A Day Out in Amsterdam

You arrive in Amsterdam on vacation. You're a tourist. You don't have a car. Don't worry! Tourists rent bikes. It's a great way to see the city and the beautiful, old Dutch houses. Go by bike to these places. You'll have a great day out in Amsterdam.

Hortus Botanicus is a beautiful, old (1) garden. There are over 4,000 types of plants and flowers there. It's amazing and relaxing. There is also a good (2) restaurant here called *The Orangery*. The food is excellent.

There is also the *Allard Pierson* (3) museum. Here, there are 17,500 old objects from all over the world, like beautiful mosaics from the Roman Empire, sculptures from Greece, or hieroglyphs from the time of the Egyptians.

Amsterdam's nickname is Venice of the North. It's easy to see why. It has 165 canals in the *Grachtengordel*. This is the name of the Canal District in the city. The canals are 47 miles long. Rent a boat to travel on the canal or follow the canals on a bike. Visit the (4) museum of the Canals to learn more.

Do you like music? Go to the Royal (5) concert hall, *Koninklijk Concertgebouw*. There are 800 concerts every year. Every Wednesday, there is concert in the Main Hall or in the Recital Hall and you don't have to pay. After the concert there is a tour, too. The tour costs 10 euros.



Amsterdam has many canals.

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A Complete the text with these words.

concert hall garden museum museum restaurant

B Read the text. Circle **T** for *True* or **F** for *False*.

1. You have to have a car to visit Amsterdam. T / F
2. There are beautiful, old French houses in the city. T / F
3. There is a nice place to have lunch in the garden. T / F
4. The objects in the museum are very old. T / F
5. You have to travel by boat to see the canals. T / F
6. You have to pay for all the concerts in the *Koninklijk Concertgebouw.* T / F

C What do these numbers refer to? Match the numbers to the information in the text.

1. 800 c
2. 17,500 e
3. 165 f
4. 10 a
5. 4,000 b
6. 47 d

a. how much the concert hall tour costs
b. how many plants and flowers are in the *Hortus Botani*
c. how many concerts there are every year
d. how long the canals are
e. how many objects there are in the museum
f. how many canals there are

D What places are there to visit in your town or city? Write about six places for tourists to vis

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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Lesson E Writing

A Complete the text with *and*, *but*, or *because*.

My city is the capital city (1) ___and___ it is very big. There are a lot of cars (2) ___because___ are six million people in the city. There are many houses (3) ___and___ tall apartments. There is to do on weekends. There are shopping malls (4) ___and___ movie theaters all over the city. The museums in the city center, (5) ___but___ they are closed on Sundays and Mondays. The city some great restaurants. My favorite is Italiani's (6) ___because___ the pasta is excellent.

B Combine the sentences in the box with the sentences below using *and*, *because*, or *but*.

The train leaves in one hour.	There's a lot of traffic.	Turn left at the post office.
It is expensive.	You have to rent a car at the airport.	

1. A taxi is fast. A taxi is fast, but it is expensive.
2. You have to go now. because the train leaves in an hour.
3. You have to walk along Green Street. and turn left at the post office.
4. Take your driver's license. because you have to rent a car at the airport.
5. I like my city. but there's a lot of traffic.

C Your friend is in Tokyo for a day and wants ideas about places to go. Read the information about T Take notes using the prompts below. Then, in your notebook, use your ideas to write an email to yo friend with your recommendations.

Tokyo

Asakusa (old part of the city)

- the popular, old, Buddhist temple: Senso-ji Temple

Ueno

- the big Ueno-koen Park
- four museums
- Ueno zoo
- great restaurants in the park

Near Shimbashi station

- Tokyo Tower—great views of the city
- Hama Rikuyu gardens
- Tsukiji Fish Market

Shinjuku

- many nightclubs and restaurants, like popular Robot Restaurant

Harajuki

- a great place for shopping
- beautiful parks, like Hama Rikuyu Gar and Shiba-koen Park

Getting Around

- subway or taxi

1. Six places to go in the day: 1 Ueno zoo 2 Tokyo Tower 3 Hama Rikuyu gardens 4 Shiba-koen 5 Tsukiji Fish Market 6 Hama Rikuyu Gardens
2. Where to have lunch: are restaurants in the Parks.
3. How to get around: By Subway or taxi.
4. Places to go at night: many nightclubs and restaurants, like the popular Robot Restaurant

Free Time

Lesson A Vocabulary and Grammar

A Match the phrases to make sentences.

1. I often cook f	a. to the movies.
2. I normally shop d	b. TV.
3. I always read g	c. to podcasts.
4. I often listen c	d. for food on weekends.
5. On Saturdays, I go a	e. the piano.
6. I never watch b	f. dinner.
7. I sometimes play e	g. a book at night.

B Complete the short answers.

1. Is Dad cooking lunch? No, he isn't.
2. Are Jin and Mike going to the movies? Yes, they are.
3. Are you reading the newspaper? No, I'm not. You can have it.
4. Where's Mom? Is she shopping? Yes, she is.
5. Are you watching this? Yes, I am. It's good.
6. Are your brothers playing in the concert? No, they are. Only my sister.

C Circle the correct verb to complete the statements and questions.

1. My husband often (cooks / cook / is cooking) breakfast on Sundays.
2. **A:** Let's have dinner.
   B: Sorry, we can't. We (go / are going / is going) to the movies.
3. My friend Kara (isn't playing / doesn't play / don't play) the piano very well.
4. My parents always (shop / is shopping / are shopping) for food on Saturdays.
5. Where's Stefan? (Are he talking / Is he talking / Does he talk) to the teacher?
6. I normally (am watching / watches / watch) movies on my laptop.

D Answer the questions with information that is true for you.

1. What do you normally do on weekends? _____
2. Do you often watch TV? _____
3. Who normally shops for food in your house? _____
4. Do you often listen to the radio in the car? _____
5. What are you doing now? _____
6. Are you listening to music now? _____

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