

A2 (easier, max 100 words)

A2 Text

Last weekend, I visited a small coastal town with my family. The weather was sunny and warm, so we went to the beach in the morning. The sea was calm and the sand was soft. We built a sandcastle and then had a picnic. In the afternoon, we walked along the harbour and saw some boats. I really enjoyed the day because it was relaxing and fun.

Tasks — A2 (Glossary and Multiple-choice)

1. Glossary

Find the meaning of these words in the text:

- 1. coastal –
- 2. calm –
- 3. sandcastle –
- 4. harbour –
- 5. relaxing –

2. Multiple-choice

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D):

- 1. The weather was _____.
A) rainy B) cold C) sunny D) windy
- 2. They built a _____ on the beach.
A) house B) sandcastle C) boat D) tent
- 3. They had a _____ in the afternoon.
A) lunch B) picnic C) dinner D) snack

B1 (original text — unchanged)

B1 Text

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Tasks — B1 (Gap-fill and Comprehension)

1. Gap-fill

Complete the sentences with the correct words from the text.

- 1. We visited a small _____ town.
- 2. The weather was sunny and _____.
- 3. The sea was _____ and the sand was soft.
- 4. We built a _____ on the beach.
- 5. We saw some _____ at the harbour.

2. Comprehension

Answer the questions in full sentences.

- 1. Where did the family go last weekend?
- 2. What did they do in the morning?
- 3. What did they do in the afternoon?
- 4. How did the writer feel about the day?

B2 (harder, 180–200 words; include overwhelmed/overwhelming and fascinated/fascinating)

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What made the day even more special was the amazing view from the cliff. The coastline was beautiful, with clear blue water and small islands in the distance. I felt fascinated by the scenery, and I took lots of photos. At one point, I was a little overwhelmed by how much there was to see and do, but it was a good kind of overwhelmed. It was an unforgettable day, and I would love to visit again soon.

Tasks — B2 (Rewrite and Discussion)

1. Rewrite

Rewrite the following sentences using the words in brackets. Keep the meaning the same.

- 1. The view from the cliff was amazing. (fascinating)

- 2. I felt a bit stressed because there was so much to see. (overwhelmed)

- 3. The day was very exciting and enjoyable. (overwhelming)

2. Discussion

Answer the questions in full sentences.

- 1. What places do you like to visit on holiday? Why?
- 2. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by something? What was it?
- 3. What makes a day special for you?

Common speaking task for all levels

Speaking Task

Imagine you are planning a weekend trip with a friend. You need to choose between the beach, the mountains or a historical city. Discuss the options and decide where to go. Use some of the target adjectives (e.g. relaxing, exciting, beautiful, interesting, challenging, peaceful, amazing, crowded) in your conversation.

Check that the student uses the target adjectives correctly in their speaking.

Answer Key

A2 Answer Key

1. Glossary

- 1) coastal – near the sea 2) calm – not rough 3) sandcastle – castle made of sand
- 4) harbour – place where boats are kept 5) relaxing – calming

2. Multiple-choice

- 1) C 2) B 3) B

B1 Answer Key

1. Gap-fill

- 1) coastal 2) warm 3) calm 4) sandcastle 5) boats

2. Comprehension

- 1) The family went to a small coastal town. 2) They went to the beach and built a sandcastle.
- 3) They walked along the harbour and saw some boats. 4) The writer felt happy and relaxed.

B2 Answer Key

1. Rewrite

- 1) The view from the cliff was fascinating. 2) I felt a bit overwhelmed because there was so much to see.
- 3) The day was very overwhelming.

2. Discussion

- 1) Answers will vary. 2) Answers will vary. 3) Answers will vary.