

## GRAMMAR

## Present and future forms review

A Complete the sentences with the correct present or future form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for three hours and the bus still isn't here.
- Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) her sister next week but she doesn't know what day.
- Everything on the menu looks great! I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the pasta please.
- There's so much work to do. I probably \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) everything by the time I go on holiday.
- By 2025, Anne \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Australia for ten years.
- Mark doesn't want to go to Amsterdam because he \_\_\_\_\_ (already/go).
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (still/fly) at 8 pm so she won't be able to answer her phone.
- Who \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) with during your trip?

B Choose the correct options to complete the conversation.

- Jack:** You're going on holiday to South Africa? That's great! I **'ve always wanted to go / always want to go**.
- Maya:** Me, too! I **'m talking / 've been talking** about going for ages. I can't wait!
- Jack:** What are your plans when you're there?
- Maya:** I fly to Cape Town and I think I **'ll hire / 'm hiring** a car. It's easier to get around that way.
- Jack:** Yeah, definitely. **Are you planning / Have you been planning** to go on a safari?
- Maya:** Yes! I **'ve already booked / 'll book** that. I'll be there for three nights, and on the second night, I **'m going / have been** on a night safari drive.
- Jack:** That'll be amazing! I bet you **'ll be seeing / 'll see** so many interesting animals.
- Maya:** I **hope / am hoping** so!



C Correct the eight mistakes with tenses in the article.

## Conservation in Costa Rica

Michelle <sup>1</sup>is working in a sea turtle conservation centre in Costa Rica for nine months. She started by volunteering for the company but now <sup>2</sup>has got a small salary. 'It's not really about the money', she says. 'The job's very rewarding and every day is different. Tomorrow, I <sup>3</sup>will have been collecting data for research, but usually I'm responsible for operating the hatcheries. This is the place where the baby turtles hatch and I then <sup>4</sup>have helped them on their journey to the sea.'

Sometimes Michelle <sup>5</sup>feel homesick because she's so far from her family, but she says that the other volunteers have become her family away from home. 'We all get on really well and support each other. The work can be very tiring and emotional as we <sup>6</sup>will have been looking after these turtles all day. But we know that the work is so important as, unfortunately, selling and eating turtles is common. The conservation centre <sup>7</sup>is going to hope to create a sustainable solution that <sup>8</sup>is supporting the locals as well as the turtles.'



## VOCABULARY

## Tourism collocations

A Complete each gap in the advert with an adjective in the box that is the opposite of the word given in brackets.

all-inclusive breathtaking exhilarating exotic  
glamorous luxurious picturesque unique

Win a holiday for two to the

Maldives!

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (conventional) and beautiful Maldives for two weeks. You will stay in an <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (self-catered) resort with return flights included. The <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (basic) accommodation boasts <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (unremarkable) views of the island. Explore the <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (unoriginal) surroundings and <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (ugly) countryside at a leisurely pace, or try diving in the crystal-clear waters to experience the <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (boring) feeling of coming face to face with the incredible sea life. To be in for a chance of winning this amazing holiday in this <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (inelegant) setting, answer the following question ...

B Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- I love the remote location of the holiday cottage and the **unspoilt / luxurious** surroundings that you can see from every window.
- We love staying in a hotel and having our food made for us, but my parents prefer the independence you get from **all-inclusive / self-catering** holidays.
- Now that they have the kids, they don't have as much money to spend on holidays, so they're always looking for **affordable / glamorous** accommodation.
- I hate having everything booked and organised for me by other people, it's so restrictive. I'd never book a **self-guided / package** tour.
- Jennifer would prefer a location with a **vibrant / sedate** nightlife, as she loves going out at night and meeting new people.
- We're looking to book a tour that takes us to all of the most famous **cultural / historical** sites so we can learn about the country's past.

## PRONUNCIATION

## Weak forms

A Write whether you think each word in bold should be pronounced with the strong (S) or weak (W) form.

- I **can** change the booking because it's in my name, but I don't think you **can**.
- Have** you ever been to Athens? I **have** never had the chance to go.
- I think he **will** love this idea. I hope she **will** too.
- Do you want to eat out tonight? I **do**!



B Listen to check your answers and repeat.

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GRAMMAR

Past forms review

A Complete the sentences with the auxiliary verbs (be or have) in the correct tense. Use contractions where possible.

- I had planned on taking the train, but then it \_\_\_\_\_ delayed because of a signal failure.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ travelling for 20 minutes by the time she realised she was on the wrong bus.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ still cycling when we saw the crash.
- Julia \_\_\_\_\_ never driven on the left side of the road before. This was the first time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you staying in the same hotel when you met?
- She \_\_\_\_\_ taken the flight on the same day the previous year.
- We'd planned to take a boat, but the guide told us that there \_\_\_\_\_ a much quicker way to get to the island.
- Charlie \_\_\_\_\_ travelling by plane for years without any issues before he suddenly developed a fear of flying.

B Choose the correct options to complete the email.

Hi Jenny,

We finally <sup>1</sup>**had arrived / arrived** in Greece at 10 o'clock this morning. What a journey! We <sup>2</sup>**were setting off / set off** over 24 hours earlier, but there <sup>3</sup>**were / was** so many problems along the way. We had to drive to the airport, which usually takes two hours, but after we <sup>4</sup>**had been driving / drove** for one and a half hours, we got stuck in a huge traffic jam. We <sup>5</sup>**were waiting / waited** for about 40 minutes before the traffic started to clear. When we finally <sup>6</sup>**had got / got** to the airport, we rushed to check in, but because we <sup>7</sup>**had been stuck / were stuck** in traffic, we <sup>8</sup>**had been / were** late. The check-in desk was about to close but we made it just in time.

Send

C Complete the rest of the email with the correct form of the words in brackets.

You'll never believe it! We <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) to the gate and saw that our flight was delayed by two hours! We needn't have rushed after all. The wait was so boring. While we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) at the gate, a lady <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) us a magazine to read. She said that she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for hours because she got there early.

Two hours later, we finally <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (board) and the flight was fine. When we landed, we were meant to take a boat to the island, but because our flight was delayed, we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) it, and it only leaves twice a day. We were exhausted so checked into a cheap hotel for a few hours' rest. The boat <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) very early the next morning. Luckily, it was on time. I'm so glad to <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (finally/arrive).

I hope the rest of our holiday goes more smoothly.

Love,

Marcus

Send

PRONUNCIATION

Continuing and finishing tones

A Draw arrows showing whether you think the voice should go up (↗) or down (↘) at the end of each sentence.

- We have three places to go today.
- After all that travelling, I was exhausted.
- It was such a long journey.
- You'll never guess what happened then.
- So Maria told me the train was going to be late.
- I'm never going to travel by boat again.

B Listen to the sentences from Exercise A and check your answers.

C Listen again. Practise saying the sentences in the same way as the speakers.

VOCABULARY

Transport; Travel phrasal verbs

A Match the words/phrases in the box to the definitions (1-8).

aircraft bumpy landing cabin crew cockpit runway security stuck at the airport terminal

- \_\_\_\_\_ – the people on a plane whose job is to look after the passengers
- \_\_\_\_\_ – the part of the plane where the pilot sits
- \_\_\_\_\_ – methods used to protect passengers
- \_\_\_\_\_ – shaking during the process of moving a plane down onto the ground at the end of a journey
- \_\_\_\_\_ – a large building at an airport where passengers arrive and leave
- \_\_\_\_\_ – unable to move from the place where planes arrive and leave
- \_\_\_\_\_ – a long road used by planes when they land and take off, usually at an airport
- \_\_\_\_\_ – a plane, helicopter or other vehicle that flies

B Rewrite the parts of the sentences in bold using the correct forms of the phrasal verbs in the box.

drop off fit in get in at make for pick up stay over see off set out turn up

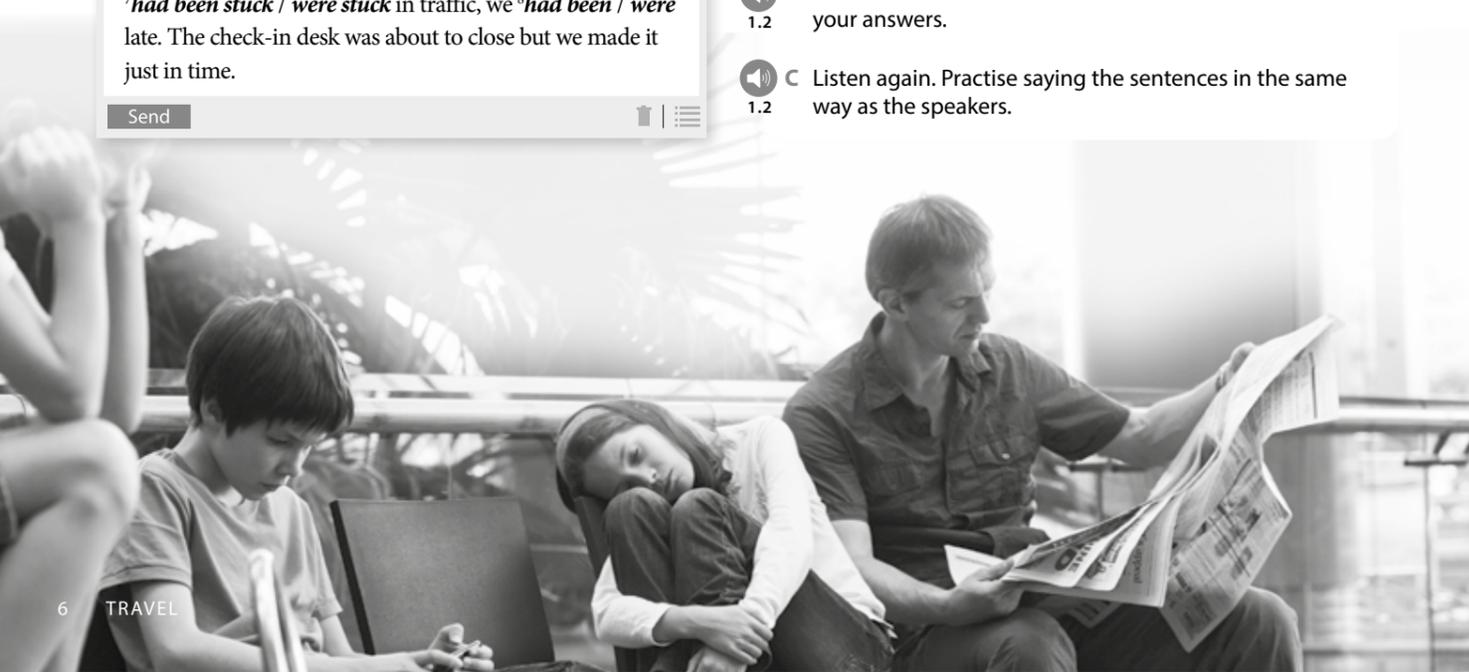
- I should arrive at 1.15 pm, so can you **collect me** at the airport and drive me home?  
I should arrive at 1.15 pm so can you \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport and drive me home?
- Please come with me to the train station to **say goodbye to me**.  
Please come with me to the train station to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The bus **arrives at** 8.15.  
The bus \_\_\_\_\_ 8.15.

- I'm going to miss my train! Can you **take me in the car** on your way to work?  
I'm going to miss my train! Can you \_\_\_\_\_ on your way to work?
- We'll need to **leave the house** at four o'clock to get there on time.  
We'll need to \_\_\_\_\_ at four o'clock to get there on time.
- We have so much to do. I hope we can still **find enough time for** the hill walk on Saturday.  
We have so much to do. I hope we can still \_\_\_\_\_ the hill walk on Saturday.
- As soon as we arrived, we **went straight to** the beach.  
As soon as we arrived, we \_\_\_\_\_ the beach.
- It's a long journey so it's a good idea to **spend the night** at a hotel.  
It's a long journey so it's a good idea to \_\_\_\_\_ at a hotel.
- He finally **arrived** after we'd been waiting for three hours.  
He finally \_\_\_\_\_ after we'd been waiting for three hours.

C Complete the sentences with an option from the box.

broke down boot horn overtake petrol station reverse run over steering wheel

- The GPS keeps telling me to \_\_\_\_\_ but we're on a one-way street!
- When you drive it's important to keep two hands on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ crossing the street last night, but thankfully he wasn't seriously injured.
- I always keep a spare blanket in the car \_\_\_\_\_.
- The car's a little low on fuel, so I'm going to stop off at a \_\_\_\_\_.
- I hate when an angry driver honks their \_\_\_\_\_ at someone for making a mistake.
- I wish we could \_\_\_\_\_ this slow car but this road is too narrow.
- That car was terrible. It \_\_\_\_\_ the first time we drove it!



READING

- A PREDICT** Look at the title of the article and the picture. What do you think these texts are about?
- B SCAN** Read texts A–D quickly to check your answer to Exercise A. Shade in the number of stars that you think each reviewer would give the hotel.
- C SKIM** Read the texts again and choose the correct heading (1–6) for each one. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use.
- Holiday nightmare! Never go here!
  - Excellent value for money
  - Relaxing, peaceful and calm
  - I'm leaving several pounds heavier!
  - Good location, poor facilities
  - Perfect for families
- D SCAN FOR DETAIL** Scan the reviews and choose whether each statement applies to the reviewer in text A, B, C or D.
- They took children on the holiday.
  - They didn't like the food.
  - Their first experience of an all-inclusive was at *Hotel Relax*.
  - They explored the areas nearby.
  - They thought it was difficult to find the beach.
  - They asked to speak to a member of staff about their experience.
  - They went to the beach in the evening.
  - They thought the pool was a sufficient size.
- E REFLECT** Think about the answers to these questions.
- When you go on holiday, what do you think is the most important factor: the food, facilities or location?
  - Why do you think these people had different experiences of the same hotel?
  - Would you like to stay at *Hotel Relax*?

Glossary

- adequate (adj)** good enough for a particular purpose
- get sick of (v phr)** to have experienced too much of something resulting in being annoyed
- pushchair (n)** a small vehicle in which you place a small child to push them along
- stroll (n)** to walk without hurrying, often for pleasure

Rate my accommodation

**A** \_\_\_\_\_  
 My stay at *Hotel Relax* was fine. It wasn't the worst place I've ever stayed, but equally it wasn't the best. The facilities were adequate and the location was good (it was a ten-minute walk from the beach). Some staff members were a little unfriendly but the receptionist, Marco, was lovely. However, I have to say, the thing that stood out about this place was the food! I'd never been on an all-inclusive holiday before and I was a little concerned that I'd get sick of always eating from the same place. That was definitely not the case. The variety and the quality of each meal was fabulous, and I couldn't get enough. The breakfast was a continental-style buffet with freshly baked bread, which smelt and tasted delicious. The dinner options were even more impressive. I asked to personally thank the chef on the last night of our stay.  
 ☆☆☆☆☆

**B** \_\_\_\_\_  
 I chose to stay at *Hotel Relax* because we have a toddler and a seven-year-old, so we didn't want to have to walk far to the beach each day. The beach was clearly signposted from the hotel reception and was very easy to access. I was hoping for a larger swimming pool at the hotel as the kids like to swim in the morning before we go to the beach. Unfortunately, the pool was really cramped and crowded. The reception area was also small and we were told we couldn't leave our bags there when we checked out as the storage room was full.  
 ☆☆☆☆☆

**C** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Hotel Relax* certainly did live up to its name. I really feel refreshed and rejuvenated after my stay. As the hotel is located away from the city and near the beach, the surrounding areas are quiet. I could read my book by the good-sized pool without thinking about my everyday life. The beach is a short stroll away so I would go there at sunset to walk along the coast. The picturesque countryside inland was also perfect for a leisurely walk. As this is an all-inclusive resort, it was great not having to cook or decide where to go to eat! All decisions were out of my hands.  
 ☆☆☆☆☆

**D** \_\_\_\_\_  
 I was really looking forward to this holiday. An all-inclusive resort with all the food I could ask for, located right by the beach – what could go wrong? The answer: everything. The whole holiday was a disaster from start to finish. When I arrived, Marco, on reception, was very rude and told me check-in wasn't for another two hours. The luggage storage was full so I couldn't even leave my bag there while I went for a walk to the beach – which, by the way, is 15 minutes away and I got lost several times along the way. The facilities were basic and the pool needed a good clean. There were so many children that the hotel and surrounding areas were very noisy. Don't even get me started on the food! I definitely would not recommend.  
 ☆☆☆☆☆



LISTENING

**A PREDICT** You are going to listen to an interview with a travel blogger, Sara Daniels. What do you think a travel blogger does?

**B LISTEN FOR GIST** Listen to an extract of the interview. How would Sara summarise her job?

**C LISTEN FOR MAIN IDEAS** Listen to the full interview. Tick ✓ the topics that Sara mentions.

- Her favourite country
- A language she has learnt
- The reasons she likes her job
- The next country she would like to visit
- Her financial problems
- What her family think of her job
- Advertising for businesses
- What she does for fun in her free time
- Advice for potential travellers

**D LISTEN FOR KEY INFORMATION** Listen again and answer the questions.

Quick-fire questions

- How many years has Sara been writing her travel blog?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Why did Sara want to visit South America?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- According to Sara, how many countries have Spanish as their official language?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Where did Sara spend her year abroad during university?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What are some of the negatives of Sara's job?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What does Sara do to make her parents feel less worried?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How many years did it take for Sara to establish her brand?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Which businesses does Sara support?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E REFLECT** Think about the answers to these questions.

- Would you like to be a travel blogger?
- What question would you like to ask Sara?

Glossary

- downside (n)** a disadvantage or negative aspect of something
- locals (n)** people who live in a particular area
- spark (v)** to make someone feel something



## WRITING

- A** Read *Perfect Puglia*. Which of the places (A–C) would you most like to stay in?
- B** Read the brochure for these three places and match the headings (1–3) with each passage (A–C).
- 1 Wake up to the waves \_\_\_
  - 2 Immersed in culture \_\_\_
  - 3 Escape from reality \_\_\_
- C FRONT KEY INFORMATION** Read the brochure again. Match each piece of key information (1–6) with one of the passages (A–C).
- 1 The area is similar to the Maldives. \_\_\_
  - 2 It's quiet inside the apartment. \_\_\_
  - 3 The property is large. \_\_\_
  - 4 You can observe the daily lives of the locals. \_\_\_
  - 5 It's located in-land. \_\_\_
  - 6 It's close to the beach. \_\_\_

## WRITING PRACTICE

- A PREPARE** You are going to write a brochure advertising places to visit in your local area (or an area you know well). Make notes on the following.
- Which attractions could they visit?
  - Who would enjoy them?
  - Why should they be visited?
  - How long should they stay?
- B PLAN** Organise your notes from Exercise A into a plan for a brochure.
- C WRITE** Write your brochure in 200–250 words. Use your plan to help you.
- D EDIT** Edit your brochure. Check:
- spelling and punctuation
  - an appropriate structure has been used.

# Perfect Puglia

*Thinking of booking a holiday to fight off the winter blues? Why not try the beautiful region of Puglia in Italy? Check out these three amazing properties.*

- A** Situated in-land in Noci, away from the hustle and bustle of the city, this stunning four-bedroom villa is perfect for a bit of peace and quiet. The spacious property is nestled between vineyards and olive groves, giving it a real Italian charm. The large, traditional kitchen means that this is an ideal place for groups of friends or a family. There is also the option to hire a chef for the week at an additional cost, if you want the ultimate relaxing experience without lifting a finger. The most impressive part of this property is its private swimming pool. Hours can be spent basking in the sunshine hearing only the sound of the birds, before taking a dip to cool off.
- B** Want a real Italian experience? What better way than to spend your trip right in the centre of the old town of Bari. Here you will find the locals going about their everyday business, making the traditional 'orecchiette' pasta on the streets or hanging out their washing. Hear the buzz of Vespas weaving around the winding streets and the melodic Italian voices chatting. You may even hear some local music playing gently from the open doors of a local bar. But don't worry, the windows of this apartment are soundproofed, so you can still get a good night's sleep. The apartment contains a kitchen, two bedrooms, a living area and a shower room. There is also a large terrace to give you a bird's-eye view of what's going on below.
- C** Known as the Maldives of Italy, the stretch of beach in Salento is an idyllic spot for a beach house. Indeed, many locals travel to their summer houses in this area during July and August to escape the heat of the city. Just 500 metres from the white sandy beach and crystal clear turquoise sea, this property is the ideal getaway. You can even hear the waves from the master bedroom and watch the sunrise from the balcony. An outdoor storage space is perfect for hanging up any items you have taken with you to the beach. There are also two bathrooms and two bedrooms, along with a pull-out bed in the living room. You can spend hours at the beach, visit some of the local lido bars and relax at the beach house in the evenings. It sounds heavenly.

