luxury.
7. A menu for every day of the cruise.
8. Chefs create special menus to reflect the destination.
9. There is more food than you can imagine.
10. A grotto where snowflakes fall from the ceiling.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. d    7. c    8. b    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)