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YOUR TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### REGIONAL: 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

#### 1. Complete the sentences. Use a word related to travel. You must not repeat the same word more than once.

1. You need to be in shape if you plan to do the 4-week Annapurna \_\_\_\_\_ in Nepal.
2. It was a very long \_\_\_\_\_ so we decided to take the night train and get some sleep.
3. I recommend a bus \_\_\_\_\_ of the city. Then you'll see all the sights in one day.
4. The students organised a very difficult 3-day \_\_\_\_\_ for charity in the Scottish Highlands. Only three students completed it.
5. We went for a relaxing \_\_\_\_\_ around the old part of the city.
6. The company are sending my dad on a 6-day business \_\_\_\_\_ to New York with all expenses paid.
7. My \_\_\_\_\_ to college takes 2 hours by car because the traffic is very heavy.
8. How was your \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris? Did you see the city, or did you have to study all the time?
9. I live near the university, so I go to work on foot – it's only a 20 minute \_\_\_\_\_.
10. This summer my family are \_\_\_\_\_ to the west of Ireland to see some relatives there.

Points: \_\_ / 10

#### 2. Use the word in bold to complete the second sentence so that it is similar in meaning to the first sentence.

**Example:** There was an excellent view from their hotel room. **they**  
\_\_\_\_\_ an excellent view from their hotel room.  
They had an excellent view from their hotel room.

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1. It was the first time she'd travelled on her own and she was feeling a bit nervous. **travelled**  
She \_\_\_\_\_ on her own before and she was feeling a bit nervous.
2. The video camera was stolen because they left it in the car. **left**  
If they \_\_\_\_\_ the video camera in the car it wouldn't have got stolen.
3. I'd love to have more time to travel. **wish**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ more time to travel.
4. The only thing that's stopping me going abroad this year is money. **enough**  
If \_\_\_\_\_ money I'd go abroad this year.
5. It was Ben's second trip to the Pyrenees Mountains, but Betty had never visited the Pyrenees. **been**  
Ben \_\_\_\_\_ Pyrenees Mountains once before, but Betty had never visited the Pyrenees.

Points \_\_\_ / 10

**3. Read the article then answer the questions on the next page.**

Any serious walker or hiker has visited or wants to visit the Pyrenees Mountains. This is a place where you can see beautiful mountains, green valleys and incredible waterfalls. The Pyrenees rise almost to 3,500 metres. They form a natural barrier between the Iberian Peninsula and France. The valleys are heavily forested and there are sharp rocky ridges on either side of the chain. You'll find language and cultures are distinct, on the eastern ends you'll hear more Basque and Catalan than Spanish or French. Most walkers or hikers prefer the areas near Barcelona because the weather is better and there are some good bus tours leaving from that city.

One of the most popular places is the magnificent Ordesa National Park where various trails can be done along the canyon that gives the park its name. Further east is the Aigües Tortes National Park which, loosely translated, means Twisted Waters. A trek up to the various refuges that sit below the intimidating peaks will take you along forest trails that thread their way between these lovely sparkling pools.

A good place to visit is the popular holiday village of Benasque in Aragón where cobbled streets wind between old stone buildings. The village is squeezed between two mountain massifs. On one side is the second highest peak Posets while on the other is the highest; Aneto at 3,440 metres.

From Benasque a good trek takes you along the route up the Estos valley which could possibly claim to be one of the most beautiful valleys in the Pyrenees. On either side are high 3,000-metre peaks while the deep valley floor is covered with a mixture of pine and beech forest interspersed with lush meadows of lilies. This is a good place to spot some Pyrenean wildlife including marmots, bearded vultures and the elusive pine marten.



**A. Answer the following questions:**

1. What makes the Pyrenees such a good place to go to? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What can you see while trekking in Ordesa Park? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is special about Bidasoa for the visitor? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why would it be a good idea to trek along the Estos Valley? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why would someone who likes animals and flora enjoy a trek in this valley? \_\_\_\_\_

**Points: \_\_ / 5**

**B. Find words in the text that mean:**

1. a long pole, fence, wall or natural feature, such as a mountain or sea, that stops people from going somewhere or divides something  
(*paragraph 1*) \_\_\_\_\_
2. making you feel frightened or nervous (*paragraph 2*) \_\_\_\_\_
3. liked, enjoyed or supported by many people (*paragraph 3*) \_\_\_\_\_
4. a combination of different substances, or any combination of different things (*paragraph 4*) \_\_\_\_\_
5. difficult to describe, find, achieve or remember (*paragraph 4*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Points: \_\_ / 5**

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**C. Now write definitions for these words / expressions from the text.**

1. Intimidating peaks \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sharp rocky edges \_\_\_\_\_
3. Heavily forested \_\_\_\_\_
4. Loosely translated \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lush meadows \_\_\_\_\_

Points: \_\_ / 5

**4. Use the words and phrases below to complete the text.**

reached    way    headed for    left    got    journey    on the way to    making our way    arrive    make

We left London early in the evening and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Portsmouth, where we were going to get the overnight ferry to Le Havre. We (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Portsmouth before 8.30 and made our (3) \_\_\_\_\_ towards the ferry terminal. When we (4) \_\_\_\_\_ there we were informed that our ferry had been delayed. It eventually (5) \_\_\_\_\_ at one in the morning, but we didn't mind because we were finally (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the French Pyrenees.

When we arrived on the French side we went straight to a hotel, had a quick bite to eat and went to bed. We set off early the next morning. We wanted to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ good time to get near our final destination so we could stop for lunch without worrying about a long (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of us, which we did. When we were (9) \_\_\_\_\_ there we got a puncture and had to put on the spare tyre, but we still managed to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ at the mountain cabin by nightfall.

Points: \_\_ / 5



