

B1 Preliminary Part 4

1 Read the text quickly and match paragraphs (1–5) with the topics (a–e).

- a what tourists can do in the city ☐
- b information about the history and location of the city ☐
- c physical activities you can do near the city ☐
- d shopping in the city ☐
- e a description of the buildings and reasons for their colour ☐

2 Write the adjectives for the definitions using the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need to use.

charming • clean • crowded • noisy • peaceful • popular • run-down

- 1 liked by lots of people
- 2 full of loud sounds
- 3 in bad condition
- 4 very attractive and pleasant
- 5 a lot of people in one place

✓ Exam tip

Read the text quickly and then identify the main topic of each paragraph. Knowing the main topic of each paragraph makes it easier to find a sentence which is about that topic to see if it fits.

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- A Chaouen is a great place to relax and explore.
- B Although many people love the colour, not everyone likes it.
- C Some say it keeps the mosquitoes away, while others believe that it is to reflect the colour of the sky.
- D You can go on a day trip to Akchour Waterfalls, too.
- E Morocco is famous for its markets because they're fantastic places to buy presents.
- F People have been living in the city since it was founded in 1471.
- G The buildings are quite run-down, but they're still beautiful.
- H Make sure you're there on a Tuesday or Thursday.

The Blue City



Chefchaouen, or Chaouen as it is also known, is a charming walled city in the north of Morocco. **(1)** However, it has only really been open to visitors for about a hundred years. The city sits in the Rif mountain range and its position near Tangier has helped make it a popular tourist destination.

Chaouen's is often called 'the blue pearl' because most of the houses in the old town are painted different colours of blue. Nobody really knows why this, but there are many theories. **(2)** It has also been argued that the blue walls keep the buildings cooler in summer. Yet another idea is that it started for cultural reasons. Whatever the origin, the many shades of blue of all the buildings make it a beautiful city to walk around.



(3) It's not as busy, noisy or crowded as other cities such as Fez or Marrakech, and there's plenty for visitors to do. Take an early-morning walk round the city and see the many old streets. Later on, visit the parks and historic buildings, and enjoy delicious traditional and modern food in restaurants or from street sellers.



Chaouen is well-known as a great location for shopping and it's especially famous for its clothes and blankets made of wool. **(4)** That's when sellers come to the lively the market in the city centre, where you can buy anything from fruit and vegetables to handmade crafts.

If you like being active, the area around the city is great for hiking and the views are stunning. Many people choose to walk up the Rif Mountains or in the nearby Talassemrane National Park. **(5)** You can't swim there, but it's well worth climbing to the top.

B1 Preliminary Part 5

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

After you read a cloze text for the general idea, you should:

- a put any answer that you think might be correct because you can always change it later.
- b read the text again, underline any words you don't know and try to guess their meaning.
- c read each sentence with a gap carefully, especially the words that come before and after the gap.

2 Match the extreme adjectives (1–6) with the normal adjectives (a–h). There are two extra normal adjectives that you do not need to use.

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| 1 tiny | a very big |
| 2 filthy | b very ugly |
| 3 dreadful | c very old |
| 4 huge | d very funny |
| 5 ancient | e very bad |
| 6 hideous | f very small |
| | g very cold |
| | h very dirty |

✓ Exam tip

After reading the text for the general idea, look at each gap and the words that come before and after it. Do these words need a preposition? Is an article or auxiliary verb missing? This will help you choose the correct answer.

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

Bamburgh Castle



Bamburgh Castle is one of the most important (1) buildings in the world. It is owned by Francis Watson-Armstrong and has been in his family (2) 1894. The earliest parts of the castle date back to 1066 and people have added to it since then. It's (3) now – so big that many people get lost! Francis (4) to live in the castle when he was younger, but he lives on a farm nearby now. His son helps him run the castle and Francis is (5) to keep it in his family. The castle is worth a visit. If you (6) always wanted to stay in a castle, you can even rent rooms in its tower for a few nights.

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| 1 A historic | B old | C ancient | D history |
| 2 A in | B yet | C ever | D since |
| 3 A tiny | B dreadful | C filthy | D huge |
| 4 A used | B was | C usually | D likes |
| 5 A confident | B cheerful | C determined | D serious |
| 6 A are | B been | C has | D have |