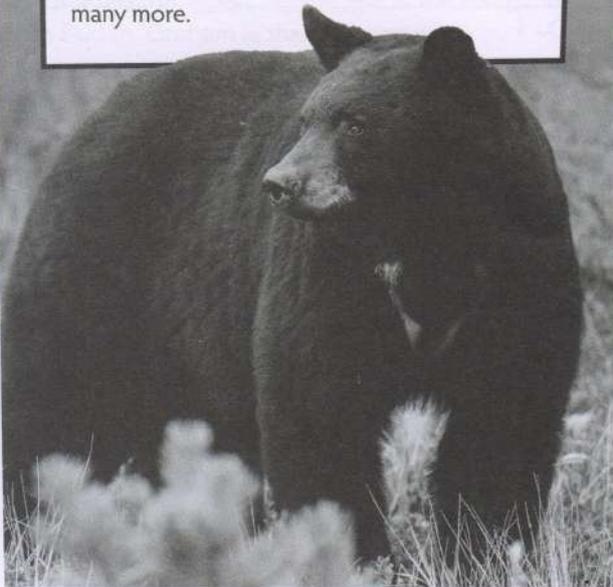**1** Read the text and answer the questions.

BLACK BEARS

Black bears live in the forests and mountains of Canada, the USA and Mexico. They usually eat grass and insects, but they eat other things too, including fish, small animals and the food people leave at campsites.

Adults are very big and they weigh between 90 kg and 270 kg. They are tall too: when males stand up on two legs, they are about 180 centimetres tall.

In winter, females have two or three babies, called cubs. They stay with their mother for about two years. Scientists think there are around 600,000 of these animals in the wild in North America, but there may be many more.

0 Which countries do they live in?
Canada, the USA and Mexico

1 What do they eat most of the time?
_____

2 How heavy are they?
_____

3 How many babies do females have?
_____

4 What are their babies called?
_____

5 How long do the babies stay with their mother?
_____

6 How many black bears are there in North America?
_____

2 Read the notes about African elephants. Then write the information in the correct place in the paragraph plan below.

African elephants

leaves, grass, fruit / now 470,000–690,000 wild elephants / forests and grasslands in 37 countries in Africa (Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, etc.) / live in wild until around 70 / females have one baby ('calf') every two–four years, heavy – about 91 kg when they're born / adults very big – 2,268 kg–6,350 kg

Paragraph 1: where they live / food
forests and grasslands in 37 countries in Africa, ...

Paragraph 2: size / what they weigh / age they live until
_____
_____

Paragraph 3: babies / how many wild African elephants today
_____
_____

3 Use the paragraph plan to write a text about African elephants. When you write about numbers, don't forget to use _between, about / around_ and _including_.

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

3 ON HOLIDAY

Holidays: Ways of travelling

1 Complete the transport words with the missing vowels.

1 pl _ n
2 b i k _e_
3 b _o_ _a_ t
4 c _o_ _a_ ch

5 h _e_ l i c o p t _e_ r
6 _o_ n f _o_ _o_ t
7 m _o_ t _o_ rb _i_ k _e_
8 sc _o_ _o_ t _e_ r

9 sh _ee_ p
10 tr _a_ m
11 _u_ nd _e_ rgr _o_ _u_ nd

2 Complete the table with the words in Exercise 1.

What kind of transport travels ...

on the sea?	on a road or path?
coach	car

on a railway line or track?	in the sky?
~~m~~ train	*plane*

3 Match the sentence halves.

1 I need exercise so I go to school — ~~a~~ a
2 My dad drives me to school, but we don't have a car. I go to school — c
3 I sail from my home to school across a river. I go to school — e
4 I live very near one of the stations so I go to school — d
5 There are too many cars on the roads, and I often dream of flying to school — b

a by underground.
b by helicopter!
c by motorbike.
d by bike or on foot.
e by boat.

Past simple

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1 The train to London ___was___ (be) really fast.
2 Martin's family ___went___ (go) to Paris by coach because it was the cheapest way.
3 Jane was only 15 but she ___knew___ (know) more than most adults about computers.
4 How ___Did___ you ___get___ (get) to Moscow?
5 ___~~Were~~ was___ (be) Tom in Ankara or in Istanbul last week?
6 We ~~haven't~~ ___didn't have___ (not have) a good time on our holiday because we were all ill.
7 There ___weren't___ (not be) any trams yesterday because it snowed.

2 Complete the article with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive ~~be~~ ~~do~~ not stop spend
~~start~~ ~~travel~~ ~~visit~~ ~~wait~~

Graham's Big
Adventure

Between 2009 and 2012, Graham Hughes
[0] _visited_ all the countries in the world. At that
time, there [1] _was_ 201 countries. There are
now only 195. Graham [2] _did_ this without
taking a flight. He [3] _traveled_ by boat, bus and
train, by taxi and on foot, and he [4] _spent_
$100 a week on his journey. He [5] _started_
his amazing journey on New Year's Day 2009. It was
sometimes very difficult. He often [6] _waits_
for weeks for a boat. But Graham [7] _didn't stop_
and on Monday 26th November 2012, the 1,426th day
of his journey, he [8] _arrived_ in the last country:
South Sudan. Graham is the only person
to see every country in
the world without
taking a flight.

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

👁 1 I went to Mar del Plata. I have a lovely day. _had_
_____

2 Last night I forgot my history book in your house.
_____

3 I went shopping yesterday. I brought a very nice
skirt and a sweater.
_____

4 I liked the weather last week because it is hot. _was_
_____

4 Which past simple questions need the word *did*?

0 Who ~~did~~ wanted to climb the
old tower?
1 Who _did_ you see on the plane?
2 Who _did_ you go on holiday with?
3 Who ~~did~~ flew the plane?
4 Who _did_ you meet at the hotel?
5 Who _____ found the bags?
6 Who _____ spoke to the passengers?

VOCABULARY Holiday vocabulary

1 Put the letters in the correct order to make
holiday words. The first letter is given.

1 p m a   m _ap_
2 s t e g u   g _uest_
3 t r o i s v i   v _isitor_
4 s c u a i s t e   s _uitcase_
5 g e u l g a g   l _aggage_
6 p r t c i e i o s e t n   r _eceptionist_
7 s u t r o i t   t _ourist_
8 u d o g i k e b o   g _iude book_

2 Complete the text with words in Exercise 1.

Highland Hotel

Dear [1] _guest_ ,

Welcome to your room at the Highland Hotel!
We hope you enjoy staying here.

Everything you need is here at the hotel:
two excellent restaurants, two pools and an
exercise room.

You will find the rooms are large, with extra
space for all your [2] _laggage_ in the
cupboard next to the bathroom.

Please also remember that [3] _visitor_s
to the museum and the theatre get a 25%
discount if they are staying with us. We can
give you a [4] _Map_ of the town so
you can easily find these places.

You will also find a small [5] _giude book_
with information about other local tourist
attractions in your room.

Please phone the [6] _receptionist_ if there
is anything else you need. He or she will be
happy to help.

From

The Highland Hotel staff team

1 Read the article quickly. What is unusual about this bookshop?

_____

Visiting the *Libreria Acqua Alta* bookshop in Venice

Three young visitors tell us why they liked this unusual place

Elena

The bookshop belongs to Luigi Frizzo. His ideas for the shop are great. During the winter, the sea enters many of the buildings in Venice. But Luigi's books don't get wet because he keeps them in boats and baths instead of bookcases! And not all the books are for people to buy. Old textbooks and dictionaries are now pieces of furniture and art. There are also books on top of each other to make some stairs. I loved climbing up them to the roof and looking out over the city.

Rosie

Last May, I spent a week in Venice with my parents and walked around the city every day. One day, we saw the *Libreria Acqua Alta*, or 'High Water Bookshop' in English. Outside, it looked like other bookshops. We went in because I wanted a map. We then saw it was very different. It wasn't tidy, but was full of wonderful things: thousands of books and about ten friendly cats! This bookshop was my favourite place in Venice.

Christina

I visited *Libreria Acqua Alta* one morning in June and I loved it. Many visitors in the shop felt the same as me. I spoke to a lot, and they were not only tourists. Local families enjoy visiting the shop too because it is so different, and you can find every kind of book there. Luigi Frizzo owns the shop, and he was there that morning. He took me to see the building's fire exit. It was very funny – the door just opens onto the water!

✅ PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 2

2 For each question, choose the correct answer. Write *E* for Elena, *R* for Rosie or *C* for Christina.

1 Which person met Luigi Frizzo? — *Christina*
2 Which person explains why she entered the shop? — *Rosie*
3 Which person describes how books stay dry in the bookshop? — *Elena*
4 Which person says what kind of people go to the shop? — *Christina*
5 Which person explains what the name of the bookshop means? — *Rosie*
6 Which person saw some books that weren't for sale? — *Elena*
7 Which person describes how books are part of the building? — *Elena*

✅ EXAM TIPS

- Look to see if the writer says the same things in a different way.

- The questions do not follow the order of information in the text.