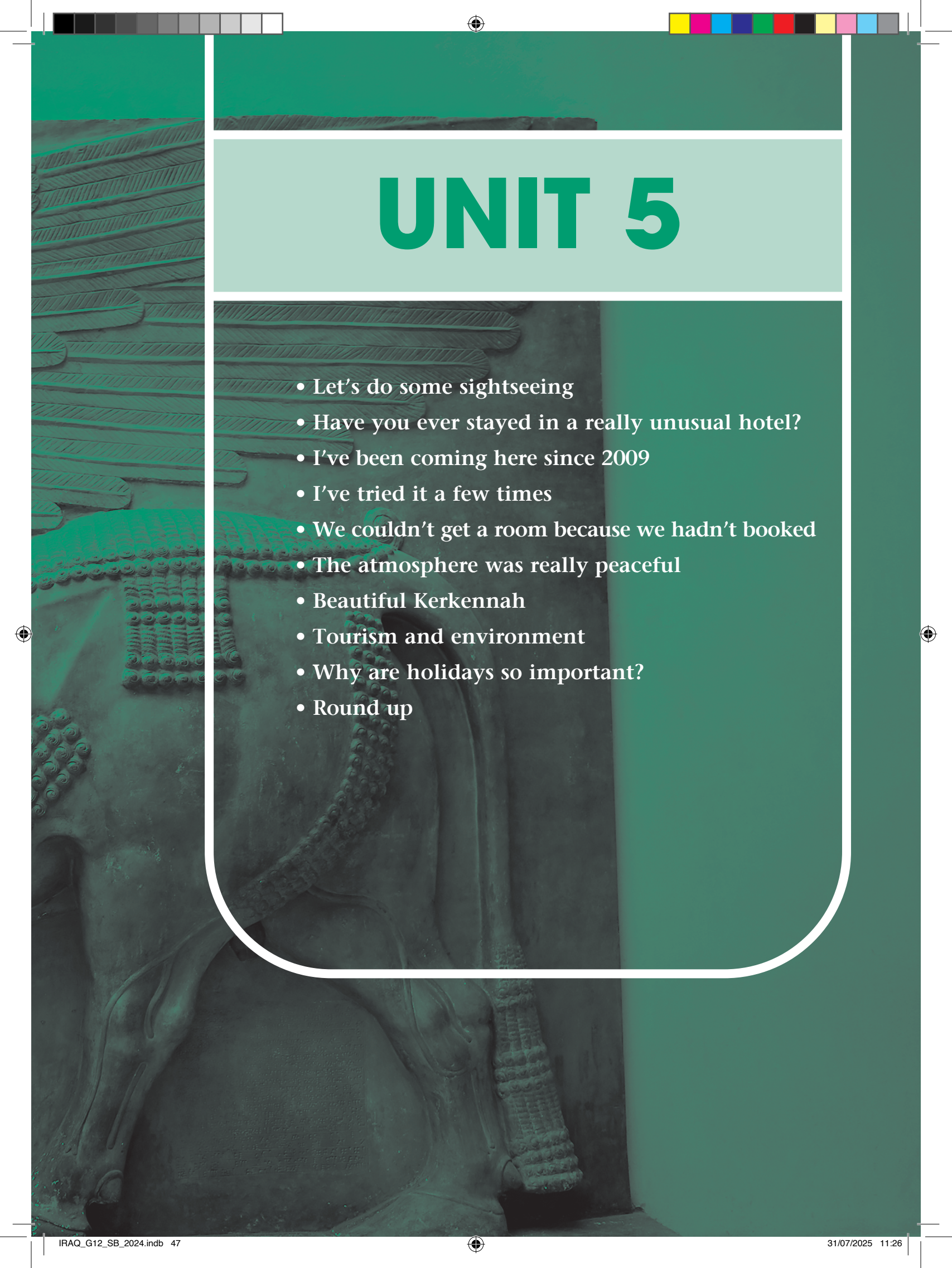




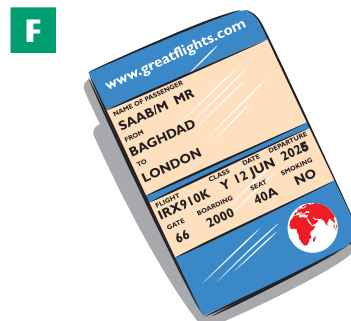
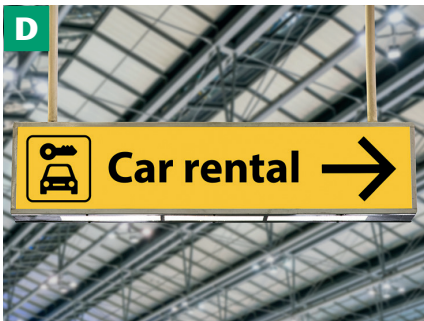
UNIT 5

- Let's do some sightseeing
- Have you ever stayed in a really unusual hotel?
- I've been coming here since 2009
- I've tried it a few times
- We couldn't get a room because we hadn't booked
- The atmosphere was really peaceful
- Beautiful Kerkennah
- Tourism and environment
- Why are holidays so important?
- Round up

Unit 5

Lesson 1
AB 86-87

Let's do some sightseeing



1 **AB** Make compound nouns by matching the words in the two columns.

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 boarding <u>card</u> | apartment |
| 2 travel _____ | agency |
| 3 five-star _____ | <u>card</u> |
| 4 package _____ | deal |
| 5 packed _____ | front |
| 6 ski _____ | lunch |
| 7 car _____ | resort |
| 8 self-catering _____ | seeing |
| 9 sight _____ | hotel |
| 10 sea _____ | hire |

2 **AB** Match some of the compound words above with pictures A-F.

3 Now do Exercise A in the Activity Book.

4 Read the dialogue on the right. Find the compound noun.

5 Now do Exercises B and C in the Activity Book.

Do you have anything to declare?



Have you ever stayed in a really unusual hotel?

Unit

5

Lesson 2
AB 88-89

1  Choose the correct ending for each quiz question.

The crazy tourist quiz

- 1 ☒ d Have you ever stayed in a really unusual hotel?
- 2 ☐ Have you ever camped on _____
- 3 ☐ Have you ever flown in a _____
- 4 ☐ Have you ever been sightseeing in an _____
- 5 ☐ Have you ever been cheated _____
- 6 ☐ Have you ever lost your _____
- 7 ☐ What's the best holiday destination _____
- 8 ☐ What's the strangest food _____

- a you've ever eaten abroad?
- b by a taxi driver?
- c helicopter?
- d ~~in a really unusual hotel?~~
- e you've ever been to?
- f open-top bus?
- g a beach?
- h passport while on holiday?



2 Take turns asking and answering the quiz questions. Then do Exercises A and B in the Activity Book.



Have you ever stayed in a really unusual hotel?

Yes, I have. I stayed in the Four Seasons Hotel in Cairo. It's unbelievably luxurious.



No, I've never stayed anywhere really unusual. But I stayed in a really horrible hotel in New York.



3 Now do Exercise C in the Activity Book.

1 Read the article and answer the questions.

- a How long has Steve Harper been coming to Iraq?
- b How many times has he visited the country?
- c How long has Safar Tours been organizing tours?
- d How long has Steve known Ahmed?
- e How long has Safar Tours had their office on Al Sa'doon Street?
- f How long has Steve been in Iraq so far on this visit?
- g What has he been doing since finishing his business?

The happy traveller



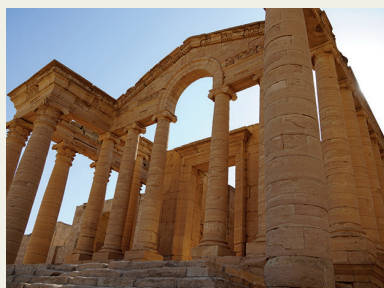
This week Steve Harper tells us about his favourite Iraqi tour company, Safar Tours.

I've been coming to Iraq on business since 2009. In fact, in all I've visited this country 15 times now, and I still thoroughly enjoy my trips here. I usually extend my stay by a couple of extra days because one of the things I love doing here is going on excursions and doing some sightseeing. That's how I discovered Safar Tours, which is one of Iraq's longest established travel companies. In fact, Safar Tours have been organizing trips and excursions for over 30 years.

Ahmed Salim is the owner and manager of Safar Tours. I've known him for three years now, and I can honestly say that all his tours have most definitely lived up to my expectations. I have never been disappointed in any way by any of the tours he has organized for me. I've been on trips to the desert, I have visited the castles in Zakho and the Hatra ruins and been to Babylon City three times already. And that's only to name a few!

Safar Tours was started by Ahmed's father, Salim, in 1976, in a little office in Al Rasheed Street. Over the years, the business has grown considerably, and they've moved offices several times. Since last July, they have had a very attractive modern office on Al Sa'doon Street.

I arrived here last Monday. So, I've now been in Iraq for eight days. Since Thursday, when I finished my business, I have been going on tours around the country. I could never have achieved so much without the help of Ahmed Salim at Safar Tours. I certainly wouldn't hesitate to recommend this company to anyone considering an extended stay in Iraq.

**2** Now do Exercises A to C in the Activity Book.

I've tried it a few times

Unit

5

Lesson 4
AB 92-93

1 Listen to the dialogue and fill in the gaps with the correct words.

Katie: Hi, Muna. What are you doing with all those holiday _____¹?

Muna: Oh, I'm just doing a bit of research on holiday deals in Thailand. Have you ever _____² there?

Katie: Yes. We had a family holiday there a _____³ of years ago.

Muna: So which places did you go to?

Katie: Well, we spent a week in Bangkok to get a flavour of the city life and then two weeks on the _____⁴ in Phuket.

Muna: I'm sure that was beautiful!

Katie: It was amazing! I really enjoyed it. Well, we all did. There was something for _____⁵.

Muna: We're looking for a _____⁶ deal.

Katie: That's a good way to do it. At least you know where you're going and what you're doing. And it often works out _____⁷ in the long run. Have you found one yet?

Muna: No, but there are two or three that look really good. Which hotel did you stay at in Bangkok?

Katie: We stayed at the Golden Palace for the first two nights. Then we moved on to the Marriott. The service was _____⁸ in both of them.

Muna: And what did you think of Thai food?

Katie: Oh, it's delicious. Haven't you ever tried it?

Muna: I had green curry once. I really didn't like it.

Katie: Why not?

Muna: It nearly burnt a hole in my _____⁹!



2 Find examples of the present perfect and the past simple in the conversation.

3 Now do Exercises A to E in the Activity Book.

Unit 5

Lesson 5
AB 94-95

We couldn't get a room because we hadn't booked

1 Match the sentence halves.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 We couldn't get a room | a because I had already been there twice. |
| 2 I couldn't board the plane | b because I had lost my boarding card. |
| 3 She was nervous on the plane | c because we'd left our driving licences behind. |
| 4 The airline company gave me a new suitcase | d because mine had been damaged on the plane. |
| 5 I didn't go on the excursion to Khor Al Zubeir in Basra | e because our room hadn't been cleaned. |
| 6 We complained to the manager | f because it had changed so much. |
| 7 We couldn't hire a car | g because she hadn't flown before. |
| 8 I didn't recognize the place | h because we hadn't booked. |

2 Match five of the sentences with the pictures.



3 Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

The atmosphere was really peaceful

Unit

5

Lesson 6
AB 96–97

1 Scan the text about a holiday in Tunisia. Find one piece of information about each of the following:

- the journey
- the hotel
- the food
- the activities

Travel Magazine

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My cousin and I have recently returned from a wonderful fortnight in the Tunisian Kerkennah Islands. It was a package deal and cost us £300. This included the flight from London to Sfax, bus transfers to and from Sfax airport and the ferry to and from the island. The accommodation was in a three-star hotel with breakfast and dinner every day. The cost even included entertainment in the evenings. I couldn't believe how cheap it was!

From Sfax airport we were taken to the ferry port, where we boarded a rather old ferry! It took us across to the islands, which looked really beautiful in the evening sun. We were delighted that our hotel overlooked the beach and was just a short walk away. Although not very luxurious, it was a really pleasant two-storey building that was set in an attractive garden with its own swimming pool and tennis courts. Our room had its own private bathroom and balcony with a spectacular view of the calm, blue Mediterranean Sea. The atmosphere was really peaceful – that's what I really liked.

The food was exceptionally good. There was a self-service buffet in the dining room with a variety of dishes, both regional and international. You could eat as much as you wanted! Breakfast consisted of fruit, cereal, eggs, cakes, bread, honey, olives and cheese. There was a different selection of dishes for supper every night, and there was a lot of great seafood. I loved the octopus, which is a speciality in Kerkennah.

We weren't bored for a moment. One day, we hired a taxi and went on a tour of the island. We saw the villages where the fishermen catch octopus in clay pots. Another day we went for

a camel ride on the beach, and we even hired surfboards from the hotel and learnt to windsurf. We also went for a ride in a donkey cart and toured some villages. What really impressed me was the hospitality of the local people. Several islanders invited us into their homes for mint tea and cakes. We also took the ferry back to the mainland to see the magnificent Roman theatre at El Jem. Something else that we really enjoyed was the free entertainment in the hotel after supper. One evening, a fakir and his team gave an incredible display of lying on a bed of nails and glass, walking over hot coals, breathing fire and letting scorpions walk all over their faces! We shall certainly never forget that holiday.

Anna Johnson, Reading, Berkshire



2 Now do Exercises A to E in the Activity Book.

1 Read these sentences and find the relative clause in each one.

BEAUTIFUL KERKENNAH



☀ Kerkennah is the name of a group of islands that are situated off the east coast of Tunisia.



☀ The main two islands are Chergui and Gharbi, which are both inhabited.

☀ The islands are reached by a ferry that operates throughout the year.

☀ The most famous beach is Mkaren Klifa, where the water is an incredibly clear blue.



☀ There are many colourful festivals, which are a great attraction for tourists.

☀ A famous son of Kerkennah was Hedi Berkhissa, who was also known as Balha. Hedi, who was a world-class footballer, died during a match in Tunis.



☀ Kerkennah is an ideal place for tourists who want a quiet and peaceful holiday in beautiful surroundings.

2  Are these relative clauses defining (D) or non-defining (ND)? Discuss it in pairs.

3 Now do Exercises A to C in the Activity Book.

1 Read Basim's notes and his final essay. What points from his notes did he use?

Pros	Cons
• money supports preservation	• waste > water pollution
• encourages locals to preserve	• too many tourists > damage ecosystem
• visitors realize we need to preserve	• greenhouse gases from planes
• earn more about local culture	• tourist facilities use land where animals live

The pros and cons of tourism for the environment

Tourism is a key part of the global economy, bringing many benefits to destinations. However, it also has a strong impact on the environment, which can be both positive and negative. Understanding these effects is important for promoting sustainable tourism. This essay explores the pros and cons of tourism for the environment, highlighting the need for a balanced approach.

One of the main benefits of tourism for the environment is the economic support it provides to help preserve the destinations. Many popular tourist destinations are natural parks, wildlife reserves and other protected areas, and the money generated from tourism can be used to preserve them. Additionally, tourism can raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment. When tourists visit beautiful natural areas, they often develop a greater awareness for nature and support environmental protection.

However, tourism also has significant negative impacts on the environment. One major issue is pollution. The influx of tourists can lead to increased waste and, consequently, water pollution. Additionally, the construction of hotels, resorts and other tourist facilities can result in habitat destruction and loss of biodiversity.

In conclusion, tourism has both positive and negative effects on the environment. It can provide support for conservation and raise environmental awareness, but it can also cause pollution and habitat destruction. To maximize the benefits and minimize the issues, it is essential that we promote sustainable tourism practices and educate all those involved. Only then we can make sure that tourism continues to grow without affecting the health of our planet. That way, we can continue to appreciate natural wonders around the world for many generations to come.

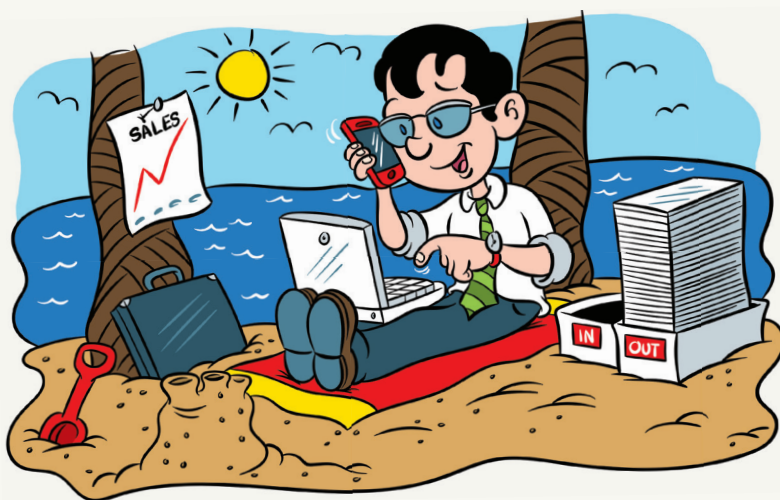
2 Now do Exercises A to C in the Activity Book.

Why are holidays so important?

1 In groups, discuss the title and picture. What do you think the text will be about?

2 Skim the text and match the headings with the correct paragraphs.

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 What stress can do | 4 Time to relax is important |
| 2 A change can do you good | 5 Too busy to leave work |
| 3 Time for others | |



D People like this risk hurting not only their health but their personal relationships, too. Everyone needs to spend time with family or friends, and this time needs to be more than the occasional snatched hour here or there. People who are close to us need to know that we care about them. Giving them a significant amount of our time is how we show this. Holiday time can give us this opportunity.

A Today it is more important than ever to ensure that we take enough breaks and holidays. Life is so fast, and we spend such a large part of our time working hard that we really need to take sufficient time out. If we don't, the pressure of life can affect both our physical and mental health.

B The stress of modern life can cause severe problems. It can cause high blood pressure, which can then cause strokes and heart attacks. It also has an effect on our minds. If we are always on the move, we don't always notice how far we push our bodies. We don't eat regular meals, we don't get enough

sleep, and our free time is often interrupted by phone calls. The human body cannot continue like this indefinitely. Both brain and body need a break. If we push them too far, they will eventually let us down.

C There are more and more 'workaholics' these days who think that their work is too important to leave in the hands of others. These people cannot bear to be away from the office for more than a few hours. They put off taking holidays or breaks because there is always another deadline or another deal around the corner. They often discover too late that there is more to life than work.

E Holidays are important for everyone, not just the businessman. We all need a change of scene and a change of pace. We need to relax and take our minds off work, school, the house or whatever problems are worrying us at the time. It doesn't matter whether we choose to spend this time lying on a beach, trekking through rainforests or sightseeing. What is important is the change. A change of routine often helps us to look at our own lives in a different way. Holidays are vital to our general well-being. And leaving the mobile phone switched off. That is vital, too!

3 Now do Exercises A to E in the Activity Book.

 Here are some of the things you practised in Unit 5. Discuss each item with a partner. Take it in turns to give another example.

Using compound nouns to talk about travel

- I got a good **package deal** for our holiday.
- Our hotel was right at the **seafront**.

Using present perfect simple to talk about travel experiences

- I've never **been** to Europe.
- **Have** you ever **stayed** in a five-star hotel?

Using present perfect continuous to talk about longer actions

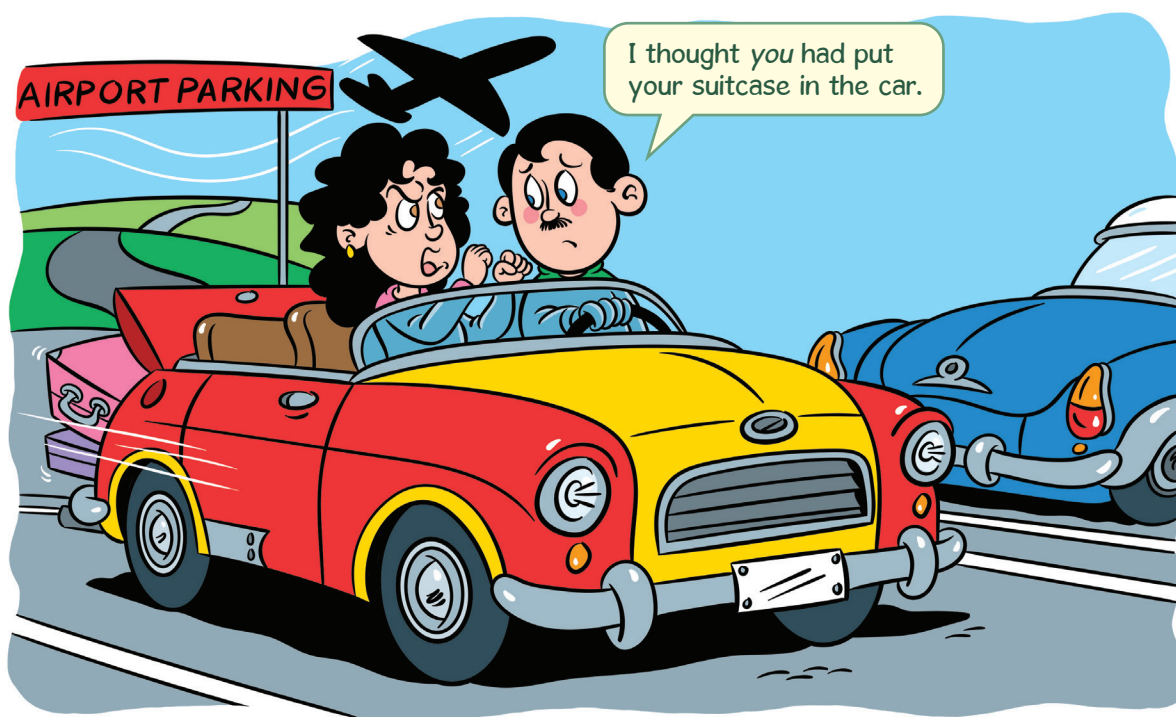
- She's **been travelling** for over a month now.
- How long **have** you **been watching** that travel documentary?

Using past perfect to express change due to past actions

- Things **had changed** a lot the second time we spent holidays there.
- It started raining the day after we **had arrived**.

Using relative clauses to describe things

- The resort **where we spent our holidays** had five swimming pools.
- The tour guide, **who was local**, showed us all around Karbala.



Now do Exercises A to E in the Activity Book.

