

2 The World Awaits

Vocabulary and Grammar

Unit 2 Outcomes

- use descriptive language effectively
- use gerund and infinitive structures to describe experiences
- make travel recommendations
- give, accept, and question advice

A Complete the dialogue with the correct vocabulary words. Two words will not be used.

accessible	atmosphere	convenience	diverse	remote
adventurous	brehtaking	destination	get away	tranquil

Nancy: Hey, did I tell you I decided where I'm going on vacation?

Martina: No, you didn't. So where is it this time? Some luxurious tourist (1) _____ where people bring you food and drinks all day long?

Nancy: No. This time I'm going for something that isn't so busy. I want to relax, so I found someplace more (2) _____. It's called San Pedro La Laguna. It's in Guatemala on a lake surrounded by mountains. Here, I'll show you pictures. The views are (3) _____.

Martina: Wow, Guatemala, that's far . . . you are so (4) _____! It looks very (5) _____. I don't even see any roads. How do you get there?

Nancy: San Pedro is only (6) _____ by boat, and it only goes once a day. If I miss it, I have to wait another day.

Martina: So you won't have the (7) _____ of coming and going as you please.

Nancy: No, and that's how I want it. I can't wait to (8) _____ from everything and enjoy the natural charm of the mountains.

B Unscramble the words to make a correct statement.

Example: my summer vacation / to spend / like / in Maine / I
 I like to spend my summer vacation in Maine.

1. shopping / and dining / of Camden / The picturesque town / is / famous for

2. wants / a souvenir / My cousin / to bring / her / from Portland / me

3. Acadia National Park / hiking / My parents / plan / on / at

4. it is / thinks / too / in the water / My sister / that / to / swim / cold

5. is / under the stars / Camping / breathtaking

C Answer the questions with complete sentences.

1. Why do people go on vacation? _____
2. What are you looking forward to on your next vacation?

3. What is a famous place you have visited, and why is it famous?

4. What is your favorite thing to do on vacation?

5. What is something that you find too hard to do when traveling on vacation?

OUTCOME MET: use gerund and infinitive structures to describe experiences

D You and a friend are going to travel together. You can either stay at a hotel in the city or go camping in the mountains. Write an e-mail to your friend using expressions or words from the list.

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| charm | Let's go to . . . |
| get away | luxurious |
| I plan on . . . | picturesque |
| I think we should . . . | remote |
| It is great to . . . | spot |
| It's known for . . . | tranquil |



OUTCOMES MET: use gerund and infinitive structures to describe experiences; make travel recommendations

Video

A Answer the questions according to the video.

1. What is special about Barcelona? _____
2. Why did one speaker like it better than Amsterdam? _____
3. At what time of day is Las Ramblas lively? _____
4. What places did the speaker mention when describing the international music and theater?

5. What are the flower shops like? _____

B Imagine you visited Las Ramblas. Describe it and recommend it to a friend.

OUTCOMES MET: use descriptive language effectively; make travel recommendations

Writing



A Choose one of the photos of India and write down as many words as you can to describe what you see.

B Use at least three of the words from Activity **A** to write complete sentences describing the place you chose.

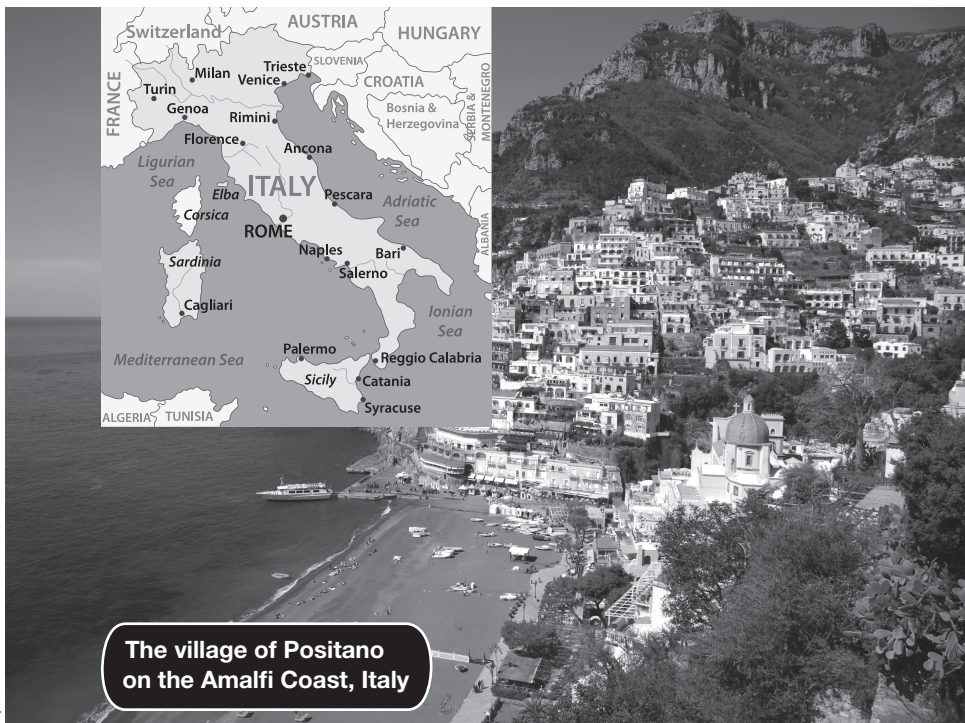
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

C Now imagine that you have been to the place in the photo. Describe the location and recommend it to a fellow traveler. Be creative!

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Reading

Bella Costa: Italy's Amalfi Coast



With a coastline of 7,600 kilometers (4,700 miles), Italy has its share of seaside beauty. But travelers will tell you that no part of it is more breathtaking than the Amalfi Coast.

Located in southern Italy on the Sorrentine Peninsula¹ and overlooking the Bay of Naples, the Amalfi Coast offers one of the most scenic drives in all of Europe.

The best way to see the Amalfi Coast is by bus, for two reasons. First, the curvy roads and steep cliffs of the coast can be dangerous, so it's best to leave the driving to those with experience. Second, you won't be able to keep your eyes on the road, thanks to the clear blue sea and the charming villages that dot the coastline.

Sorrento

Buses leave Sorrento every hour between 5:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. First they cut across the tip of the

peninsula going east until they meet up with the coast. Travelers can get off at any of the 13 villages along the coast. The first and one of the most scenic is Positano.

Positano

Anyone who forms a mental image of Mediterranean Italy probably imagines Positano. The picturesque village has served as the setting for stories by Steinbeck and movies by Minghella. Tour the village and visit clothing stores and cafés, or enjoy the sun on the local (but rocky) beach.

Amalfi

Farther along the coast, you arrive to the village of Amalfi. Along with Genoa, Pisa, and Venice, Amalfi was a powerful trading port during the days of the Roman Empire. Now it gives its name to the entire coast, while the village itself is known for its luxurious resorts and expensive shops. Be prepared to pay an arm and a leg if you spend a long time there.

Ravello

Set back from the coast on a high hill is the village of Ravello. With only 2,500 people, it is one of the smallest towns on the Amalfi Coast but also one of the loveliest. Staring at the views of the coastline from Ravello helps you see why so many artists have spent time there for inspiration². Visit the Villa Rufolo to see where Richard Wagner wrote his opera *Parsifal*.

Trip's End

From Ravello, the coast road takes you through the villages of Minori—where you can see the ruins of a 2,000-year-old Roman villa—and Maiori—where the beach is finally sandy—until you end up at the large port city of Salerno. Getting the most out of a drive along the Amalfi Coast means picking the best time to do it. From October to May, there are fewer cars on the road and fewer tourists. No matter what time of year, be prepared for a drive you won't forget.

¹ **peninsula** a long strip of land surrounded by water and connected to the mainland

² **inspiration** something that makes a person work hard or be creative

A Match the place to its description based on the reading.

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| 1. ___ Once a major center of trade, now it's known for expensive shops. | a. Ravello |
| 2. ___ Authors and filmmakers have used this village in their stories. | b. Amalfi |
| 3. ___ This village is small but has breathtaking views. | c. Sorrento |
| 4. ___ Visitors can find ruins here that are thousands of years old. | d. Positano |
| 5. ___ Buses leave this town hourly on trips down the coast. | e. Minori |
| 6. ___ A sandy beach is the main attraction of this coastal village. | f. Maiori |

B Answer the questions with complete sentences.

1. According to the author, why won't you be able to *keep your eyes on the road*? What does that mean? _____

2. What does the author believe the village of Ravello did for Richard Wagner? _____

3. The author tells the reader to "be prepared to pay an arm and a leg." Based on the context, what do you think *pay an arm and a leg* means? _____

4. Why does the author think taking a bus is the best way to see the Amalfi Coast? _____

5. Do you think it would be an adventurous trip? Why or why not? _____

C Imagine that you are creating an itinerary for a trip to the Amalfi Coast. Write three questions for the travel writer based on the travel advice and recommendations he gave.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

OUTCOME MET: give, accept, and question advice

D Imagine that you just got back from your trip to the Amalfi Coast. Write a brief paragraph describing your favorite part of the trip and why you would recommend going there. Use at least three words from the list.

beautiful	crowded	magnificent	scenic
busy	impressive	romantic	spectacular

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Outcomes

A Think about a place you love to visit and why you like it. Then write three sentences about it using adjectives and descriptive phrases.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How did you do?: On a scale of 1–5 (5 being the best), how well did you use descriptive language effectively? _____

B Answer the questions with complete sentences. Be sure to use gerunds and infinitive constructions in your answers.

1. What do you think is rude to do when traveling? _____

2. What are you looking forward to doing next summer? _____

3. What do you really enjoy doing on weekends? _____

4. Why do people exercise? _____

5. What makes you tired? _____

How did you do?: On a scale of 1–5, how well did you use gerund and infinitive structures to describe experiences? _____

C Give travel recommendations to someone who is coming to visit your town.

1. How to get there / get around: _____
2. What to do: _____
3. Where to eat: _____

How did you do?: On a scale of 1–5, how well did you make travel recommendations? _____

D Read the situations. Then write complete sentences following the prompts.

1. Your friend is going to the beach. It's a very hot, sunny day and there are big waves.
Give her advice: _____
2. You plan on spending a semester in Argentina. Your professor suggests that you stay with a family rather than live in a dorm. Accept her advice: _____
3. A relative suggests that you avoid traveling on an overnight train in Europe.
Question his advice: _____

How did you do?: On a scale of 1–5, how well did you give, accept, and question advice? _____