

Mike's Adventure in Macau

Spring is always a great time for travelling. Last spring holidays, I planned a trip with my friend Alex to Macau and Hong Kong. They are small islands near southern China.

Alex and I took a flight from Beijing to Macau. The flight was short and not tiring. When we arrived in Macau, we had to take a taxi to the hotel. It was a pleasant hotel with a swimming pool and several restaurants. We could see the ocean from our hotel room window.

On our first day, we travelled around the small island of Macau and saw many old buildings, temples and very famous old churches. I was happy to see ancient things there.

The next day, Alex and I decided to take a boat to Hong Kong. It's a big city with a large mountain. The weather was not good, so we just walked around the city and ate 'dim sum', a Chinese delicious food, at a nice restaurant.

On our final day, we visited the Macau Tower which is one of the attractive landmarks there. We took a lift to the sightseeing level where we admired the splendid scenery. In the evening, we got on an airplane and returned to Beijing.

It was a very relaxing holiday, and I hope to visit Macau and Hong Kong again in the future.

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Part One: (14 pts.)

A/ Reading Comprehension: (07pts.)

Read the text carefully and do the following activities.

Activity One: Read the following statements and write 'True', 'False' or 'Not mentioned', (03pts.)

- 1- Mike and Alex travelled in summer.
- 2- The flight was very expensive.
- 3- They sailed from Macau to Hong Kong on the second day.

Activity Two: Answer the following questions. (02pts.)

- 1- What did Mike and Alex see in Macau?
- 2- Did they fly back to Beijing on the last day?

Activity Three: Match each word with its appropriate definition. (02pts.)

Words	Definitions
1- holiday	a- a building where people pay to spend the night.
2- flight	b- travelling by plane.
3- trip	c- a journey to a place and back again.
4- hotel	d- a period of time spent out of work or school.

B/ Mastery of Language: (07pts.)

Activity One: Correct the underlined mistakes. (02pts.)

I prefere travelling buy boat becose boats are cheaper than plans.

Activity Two: Rewrite the following passage using the suitable tense. (03pts.)

The Algerian Sahara (1) ... (to be) fascinating. Last spring holidays, my friend and I Tamenrasset. We ____ (3) ____ (to watch) the amazing sunset at the 'Assekrem'. We (4) the opportunity to discover the beauty of Algeria. We (5) ... (not to forget) to explore Its paintings (6) ____ (to be) painted centuries ago.

Activity Three: In each list, pick out the word with a different vowel sound. (02pts)

Example:

Chinese - see - *great* - sea. —→ great

- 1- they - take - plan - day
- 2- hotel - boat - old - saw
- 3- lift - time - final - nice
- 4- trip - flight - big - city

Part Two: Situation of Integration: (06pts.)

Algeria is a vast and attractive country. You are fascinated by its beauty and richness. Last you wanted to explore it. You visited a beautiful region. You decided to share your experie about the places you visited to be published in the 'ITF' website: 'International Travel Forur Write a report of this trip in which you mention:

- departure / destination / stopovers.
- places of interest (landmarks and monuments).
- different activities / your feelings.

Part One: (14 pts.)

A/ Reading Comprehension: (07 pts.)

Activity One: Read the following statements and write 'True', 'False' or 'Not mentioned'. (03 pts.)

- 1. Mike and Alex travelled in summer. (False) --- (In the text: "Last spring holidays")**
- 2. The flight was very expensive. (Not mentioned)**
- 3. They sailed from Macau to Hong Kong on the second day. (True) --- (In the text: "The next day, Alex and I decided to take a boat to Hong Kong")**

Activity Two: Answer the following questions. (02 pts.)

- 1. What did Mike and Alex see in Macau?**
 - o Answer: They saw many old buildings, temples and very famous old churches. (Also accepted: They saw the ocean from their hotel room window / the Macau Tower).**
- 2. Did they fly back to Beijing on the last day?**
 - o Answer: Yes, they did. (In the text: "we got on an airplane and returned to Beijing").**

Activity Three: Match each word with its appropriate definition. (02 pts.)

- 1- holiday \rightarrow d- a period of time spent out of work or school.**
- 2- flight \rightarrow b- travelling by plane.**
- 3- trip \rightarrow c- a journey to a place and back again.**
- 4- hotel \rightarrow a- a building where people pay to spend the night.**

B/ Mastery of Language: (07 pts.)

Activity One: Correct the underlined mistakes. (02 pts.)

- The incorrect sentence: I prefere travelling buy boat becose boats are cheaper than plans.**
- The correct sentence: I prefer travelling by boat because boats are cheaper than planes.**

Activity Two: Rewrite the following passage using the suitable tense. (03 pts.)

The Algerian Sahara (1) is (*also accepted: was*) fascinating. Last spring holidays, my friend and I [went] to Tamenrasset. We (3) watched the amazing sunset at the 'Assekrem'. We (4) [had] the opportunity to discover the beauty of Algeria. We (5) will not forget (*also accepted: cannot forget / did not forget*) to explore its paintings (6) were painted centuries ago.

Activity Three: In each list, pick out the word with a different vowel sound. (02 pts.)

1. they - take - plan - day (*The odd word is plan /æ/ sound*)
2. hotel - boat - old - saw (*The odd word is saw /ɔ:/ sound*)
3. lift - time - final - nice (*The odd word is lift /ɪ/ sound*)
4. trip - flight - big - city (*The odd word is flight /aɪ/ sound*)

Part Two: Situation of Integration: (06 pts.)

تقرير رحلة إلى مكان سياحي بالجزائر) تعبير كتابي مقترح (ITF website):

Last winter holidays, I decided to go on an unforgettable trip to Ghardaia, a stunning city in the Algerian valley of M'zab. I started my journey from Algiers by bus, making a short stopover in Laghouat to rest and have lunch.

When I arrived, I was absolutely fascinated by its unique architecture and richness. I visited several ancient places of interest, such as the traditional market (Souk) and the historical minaret of the mosque. I took many beautiful pictures of the old houses built on the hills. During the trip, I tasted the delicious local dates, bought some traditional handmade carpets, and talked with the friendly local people.

I felt extremely happy and proud of the rich cultural heritage of my country. It was a very relaxing holiday, and I highly recommend visiting this amazing destination.