

COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS

Apellidos:

Nombre:

Marca con una X lo que corresponda:

- Alumno/a **OFICIAL** (Indica el nombre de tu profesor/a tutor/a durante el curso 2018-2019:) **Grupo:**
- Alumno/a **LIBRE**

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LA REALIZACIÓN DE ESTE EJERCICIO:

- Duración: **60 minutos**
- Este ejercicio consta de **dos tareas**. Deberás realizar las dos.
 - En la **tarea 1** deberás leer un texto y completar cada enunciado con una de las opciones dadas (A, B o C).
Obtienes: 1 punto por cada respuesta correcta; 0 puntos por cada respuesta incorrecta o no dada.
 - En la **tarea 2** deberás leer un texto y completar cada hueco con la pregunta correspondiente.
Obtienes: 1 punto por cada respuesta correcta; 0 puntos por cada respuesta incorrecta o no dada.
- Muy importante: al final, comprueba que has elegido una sola opción (como en el ejemplo); si eliges dos opciones, se anula la respuesta a esa pregunta.**
- **No escribas en los cuadros** destinados a la calificación de las tareas.
- Sólo se admiten respuestas escritas con **bolígrafo azul o negro**.

NO ESCRIBAS AQUÍ

PUNTUACIÓN DEL EJERCICIO: _____ / 20

CALIFICACIÓN: **Superado** **No Superado**

TAREA 1 - 10 puntos: Read the following text and answer the questions on pages 5 and 6.

HOW TO FIND CHEAP ACCOMMODATION

No matter what your accommodation tastes may be, one thing everyone has in common is that no one wants to pay a fortune for it. In fact, one of the best ways to take a cheap holiday is to cut down on accommodation costs. Since you have to stay somewhere every night, reducing this expense can save you a lot of money off the total cost of your trip. After finding a cheap flight, finding free or inexpensive lodging will have the biggest impact on your budget.

Hospitality Exchanges

One of the best ways to get free accommodation is by staying with someone who lives where you're going. Staying with a local will give you a free place to rest your head, local information, and someone to be with! Among the few websites that make this happen, Couchsurfing is my favourite. The goal of the site is to help travellers not only save money on accommodation but also learn about the local culture by being able to stay and interact with a local.

I often use this site, and it's great to get to see the local side of a city and know sites that aren't in any guidebook. People are often scared to couchsurf because they wonder if it's safe. I was nervous about it at first, too. However, I've found that people who are willing to open their homes to strangers tend to be very open-minded, and are also usually experienced travellers who want to help. Couchsurfing is aware of this so it offers various levels of verification and allows users to rate and leave comments on people's profiles.

Home Exchange

This probably works best for older travellers who already own a home. These programs have been around for a long time but are growing in popularity due to good marketing and word-of-mouth on the Internet. Home exchanges are just like they sound – for a set amount of time, you swap homes with a family from another country. It's a great way to live cheaply abroad.

Most people don't do this because they worry about security – but remember that the other family is trusting you with their home, too. Home Exchange sites usually have various levels of verification and security similar to Couchsurfing. Families talk to each other over phone and e-mail, and there's no commitment if you find that it's not right for you. Moreover, the family sends a few people to check up on you when you arrive. You can get all the comforts of home (hot water, laundry, etc.) while in another city, without paying for it.

Short Term Rentals

Similar to home exchanges, rentals allow people to stay in furnished apartments while travelling. These apartments can sometimes be cheaper than hotels and provide many more amenities. They are great if you plan to spend a week or more in one place. You'll get all the comforts of home without spending a fortune.

You can find a lot of rentals in Europe and Australia, where apartments tend to be rented on a week-by-week basis. These apartments are a nice bridge between a hostel and hotel, though they can get a bit expensive if you are a solo traveller. Another reason to use this method? You get a kitchen, allowing you to cook and reduce your food costs.

Farm Stays

Farm stays allow you to stay on working farms, learn how a farm works, possibly get involved in the workings of the farm (milk that cow!), and enjoy a number of organized outdoor activities. Facilities range from basic camping to luxury rooms

depending on the farm, but in general it's like you're staying at a bed and breakfast. Prices also vary widely but generally, expect to pay a budget hotel price (about \$40 USD per night).

Monastery Stays

Accommodation in these monasteries is often very spartan, containing no more than a bed and desk, with simple meals prepared by the monks and nuns. Monasteries are very family-friendly and quiet. While many monasteries cost at least \$50 USD a night per person, most simply ask for donations or are free, making them an amazing budget option too.

<https://www.nomadicmatt.com/travel-tips/finding-cheap-accommodation/>

TAREA 2 - 10 puntos: Read the following text and answer the questions on page 6.

Experience InterRailing Across Europe

Written by Macca Sherifi,

Alessandro Gallenzi is a bit of a fan of InterRailing. In fact, he's such a fan he's written a book about it, aptly titled '*InterRail*', which is all about living life to the maximum and seeing where our lives can take us.

We thought we would catch up with Alessandro and ask him about InterRailing. Enjoy the interview!

0.- What is InterRail for you, Alessandro?

"It is a metaphor of life, of constantly having to make choices and jump from one train onto another. I wanted to show how the InterRail experience shapes a young man, how it teaches him many different ways of life across the various countries, how he meets with love, danger and disappointment. Above all, it's a celebration of Europe - of a multicultural Europe without boundaries - and freedom."

1.- _____

I haven't kept an exact count, but I'd say a couple of dozen. I am a firm believer of quality over quantity, and to me travelling means not just passing by or hopping from airport to airport, but getting to know the people, as well as a bit of their mentality, culture and traditions.

2.- _____

Alongside my native Italy and my adopted country, Britain, it has to be Germany. My first two girlfriends were German, and I have always been fascinated by the German language, literature, music and history. I feel a sort of affinity with Germans and their culture - perhaps the family story of a German ancestor on my paternal grandmother's side is true. It's a shame I am not too keen on their food and was never able to master their language!

3.- _____

Probably Jerusalem- it's so varied, multi-layered and rich in history and culture as to be almost a country in itself.

4.- _____

Italy, without a doubt. Every time I go back I discover entire new dishes - foods, recipes and ingredients I had never heard of, let alone tasted. In particular, I like Tuscan, Roman and Apulian cooking. Outside of my home country, I would say Japanese - but only as cooked in Japan.

5.- _____

Playing poker in a Segovia bar in Spain at two o'clock in the morning with a group of friends from all over Europe, laughing like crazy, and winning in the end!!!!

6.- _____

Being locked in a basement flat in North-East London without electricity, running water or a mobile phone. My jailer was a mad old Polish woman who had offered to give me shelter for the night for £5. The nightmarish experience is narrated in my novel *InterRail*.

7.- _____

I suppose many young people use those years to "find themselves" before embarking on study and beginning their adult life, whereas InterRailing is about finding out about other cultures, seeing how people live in other countries. And I think InterRailing is more fun because it's more sociable.

8.- _____

It has improved: it's no longer limited to people under 26 years of age, it has become more flexible (various packages are available depending on your finances, your interests and the available time) and the number of countries that can be visited keeps expanding. Also, trains have got better, cleaner and faster.

9.- _____

I would highlight the unpredictability, the sense of freedom, mystery and adventure, the constant unexpected discoveries, the people you bump into. I have been on three InterRail trips and have absolutely no complaints.

10.- _____

The one about a group of InterRailers being offered an amazing free meal by a former InterRail traveller, with the promise that one day they will do the same, so that there's an eternal chain of free meals available to the poor InterRail traveller.

<https://www.gapyear.com/articles/features/experience-interrailing>

Apellidos y Nombre:

TAREA 1 - 10 puntos: Read the text on pages 2 and 3 about how to find cheap accommodation. For questions 1-10 choose the best answer A, B or C. Only one of the answers is correct. Number 0 is given as an example. Write your answers in the corresponding box. You will get 1 point per correct answer.

<p>0. According to the text, when we plan our accommodation, we all agree that...</p> <p>a. you need to pay a fortune to pay for a good one. b. <i>nobody is happy to spend too much money on one.</i> c. holidays have to be cheap to be enjoyed.</p>	B	✓
<p>1. According to the text, the most important point to reduce your trip budget is...</p> <p>a. to plan the place to go. b. to study the quality of your lodging. c. to get an inexpensive flight.</p>		
<p>2. Apart from helping you save money, Couchsurfing will...</p> <p>a. get you in contact with people living in the town. b. help you have a safe visit. c. find you a place to rest your head.</p>		
<p>3. When first using Couchsurfing, the writer thought the site was not...</p> <p>a. helpful. b. useful. c. secure.</p>		
<p>4. Home Exchange programs have become very well-known because their users...</p> <p>a. have their own a home. b. recommend it to their friends on the net. c. can live in another country for free.</p>		
<p>5. In terms of security, Home Exchange programs can be Couchsurfing.</p> <p>a. as safe as b. safer than c. less safe than</p>		
<p>6. If you use Home Exchange programs, the host family sends a person to help you...</p> <p>a. do the laundry and check the hot water. b. get familiar with the house on your first day at home. c. feel comfortable while you are in town.</p>		
<p>7. Short Term Rentals are more convenient than hotels...</p> <p>a. because they are always cheaper and better furnished. b. if you want to stay in town for longer than a short visit. c. when you want to get all the comforts for the best price.</p>		
<p>8. A disadvantage of using Short Term Rentals is...</p> <p>a. it may be costly if you travel alone. b. it makes you cook to reduce your food costs. c. it may be cheaper but never as comfortable as a hotel.</p>		

<p>9. At the Farm Stays...</p> <p>a. your host can teach you how to do farm works. b. you must get involved in the working of the farm. c. outdoor activities are planned if you work in the farm.</p>		
<p>10. In most monasteries, you can decide...</p> <p>a. the room equipment. b. the price to pay for your room. c. the food you are going to have.</p>		

PUNTOS: / 10

TAREA 2 - 10 puntos: Read the text on pages 3 and 4 about *InterRailing* and choose from the list below the best question (A-L) for each paragraph (1-10). There is ONE extra question which you do not need to use. The first one (0) is an example. Write your answers in the grid provided. You will get 1 point per correct answer.

QUESTIONS.

<p>A. What is InterRail for you, Alessandro?</p> <p>B. Is there a country you do not want to visit again?</p> <p>C. What's the most fun thing you've done on the road?</p> <p>D. How does InterRailing compare to other gap year activities?</p> <p>E. Which is your favourite country and why?</p> <p>F. What's your most feel-good travel story?</p>	<p>G. What's the most inspiring place you've visited?</p> <p>H. How many countries have you travelled to?</p> <p>I. How has InterRailing changed over the past 20 years?</p> <p>J. What's your scariest travel experience?</p> <p>K. Specifically, what is good about InterRailing?</p> <p>L. Which has the best cuisine? You know, for eating?</p>
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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE GRID BELOW:

GAP	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ANSWER	A										
✓											

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