

Lesson 2 Activities

2.1

read the text and translate the words highlighted

Dr Charlotte Uhlenbroek recently returned to London after filming her second series, *Jungle*. It was a difficult, 19-week trip, during which she explored the rainforests of Borneo, the Amazon and the Congo, travelling around using a variety of **means of transport**, including **hot-air balloons** and canoes. 'I'm interested in the way animals communicate with each other. It was sometimes dangerous making the programme – I even went swimming with piranha fish.'

Filming the series was exciting, but also **frightening** at times. Her most challenging experience was climbing a 100-metre tree in Borneo, as she has a great fear of **heights**. 'I had to keep pulling myself further and further upwards. All I wanted to do was get down again. **Suddenly** the safety equipment didn't look very strong and I thought that my **ropes** would break and I would crash to the ground.'

means of transport: _____ heights: _____

hot-air balloons: _____ suddenly: _____

frightening: _____ ropes: _____

2.2

read the text below and choose the correct word for each space (1-11)

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| 1. Have, had, were, are | 6. In, from, of, with |
| 2. Once, first, just, already | 7. Main, open, clear, deep |
| 3. Imagined, supposed, dream, decided | 8. More, over, greater, longer |
| 4. Realised, remembered, persuaded, wondered | 9. Stay, remain, reserve, keep |
| 5. But, so, although, since | 10. That, the, one, a |
| | 11. Industry, job, work, factory |

Many people receive picture postcards nowadays of places their friends and family **(1)** _____ visited. They **(2)** _____ became popular in the 1890s. Until then it was only the rich who took holidays but at that time, because of the opening of the railways, ordinary people **(3)** _____ to go to the seaside too. Photographers **(4)** _____ that people wanted to take home a picture of their holiday **(5)** _____ they started to offer photographs for sale in seaside towns. And they sold millions **(6)** _____ them.

Today those old photographs give us a very **(7)** _____ idea of what holidays were like **(8)** _____ a hundred years ago. People did not actually post the photographs but brought them home to **(9)** _____ and show their friends. This was, however, **(10)** _____ beginning of today's picture postcard **(11)** _____ which is important to tourists everywhere.

2.3

Last month you spent two weeks at a friend's house abroad. Write a letter to your friend, thanking him for his hospitality, and referring to what you enjoyed most during your stay. End your letter by inviting him to your country.
