

Mega Goal 2.1

Unit 3: Far and Away

Quick Check

A. Vocabulary. Complete the paragraph with words from the box.

commercial	relatively	undisturbed
ecosystem	surface	widespread

- I live in a beautiful area of Panama that is very popular with tourists. In the last few years, there has been (1) **widespread** development of large, impersonal hotels.
- Lately, I've been thinking about opening a small, friendly hotel.
- It would be (2) **relatively** close to the center of town, but far enough away that the guests would be (3) **undisturbed** by the noise and traffic.
- I'd like my hotel to have a view of the water. There's nothing I like better than to watch the sun reflect off the (4) **surface** of a lake.
- I'd also like to run a wildlife park close to the hotel. I wouldn't charge admission to the park because I don't think enjoying nature should be a (5) **commercial** activity.
- However, I'd limit the number of people who could enter the park each day, as too many visitors would disrupt the (6) **ecosystem**.

B. Comprehension. Answer true or false.

1. **true** Capsule hotels are popular in Japan.
2. **false** Guests take a boat to Jules' Undersea Lodge.
3. **false** Jules' Undersea Lodge has small, square windows.
4. **false** The Kakslauttanen Hotel gives guests the opportunity to explore the rain forest canopy.
5. **true** Capsule hotels provide an inexpensive alternative to traditional hotels.
6. **false** Guests at the Aria Amazon Towers Hotel have a negative effect on the rain forest's ecosystem.

2. Pair Work

You are going to design your own unusual hotel. List three to five things you would like your hotel to have. Then in pairs tell each other about your hotel.

1. Water park

2. A big restaurant
3. A big hall for exercising cars system to avoid crowded
4. smart parking
5. Full and central temperature system

3. Grammar

A. Rewrite each sentence to include the adverb of degree.

1. We ate anything on the airplane. (hardly)

We hardly ate anything on the airplane.

2. The food was bland for me. (too)

The food was too bland for me.

3. The flight attendant dropped my meal on me. (nearly)

The flight attendant nearly dropped my meal on me.

4. Sleeping on the train was uncomfortable. (rather)

Sleeping on the train was rather uncomfortable.

5. We were exhausted by the end of our trip. (absolutely)

We were absolutely exhausted by the end of our trip.

6. The airplane seat wasn't big for me. (enough)

The airplane seat wasn't big enough for me.

B. Complete the paragraph with the sentence adverbs from the box.

Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

actually	indeed	obviously	probably
however	interestingly	presumably	surprisingly

- Staying in the Gamirasu Cave Hotel in Cappadocia, Turkey, is an amazing experience. (1) **actually** it is (2) **surprisingly** one of the most unique hotels in the world.
- This 18-room cave hotel is (3) **interestingly** located in a restored thousand-year-old edifice.
- It was also once used as a prison. (4) **indeed**, it is not the least bit uncomfortable.

- (5) **obviously**, it has all the comforts and conveniences you would expect in a modern hotel.
- (6) **however**, the cave is heated by solar panels and electricity comes from water power.
- Many people come to the hotel for their vacation. They are (7) **probably** drawn to the hotel for its secrecy and beauty.
- The hotel is surrounded by breath-taking views and there are (8) **presumably** many great opportunities for cave exploring!

4. Conversation

About the Conversation

1. What request does the passenger make?

He would like to change seats.

2. How does the flight attendant respond? What reasons does he give?

He says that changing seats won't be possible because it wouldn't be fair to other passengers. Its also against the policy of the airline.

3. How does the passenger end up getting what he wants?

The passenger was in the wrong seat to begin with. He moves to his assigned seat, which is the one that he wanted.

7. Vocabulary Building

A. You will see these words in the reading on pages 40 and 41.

Match the words with their meanings.

1. **i** pristine
2. **f** preserve
3. **e** conservation
4. **c** incentive
5. **a** deforestation
6. **b** characteristics
7. **h** remote
8. **g** reduction
9. **d** lush

8. Reading

After Reading

Complete the sentences.

1. **ecotourism** is the fastest growing trend in the travel industry.
2. **Costa Rica** is the world's top ecotourism destination.
3. At one time, Costa Rica had the highest rate of **deforestation** in Latin America.
4. More than **a quarter** of Costa Rica's land is protected from development.
5. Two examples of renewable energy sources are **wind** and **solar power**.

9. Speaking

2. Use your notes to discuss your ideas in class.

Characteristics/benefits of ecotourism		Places in my country for ecotourism
1	Encourages positive experience for visitors	Abha mountains
2	developing Economy	Asir
3	preserving environment	Wadi Al disah
4	reducing carbon footprint	
5	Entertainments	

10. Writing

B. Write a letter to your friend from Britain (who has never been to Saudi Arabia), about a place in your country that you plan to visit.

1. Research and collect information about an important place in Saudi Arabia that you feel a visitor should see, or that a person who has never been to your country should learn about.

Hi Ahmed!

I hope you are fine. I am writing to you about my country and the beautiful place which I am visiting it next week. Saudi Arabia is a charming land full of exciting destination that could behold your sight for a long time.

It is a country where people used to travel only to religious pilgrims and for business purposes only.

Now, Saudi Arabia is welcoming all the tourists to explore their beautiful country, from Sea to desert, Mountains to bustling cities, and shopping malls to luxury dining, there are so many places to visit in Saudi Arabia for tourists that you would be forced to extend your vacation days.

One of the most attractive places is Wadi Al Disah which is located in the Southwest province of Tabuk. This place has some gorgeous elements of the glorious Grand Canyon and the magnificent Monument Valley. You will fall in love with the wonderful collection of sandstone columns.

It has a dusty desert, high grasses, and palm trees that make your eyes astonished.

I would really be glad to visit the place together.

Your friend,

Sami

11. Form, Meaning and Function

A. Complete the article. Use the adjectives in the box.

Jazan

- Jazan, in southwestern Saudi Arabia, is a (1) **coastal** city on the Red Sea. It is the capital city of Jazan Province near the Yemeni border.
- Although it is a small province, it has a (2) **dense** population of 1.5 million inhabitants.
- The terrain of the region is varied, consisting of mountains, (3) **fertile** plains, coasts, and islands.
- Jazan is famous for its (4) **local** products, especially its (5) **tropical** fruits like mango, figs, and papaya.
- The climate in the city of Jazan is very hot and (6) **humid** in the summer, while temperatures in the mountains to the northeast are much cooler.

B. Add the question words. Match the questions and the answers.

- **Which** suitcase are you going to take? **e**
- **How** are they going to travel? **c**
- **What** is he going to do when he arrives? **f**
- **Who** are they going to write to? **b**
- **Where** are we going to stay? **a**

- **When** are we going to get there? **d**

C. Complete your schedule for next Saturday. Then ask and answer questions with a partner.

Try to arrange a time to meet and do homework together.

A: What are you doing at two o'clock next Saturday?

B: I'm getting a haircut. How about you?

My Schedule	Activities and Times	My Partner's Schedule	Activities and Times
Morning	I am going to swimming pool at 9 o'clock	Morning	He is going to buy goods at 10 o'clock
Afternoon	I am going to visit my uncle Saeed at 4 o'clock	Afternoon	He is going to work with his father at 2 o'clock
Evening	I am going to watch a horror movie at 8 o'clock	Evening	He is going to do his homework at 7 o'clock

D. Look at the expressions in the box. Work with a partner. Ask and answer about their future plans. Use going to and will.

tomorrow • this week/ month /year • tonight
next month/year/Tuesday • soon • on the weekend

A: What are you going to do tomorrow?

B: I am going to visit my aunt.

A: What are you going to do this week?

B: I'll probably go to village.

A: What are you going to do this month?

B: I'll probably buy a new play station.

A: What are you going to do this year?

B: I'll probably travel to Spain.