

Grammar | verb patterns (1)

2 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- The agency advises tourists *to take/taking/take* traveller's cheques rather than cash.
- We look forward to *meet/meeting/have met* you in June.
- My parents always encouraged me *that/write/writing/ to write* down my thoughts.
- After graduating, Louise thought *of travel/of travelling/ to travel* for a year, but decided against it.
- Mark recommended *ride/her to ride/riding* a bicycle as a good way to get fit.
- They couldn't afford *to waste/that they waste/wasting* time on trivial matters.
- I would urge *to reconsider/you to reconsider/ you reconsider* the offer before it's too late.
- We've avoided *to do/that we do/doing* anything too dangerous so far.
- I object *I have to/to having to/I have to* pay for my own travel to these conferences.
- Chiara persuaded *us that we go/us go/us to go* on a boat trip with her.

3 Complete the article below with the correct form of verbs from the box. Add extra words where necessary.

change hear make find object take live
advise think afford

Culture shock

Those people thinking (1) _____ abroad will face a number of challenges including communication difficulties and settling in to a new community. But perhaps the biggest challenge is culture shock. You may find yourself (2) _____ to everything about the host culture: the way the people drive, queue, greet you, their habits and attitudes towards everything around you such as litter and personal space. This is common. People cannot avoid (3) _____ that their own culture does things 'the right way'. Everything else is therefore wrong. We urge you (4) _____ your mindset. There are no cultural rights or wrongs, only differences. What's more, if you're committed to staying in a foreign country for more than a few days, you can't (5) _____ be critical of everything around you. It'll make your life miserable.

The greatest divider of nations is ignorance, and so the first solution is knowledge. We recommend that you (6) _____ as much as you can about the host culture before you arrive – its customs, people, priorities and manners. When you've done your homework, if you really can't imagine (7) _____ a new life there, go somewhere else.

We also encourage you (8) _____ the attitude that diversity is interesting. No one would really want to live in a world in which every culture is the same, so we'd (9) _____ to observe and enjoy the differences. Eventually you will come to accept them.

We look forward (10) _____ from you about your experiences.

How to... | give advice/make recommendations about places

4 Match the sentence beginnings (1–10) with the endings (a–j).

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| 1 The Taj Mahal really is a must- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Disney World is superb value | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The hotel is nice, but it's | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Everyone says the museum is amazing, but in my view it's not | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 If I were you, I'd | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 You should try | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Make sure | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Watch out | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 One thing to be wary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Whatever you do, don't | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- a for mosquitoes and take your malaria pills.
b backpacking because it's cheap.
c of is the number of pickpockets.
d see because it's so beautiful.
e all it's cracked up to be.
f go in April when isn't too hot.
g miss the textiles market.
h a bit overpriced.
i you go to the Eiffel Tower.
j for money.

Vocabulary | communities

5 Complete the paragraph below with words from the box.

traffic cosmopolitan rate
vibrant areas standard
infrastructure levels life mild

The best thing about my city is the high (1) _____ of living. It's a thriving community; there aren't high (2) _____ of unemployment and the crime (3) _____ is low. Another good thing is the cultural (4) _____. There are lots of art galleries, cinemas and theatres, and there's also quite a (5) _____ nightlife with several good nightclubs and bars.

The city centre is very busy and there is some (6) _____ congestion during the day. The transport (7) _____ has improved but a lot of people still use cars. It's safe to walk around, though there are one or two no-go (8) _____ in the suburbs. The (9) _____ climate means you can stroll around and see people in the street cafés for ten months of the year. There are people from all over the world – it's a very (10) _____ city.