



Student worksheet: Skimming travel information

Below are six texts which you are going to skim read. Once you have read the texts, give each one an appropriate heading, then answer the questions.

Paragraph A

Read the text and add an appropriate heading.

Heading: _____

Today, many people prefer to travel independently. Firstly, they decide where they want to go and then think about the details, such as how long they want to stay, where they want to stay, how they will get there, how much it will cost, when they will go and what they need to take.

Answer the following questions

1. How do people like to travel these days? _____
2. What do they decide on first? _____
3. How many other details are mentioned in the text? _____

Paragraph B

Read the text and add an appropriate heading.

Heading: _____

The time you go depends on what you want to do. For example, if you want to do outdoor activities such as walking, cycling or canoeing then you need to choose a time when the weather is dry. If you prefer a more relaxed holiday spent sunbathing and swimming then the weather should not be too hot.

Answer the following questions

1. What does the time you go depend on? _____
2. What are some examples of outdoor activities? _____
3. What do you do on a relaxing holiday? _____

Paragraph C

Read the text and add an appropriate heading.

Heading: _____

Most people take too much when they travel – travelling light is the key! Remember you will have to carry it and heavy luggage soon becomes a nightmare. Take enough clothes (but not too many), a towel, soap, shampoo and your travel documents and money.

Answer the following questions

1. What do most people take when they travel? _____
2. What is the best solution? _____
3. Which six items should you take with you? _____

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Paragraph D

Read the text and add an appropriate heading.

Heading:

Monalos is a lively, noisy place, suitable for young people and those who do not like peace and quiet. The information centre is in the main street (number 50, High Street), and their phone number is 324-5698. They are open every day from 10am to 8pm except Sundays when they are open from 1pm to 4pm.

Answer the following questions

1. What is the address of the information centre?
2. What is their phone number?
3. What time are they open on Fridays?
4. What time do they close on Sundays?

Paragraph E

Read the text and add an appropriate heading.

Heading: Some interesting

The area covers over 2,000 miles and has around 100,000 inhabitants. The coastline is over 500 miles long and there are 54 islands, 22 of which are inhabited. The highest mountain is 3,007ft, and the deepest lake is 700ft below sea level.

Answer the following questions

1. How large is the area?
2. How many people live there?
3. How long is the coastline?
4. How many islands do people live on?
5. What is the highest point?
6. What is the lowest point?

Paragraph F

Look at the following temperature chart and find the answers.

Average temperatures and rainfall

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Monalos												
Centigrade/ Fahrenheit	6/43	7/45	9/48	11/52	14/57	16/61	17/63	17/63	15/59	12/5	9/48	7/45
Millimetres	146	109	83	90	72	63	55	22	36	47	120	132
Inches	5.8	4.3	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.8	0.9	1.2	1.6	4.0	5.2

1. What is the average temperature in September in Centigrade?
2. How much rain falls in February in millimetres?
3. How many inches of rain fall in May?
4. What is the average temperature in August in Fahrenheit?

Answers: Skimming travel information

Suggested headings

Paragraph A – Planning a trip

Paragraph B – When to go

Paragraph C – What to take

Paragraph D – Information on Monalos

Paragraph E – Possible answers – facts, information, details...

Paragraph A

1. Independently
2. Where they want to go
3. Six other details are mentioned in the text (how long they want to stay, where they want to stay, how they will get there, how much it will cost, when they will go, and what they need to take).

Paragraph B

1. What you want to do
2. Walking, cycling, canoeing
3. Sunbathing and swimming

Paragraph C

1. Too much
2. Travel light
3. Clothes, a towel, soap, shampoo, travel documents, money

Paragraph D

1. Number 50, High Street
2. 324-5698
3. From 10am to 8pm
4. 4pm

Paragraph E

1. 2,000 miles
2. 100,000 people
3. over 500 miles long
4. 22
5. 3,007ft
6. 700ft below sea level

Paragraph F

1. 15
2. 109
3. 2.8
4. 63