

Open comprehension

1 Read the text in exercise 3 quickly and match the questions and answers.

- a What country is Puerto Nariño in? Peru
- b How many boats go to Puerto Nariño every day? 3
- c How many hours does the boat take? Colombia
- d What's the other country you can see from the river? 10
- e How far is Tarapoto lake from the village (in km)? 2

2 Complete the sentences with these words.

boat • excursion • flight • package holiday • plane • sightseeing • tour guide • train

- 1 I don't like rivers or the sea, so I never travel by
- 2 She always takes a lot of photos when she goes
- 3 He's a really good – he knows a lot and he tells funny stories!
- 4 If you're travelling by, go to the airport early so you are not late for your
- 5 I don't travel by often because there isn't a station in my town.
- 6 You can go on a if you don't want to book everything yourself.
- 7 The to the lake takes about six hours and we travel there by bus.

✓ Exam tip

In open comprehension reading activities, you have to write an answer in your own words. You can use some of the same words as the text, but the whole sentence should not be the same. Think about different ways to write the same thing.

3 Answer the following questions in your own words according to the information given in the text. Do not copy from the text.

- 1 How is Puerto Nariño different from other villages?
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- 2 How did the writer travel from Bogotá to Puerto Nariño?
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- 3 What's one place you can visit near Puerto Nariño? What can you do there?
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- 4 Does the writer like Puerto Nariño? Why / Why not?
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A GREEN VILLAGE IN THE AMAZON

Hello from Puerto Nariño, Colombia! Puerto Nariño is a really special, eco-friendly village in the Amazon rainforest. There are no cars or buses here so you have to walk. The streets are very clean and you have to pay if you leave litter. People use rainwater to wash, and there is no electricity after midnight. Recycling is important here, and people make things from old plastic bottles, for example.



It isn't easy to get here. First, you have to get to the small city of Leticia. Usually, I like to travel by bus or by train but there aren't any roads to Leticia. You have to travel by boat or by plane. I took a flight from the Colombian capital, Bogotá. Then you have to get a boat from Leticia to Puerto Nariño. There are three boats a day and it takes about two hours. It's exciting travelling along the Amazon river, with Peru on the left and Colombia on the right.

In Puerto Nariño there aren't lots of places to go sightseeing, but you can go on a really cool excursion to Tarapoto Lake. It's about 10km from the village. You can see pink dolphins and it's also a good place to swim. We went with a tour guide who showed us lots of birds and animals.

Puerto Nariño is a beautiful place with really friendly people. However, it's very hot, there aren't a lot of different activities, and it's not the kind of place you go on a package holiday. But I love it!



4 Read the text again and find words that have these meanings.

- a good for the environment (paragraph 1)
- b rubbish that people throw in the street, etc. (paragraph 1)
- c changing paper, bottles, etc. so they can be used again (paragraph 1)
- d Large, intelligent animals that live in the sea and some rivers, and often jump out of the water. (paragraph 3)

A2 Key Part 1

1 Look at the short texts in exercise 3. Which text(s) (1–6) is/are ...

- a about something that happened yesterday?
- b about something you must do?
- c about something you might want to book?
- d about something that happened today?

2 Look at the photos then put the letters in order to make travel and transport words.



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Exam tip

First, read the six short texts carefully and decide what each text is about. For example, if it is an instruction, what must you do, or not do? If it is an advertisement, what do the advertisers want you to buy or do?

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

Buy tickets here

You must buy a ticket before you get on the train. You can't buy tickets on the train.

- A You can buy a ticket after you get on the train.
- B If you booked your ticket online you can get it here.
- C You have to buy a ticket first and then you can get on the train.

2

New excursion!

Sightseeing by boat, with our tour guide Helen. We stop at Blackrock Castle and visit a beautiful beach. Price: £20, including castle ticket.

- A You have to pay more if you want to visit the castle.
- B You can visit a beach and a castle by boat.
- C It costs £20 to visit the castle.

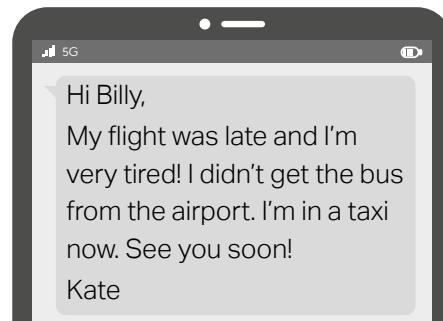
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All passengers must show passports and tickets here. Then take your luggage to Desk C.



- A Somebody looks at your luggage here.
- B You must show your passport and ticket at Desk C.
- C You can go to Desk C after you show your passport and ticket.

4



- A Kate is travelling from the airport by taxi.
- B The airport bus was late.
- C The bus doesn't go to the airport.

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Home Deals Destinations Tours

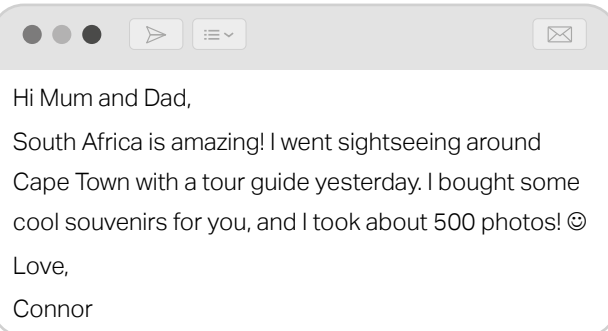
Green's Travel Agency

This week:

- Travel to Russia by train for only £100!
- 30% off flights to Brazil!

- A Green's Travel Agency has cheap flights to Russia and Brazil.
- B Some flights and train tickets are cheaper this week.
- C You can get 30% off train tickets here.

6



- A Connor's parents bought him some souvenirs.
- B Connor took a lot of photos in Cape Town.
- C Connor arrived in Cape Town today.