Answers will vary. Students should give examples to support their answers.

WARM UP

Answer these questions with a partner:

1. Have you traveled much in your own country?
2. Have you traveled overseas?
3. Where would you like to travel to?
LESSON A

LISTENING

Answers will vary. Students should support their opinions with examples and reasons.

A. Read and think. Read the information below. Imagine you are going to travel somewhere. Would you rather couch surf or stay in a hostel?

Couch surfing or hostels?

CouchSurfing International is a social networking service for travelers in which hosts open their homes to travelers. Travelers stay with the hosts for free. In 2013, the site had over 5 million members in 200 countries.

A hostel is an inexpensive place to stay when you travel. Usually, you share a room, bathroom, and eating area with other travelers.
B. Listen for pros. Before you listen, read the sentences in the chart below. Can you guess the answers for 1 to 7? Then listen and check answers 1 to 4.

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<th>free</th>
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<td>Staying in a hostel</td>
<td>1. It's ___ cheap ___.</td>
<td>5. It's ___ noisy ___.</td>
<td>6. In some, you must stay ___ out ___ all day.</td>
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<td>2. It's a great way to ___ meet ___ people.</td>
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<td>Couch surfing</td>
<td>3. One of the main benefits: it's ___ free ___.</td>
<td>7. Sometimes you can only stay for a ___ short ___ time in someone's home.</td>
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<td>4. You can learn things and go places most ___ tourists ___ don't.</td>
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C. Listen for cons. Listen to the rest of the conversation. Check your answers for sentences 5 to 7.

D. Discuss with a partner. What are some other pros and cons of both kinds of accommodation?

One good thing about staying in a hostel is that you can meet lots of people.

That’s true, but you only meet other tourists, not locals.

**CONVERSATION**

A. Listen to the conversation.

A: Have you ever been anywhere interesting on vacation?
B: Yeah, last year I went to Paris.
A: Really? What was it like?
B: It was amazing!
A: What did you do there?
B: I saw the Eiffel Tower and ate a lot of French food.

Brazil
London
Thailand

great
interesting
fun

visited Rio de Janeiro / learned to surf
saw Buckingham Palace / went to the British Museum
stayed on an Island / learned to scuba dive

B. Practice with a partner. Use the words on the right.

C. Practice again. Talk about places you’ve been.
LESSON B

READING

A. Reading a map. Look at the map. It shows the route of travel writer Andrew Evans’ trip.

1. Where did the trip start and end?
   Washington, D.C., Marguerite Bay

2. How many countries did he travel through?
   a. 7  b. 14  c. 21

B. Scan for numbers. What do the numbers below mean?
   Scan the reading and match. Then read again and answer.

- 10,000 cents per kilometer in bus fare
- 1,102.60 miles traveled
- 7 number of buses Evans took
- 40 number of days Evans’ trip
- 42 total bus fare

Bus to Antarctica

Andrew Evans wanted to go to Antarctica all his life, but he didn’t want to go on a tour or spend a lot of money. He wanted a real adventure, so he went by bus. Actually, Evans bought buses to travel the 10,000 miles (16,093 km) from his home in Washington, D.C., to the city of Ushuaia at the bottom of South America. It took him 42 days and cost him $1,102.60 in total bus fares—about 7 cents a kilometer. From Ushuaia, he took a ship to Antarctica.

Evans traveled light; he brought a backpack with some clothes, his computer, and cameras. He took video and photos with a smartphone, and used Twitter to share his adventure in real time.

What did Evans learn from going by bus? “The bus took longer than I expected, but I got to see everything we miss when we travel by plane,” he wrote. “The changes from one place to another—and the real size of the continent—are so much more obvious when you ride together with other travelers.”
C. Sequencing. Andrew Evans sent hundreds of tweets (Twitter messages) on his trip. Put the tweets below in order from first (1) to last (6).

1. Boarded the first bus: Washington, D.C., metrobus S2 to metro center
   $1.35 ticket! I’m off!

2. Safely in Mexico at the Reynosa Bus Station: Bienvenido in Mexico!

3. About 12 miles from entrance to Panama Canal. Can’t believe how far I’ve
   come in just 2 weeks.

   Now repacking for tonight’s bus to the south of the country.

5. Been on the ship 18 hrs & it feels like I’m back in college: lots of learning,
   fun homework (take pictures), new friends, work hard/play hard.

6. Just set foot on Antarctica. My 7th continent & the end of my bus journey!

LISTENING

A. Listen for the main idea. Andrew Evans talks about his journey. Is he talking about the beginning or end of his journey? **the end of his journey**

B. Listen for details. Circle the words you hear.

“So I made it to Ushuaia. And there was the National Geographic Explorer—the ship’s bus) that I was going to take.

Two days later, we reached Antarctica. The weather was (beautiful horrible). It was snowing and I was (sad smiling) because that’s exactly how I wanted Antarctica to be—and I finally set foot on the Antarctic continent. I stood on this rock . . . and for a split second, I felt that joy of really doing something different and traveling in a way that was different, and achieving a far end of the world that not that many people get to go to.”

DISCUSSION

Talking about your dream holiday. Where would you like to go? What would you like to do? Tell a partner. Use the language below.

I’d really like to go to Egypt. I’d love to see the pyramids.

Me too! Also, I really want to go to China to see the Great Wall.
The Snowman Trek

About the video. Bhutan is a country high in the Himalaya Mountains. Very few tourists visit the country, and even fewer take the famous “Snowman Trek,” a very difficult and long hike. Kira Salak is an American travel writer who completed this trek.

Prediction. Look at the photos. Match the numbers below with what they refer to.

- 1 day to complete the trek
- 24 height in meters of the highest point of the climb
- 340 length of the trek in kilometers
- 5,300 number of places on the hike that have Internet access
- 500,000 number of steps the hike takes

Check your answers above.
AFTER YOU WATCH

A. What do you remember? Are the statements below true or false?

1. More people have reached the top of Mount Everest than have finished
   the Snowman Trek.  ☑  ❌
2. Kira Salak traveled with five teammates.  ☑  ☑
3. Trekkers use horses and yaks on the trek.  ☑  ☑
4. Trekkers must climb 6,000 meters high in several places.  ☑  ☑
5. The highest pass on the climb is the most difficult.  ☑  ☑
6. Not all the team make it to the end of the trek.  ☑  ☑

B. Think about your own challenges. In the video, you saw that the Snowman Trek is very long and
difficult. Think of a time when you pushed yourself to do something that was difficult or challenging.
Complete the table below.

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<th>What did you learn?</th>
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<td>got my driver’s license</td>
<td>At first, I was very nervous while driving!</td>
<td>If I practice a lot, I gain confidence in doing something.</td>
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C. Talk with a partner. Tell a partner about your challenge.