

Select Readings, Second Edition Elementary, Chapter 10 Test

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Smart Travel

Traveling to a foreign country for business, study, or pleasure can be one of the most exciting events in a person's life. With a little preparation, a trip abroad¹ can be easy. However, an unprepared traveler may run into problems. Here we look at some of the most common problems people have when traveling to a foreign country and how to avoid them.

Many travelers find it difficult to understand the currency in a foreign country. For example, 100 U.S. dollars is the same as about 10,000 Japanese yen or 110,000 South Korean won. Those extra zeros can be confusing² for many people. When you travel, be sure to take your time when you spend money. Be sure to check prices carefully and bring a calculator if you need one. If you do this, you can make sure that you don't spend too much money for things.

For many people, learning about the cultures of people from other countries is their main reason to travel. Foreign cultures can be beautiful and exciting. However, they can be shocking³, too. Make sure you know something about the culture of the place before you visit. Read as much as you can to be prepared. By understanding what people do in each place you visit, you can enjoy their culture more.

For most travelers, the biggest problem can be communication. Even if your destination is an English-speaking country, the English may be different from what you learned, and there can be problems. If you travel to a country where English is not one of the main languages, try to study at least a few words in the language of that country before you go. Even a few words like 'hello,' 'please,' and 'thank you' can make your stay in a new place easier and more enjoyable.

1. In paragraph 1, all of these reasons for traveling abroad are mentioned EXCEPT _____.
 - A. study
 - B. culture
 - C. business
 - D. pleasure
2. In paragraph 2, the word 'currency' is the same as _____.
 - A. shopping
 - B. numbers
 - C. money
 - D. calculator
3. If you don't understand the currency in a foreign country, shopping can be very _____.
 - A. confuse

¹ **abroad** overseas, to a foreign country

² **confusing** difficult to understand

³ **shocking** very surprising

- B. confuses
 - C. confusing
 - D. confusion
4. When shopping in another country, be sure to check the _____ of things carefully.
- A. calculator
 - B. prices
 - C. money
 - D. time
5. Money from all these countries is mentioned in the passage EXCEPT _____.
- A. United States
 - B. South Korea
 - C. United Kingdom
 - D. Japan
6. The passage says that foreign cultures can be all of these EXCEPT _____.
- A. shocking
 - B. exciting
 - C. strange
 - D. beautiful
7. Even in English-speaking countries, the way people speak can be _____ from the English that you usually hear.
- A. different
 - B. difficult
 - C. communication
 - D. enjoyable
8. Why should you learn to say 'hello,' 'please,' and 'thank you' in another language?
- A. They are the only words you need when you visit a foreign country.
 - B. Sometimes people can be unfriendly to visitors from other countries.
 - C. You need to show people that people from your country are friendly.
 - D. They can make your trip easier and more fun.
9. If you are well prepared, it will be easy for you to _____ your trip abroad.
- A. enjoy
 - B. enjoyed
 - C. enjoying
 - D. enjoyable
10. All of these can be big problems for unprepared travelers EXCEPT _____.
- A. culture
 - B. comfort
 - C. currency
 - D. communication