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Warm-up

What do we call a landmass surrounded by water?

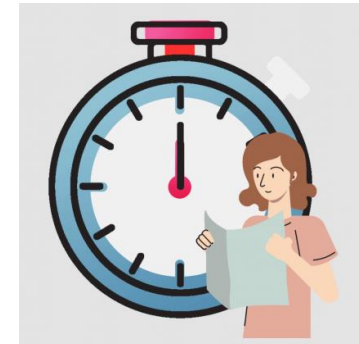


a. peninsula

b. island

c. beach

d. ocean



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Activity A - Vocabulary Building

1. Desert island (noun)

definition

a small, uninhabited island that typically lacks natural sources of fresh water

example

After their shipwreck, the survivors found themselves stranded on a **desert island**.

Activity A - Vocabulary Building

2. Adventure (noun)

definition

an exciting, unusual, or daring experience

example

Sally loved to travel and explore new places because she was always looking for an **adventure**.

Activity A - Vocabulary Building

3. Commute (verb)

definition

to travel regularly between one's home and place of work or study

example

Every day, Alex **commutes** from his home to his office in the city by bus.

Activity A - Vocabulary Building

4. Brave (adjective)

definition

someone who is willing to face danger or difficulty without fear

example

Mrs. Alice's cat is small but **brave**. It isn't afraid of big dogs in the park.

Activity A - Vocabulary Building

5. Routine (noun)

definition

a sequence of actions that is regularly followed or a habitual way of doing something

example

Julie's morning **routine** included waking up at 6 a.m., exercising, and then having breakfast before starting work.

Activity A - Vocabulary Building

Complete the statements using the following words;

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1. Karen listened to audiobooks during her long _____.
2. The soldiers were _____ in saving the villagers.
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5. _____ in foreign countries are exciting.



Activity A - Vocabulary Building

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Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension



After listening to an article about a family living on an island, we'll answer these comprehension questions:

1. What made Karyn decide to move to the island?
2. How do they get electricity, and water for their toilet and kitchen?
3. What are some disadvantages of living on an island?

Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension

Paragraph

1



Living the Dream!

Have you ever imagined escaping city life and moving to a desert island? Well, meet the family who did just that. Karyn von Engelbrechten wanted to travel the world after she became tired of her three-hour commute to London, where she worked as an IT manager. She left her job and her home and, with husband Boris and their three children, decided to start a new adventure. They bought some land on a tiny island in the South Pacific and started to build a house with materials they found on the island.

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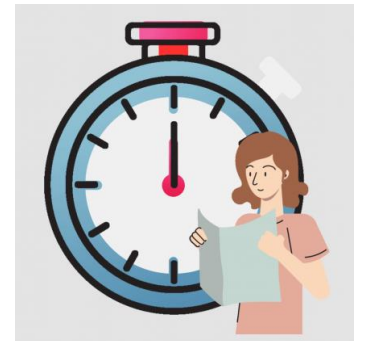
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Living the Dream!

Everything was done by hand. They learned how to cut down trees to make floors and doors. Electricity was generated using solar panels, and rainwater was collected so the family had water in the bathrooms and kitchen. They even started growing their own fruit and vegetables. Now the family runs their home as a guesthouse for other travelers. If you don't feel like swimming in the beautiful clear ocean, you can sit on the balcony and enjoy watching whales and turtles. The kitchen is basic, but it has most things you'd need, like a refrigerator and oven.

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Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension

Paragraph

3



Living the Dream!

There's no air conditioning, but the bedrooms are cool and comfortable, and there are extra blankets and comforters in the closet for the colder months. From the house, steps go down to your own private beach, or if you're feeling brave, you can explore the island. It sounds like paradise, but there are some disadvantages. Apart from the fruit and vegetables that Karyn and Boris grow, they need to buy other things, and the nearest store is a three-hour boat trip away.

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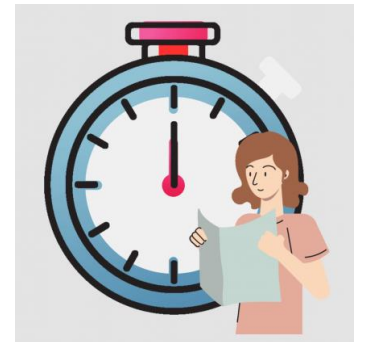
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Living the Dream!

The island is also very near a volcano, and they often have earthquakes and tropical storms. And their eldest son, Jack, has gone away to school in New Zealand because he missed being with other children his own age. However, if you're tired of your daily routine, the message is clear - follow your dreams!

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Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension



comprehension question

1. What made Karyn decide to move to the island?

a. Karyn became tired of her three-hour commute to work.

b. Karyn and her husband are marine biologists.

c. Karyn's husband lost his job, and they needed a new place to live.



Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension



comprehension question

2. How do they get electricity, and water for their toilet and kitchen?

- a. They buy water from the mainland and don't use electricity.
- b. They use wave-powered generators and desalinate seawater.
- c. They rely on solar panels and collect rainwater.



Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension



comprehension question

3. What are some disadvantages of living on an island?

a. They can't grow everything they need, and the nearest store is a three-hour boat ride away.

b. They experience earthquakes every day because the island is near a volcano.

c. The waves on the island can get so big that they can't enjoy the beach.



Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension

Facts and Figures : The Main Idea

What is the main idea of the article?

- A. The article is about a family's decision to leave city life behind and move to a remote desert island. While living on the island, they encountered a series of problems that made them realize the convenience of city life. As a result, they decided to move back to the city after just a month.
- B. The article is about a family's decision to leave city life behind and move to a remote desert island in the South Pacific to start a new adventure. They build a sustainable home, run it as a guesthouse, and enjoy a simple yet fulfilling life surrounded by nature.



Activity B - Listening and Reading Comprehension

Summarizing Facts and Figures

How would you summarize Living the Dream?

1) Key Events, 2) Relevant Details, 3) Write In Your Own Words

A. An IT manager in London became fed up with city life and decided to embark on a unique journey with her husband and their three children. They bought land on a tiny island in the South Pacific and built a house from scratch. Despite the challenges of living on a remote desert island, the family's decision to follow their dreams is an inspiring message for those seeking a change in their lives.

B. An IT manager in London became fed up with city life and decided to embark on a unique journey with her husband and their three children. They bought a luxury island in the South Pacific. Living on the island as they described is like “heaven on earth”. They would never want to leave the island to go back to the city. It was the best decision they’ve ever made.



Activity C - Grammar and Speaking Exercises







-ing and infinitive verb patterns

- ▶ We often use two verbs together. The form of the second verb changes depending on the first verb.
- ▶ *I want to learn a new language.*
- ▶ *I enjoy learning new languages.*

Activity C - Grammar and Speaking Exercises

-ing and infinitive verb patterns

▶ After some verbs, we use the infinitive.







 11.2	infinitive
 decide	She decided to travel the world.
 arrange	We've arranged to meet at the airport.
 expect	I expect to have the results next week.
 forget	Marcus forgot to buy any paper for the printer.
 hope	He hopes to be here soon.

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Activity C - Grammar and Speaking Exercises

-ing and infinitive verb patterns

▶ After other verbs, we use the *-ing* form.

 11.3	<i>-ing</i> form
 imagine	Can you imagine living until you're 150?
 feel like	I feel like staying in bed all day.
 enjoy	My son enjoys visiting his grandparents.
 suggest	They've suggested installing some new software.
 spend (time)	I spend a lot of time getting to work.

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-ing and infinitive verb patterns

Look! After some verbs, we can use the infinitive or the *-ing* form, with no difference in meaning, e.g., *start* and *continue*.

It has started to rain. It has started raining.

He continued to study. He continued studying.

Activity C - Grammar and Speaking Exercises

Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 Have you finished to clean / cleaning the kitchen?
- 2 Josh arranged to meet / meeting Natasha at the theater.
- 3 She promised to do / doing her homework.
- 4 I don't mind to wait / waiting for you.
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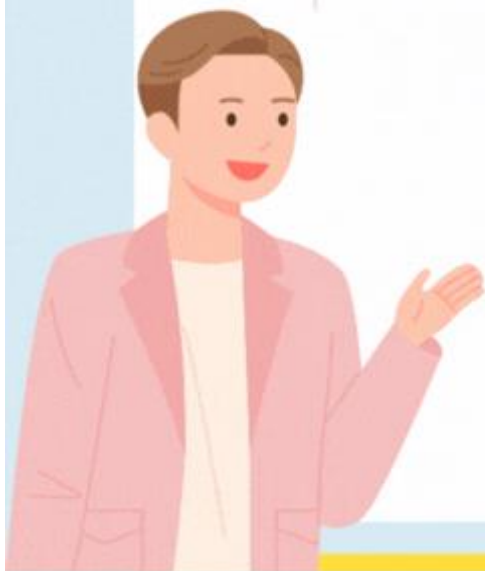
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Activity C - Grammar and Speaking Exercises

I Say

I was surprised to see Alex and Jane in the cafeteria.



You Say

1 Me too. I didn't expect to see them again.

2 Me too. I didn't expect seeing them again.

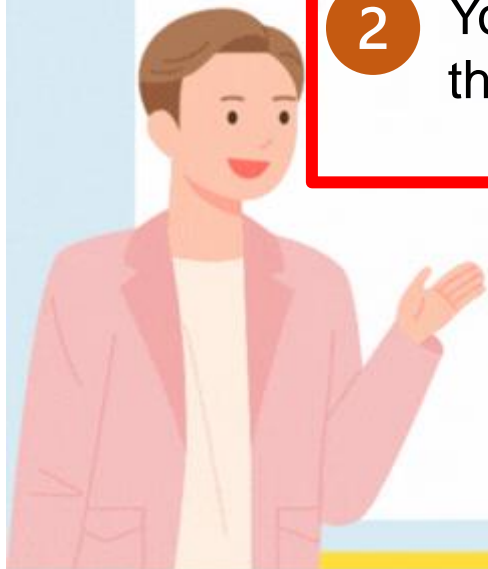


Activity C - Grammar and Speaking Exercises

I Say

1 You should learn using the computer.

2 You should learn to use the computer.



You Say

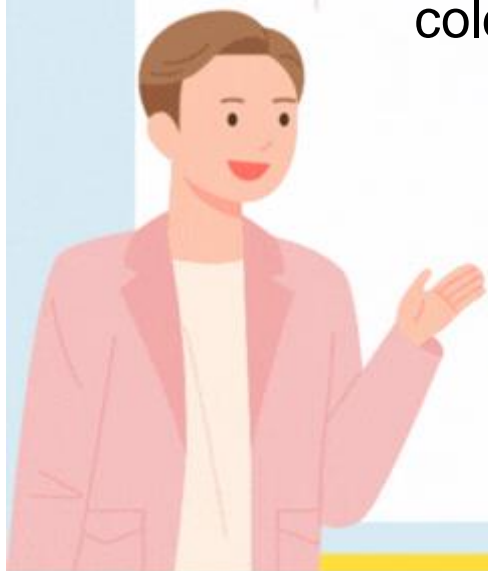
That's a great idea.
That would save me a lot of time.



Activity C - Grammar and Speaking Exercises

I Say

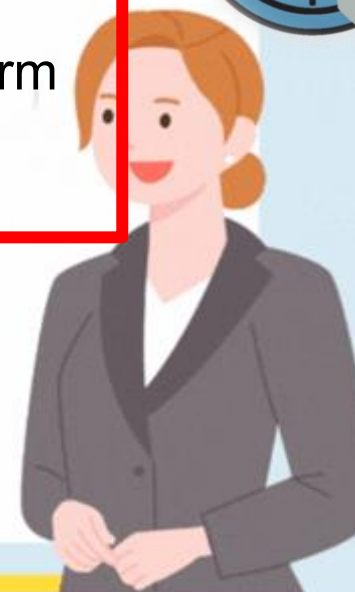
I am going to school early today. And it looks like it's going to be a cold day.



You Say

1 Don't forget bringing warm clothes.

2 Don't forget to bring warm clothes.



Activity D - Writing Practice



Skill making writing interesting

We can use different techniques to make our writing more interesting.

- Use a variety of adjectives to describe things: *a **gorgeous**, **sunny** balcony*
- Use synonyms to avoid repeating words: *two **large** armchairs, the **spacious** kitchen*
- Use linkers to give reasons and results (*so, because, that's why*), to contrast information (*but, although, however*) or add information (*and, also, too, as well*).
- When you describe a place, use *where* and an example of what you can do: *a balcony, where you can have a relaxing breakfast*

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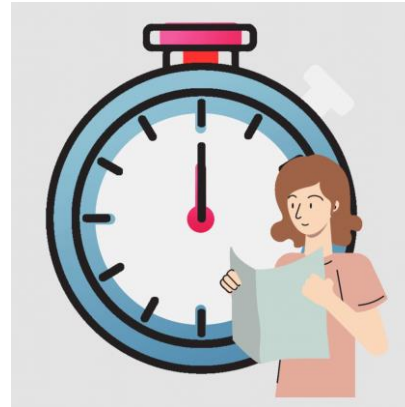


Overlooking the city, a cool modern loft awaits with an industrial vibe. It was built with big windows to showcase the city views. This house lets you enjoy urban living in style.

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Activity D - Writing Practice

**Write a short paragraph
with interesting
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Activity D - Writing Practice

How would you write a short paragraph with interesting descriptions of this house?



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Activity D - Writing Practice

OUTPUT



Located in the heart of the countryside, a charming rural house awaits, surrounded by lush flower and vegetable gardens. With its beautiful surrounding, this relaxing home offers a perfect escape from the noisy city life.

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