

Unit 3 Assessment

Complete each sentence. Choose the correct answer.

1. Everyone knows about London. It's a very _____ city.
- a. normal
 - b. famous

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

2. Thailand is an interesting _____.
- a. place
 - b. tourist

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

3. Juan often _____ in a hotel when he goes to Mexico City.
- a. visits
 - b. stays

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

4. We learn a lot about Chinese _____ when we go to China.
- a. culture
 - b. area

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

5. You can see great art _____ the Louvre Museum in Paris.
- a. special
 - b. inside

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

LEVEL FOUNDATIONS

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

Match each word to its definition.

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| 6. unusual (adj) | ● | ● a. belonging to the present time |
| 7. modern (adj) | ● | ● b. usual, average |
| 8. crowded (adj) | ● | ● c. different |
| 9. normal (adj) | ● | ● d. full of people |
| 10. amazing (adj) | ● | ● e. very good in a surprising way |

ANSWERS: 6. c, 7. a, 8. d, 9. b, 10. e

POINTS: 5

Complete each conversation with a word from the box. One word is extra.

busy	famous	quiet	satisfied
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11. A: Are you happy with this restaurant?

B: Yes. I'm very _____.

12. C: Jakarta is really crowded!

D: I know. It's so _____!

13. E: Is the Great Wall of China well known?

F: Yes. It's _____ around the world.

ANSWERS: 11. satisfied, 12. busy, 13. famous

POINTS: 3

Listen to the conversation. Choose the correct answers.

14. Why is Carlos Gonzalez on the radio show?
- a. He wants to talk about vacations around the world.
 - b. He has questions about vacations in South America.
 - c. He knows a lot about vacations in Colombia.
15. Why does Carlos like both Caño Cristales and the Cocora Valley?
- a. They are unusual and special places.
 - b. They are beautiful and modern.
 - c. They are famous, and tourists like them.
16. What is Caño Cristales?
- a. It is a valley.
 - b. It is a river.
 - c. It is a mountain.
17. What is unusual about Caño Cristales?
- a. For a few months every year, it turns five different colors.
 - b. It is always five different colors at the same time.
 - c. It changes to a different color every few months.
18. What is true about wax palm trees?
- a. They are taller than all other trees in the world.
 - b. They are the tallest palm trees in the world.
 - c. They grow everywhere in Colombia.
19. What can you see in the Cocora Valley?
- a. Trees and hummingbirds.
 - b. Colorful plants and mountains.
 - c. Rivers and tourists.
20. What does Lisa think about Caño Cristales and the Cocora Valley?
- a. She does not really want to see them.
 - b. She prefers famous places with lots of tourists.
 - c. They are interesting and exciting places.

ANSWERS: 14. c, 15. a, 16. b, 17. a, 18. b, 19. a, 20. c

POINTS: 7

Audio 1

Lisa: This is *Let's Go on Vacation!* I'm Lisa Lerner. Our guest today is Carlos Gonzalez. He writes a travel blog about South America. He's here today to tell us about Colombia. Welcome, Carlos!

Carlos: Thanks. It's great to be here.

Lisa: So, what are some good places to visit in Colombia?

Carlos: Well, there are lots of beautiful places to go... but my two favorite places are Caño Cristales and the Cocora Valley.

Lisa: Why do you like those places?

Carlos: They're in natural areas. They're not crowded. There aren't very many tourists.

Lisa: Nice.

Carlos: And this is very important for me: Caño Cristales and the Cocora Valley are both really unusual and special places.

Lisa: Tell us more.

Carlos: Let's start with Caño Cristales. It's a river in the mountains. It's special because it has five different colors. From July to November, the river turns yellow, green, blue, black, and red.

Lisa: Really? Why?

Carlos: There are lots of colorful plants. They grow in the river and change its color.

Lisa: That sounds great. And what about the Cocora Valley?

Carlos: The Cocora Valley is special because wax palm trees grow there. They're the tallest palm trees in the world. They can be 70 meters, or 230 feet, tall.

Lisa: Wow!

Carlos: The trees are amazing. And the valley is green and beautiful. There are many hummingbirds and other wild animals.

Lisa: Awesome. I want to visit both those places!

Listen. Choose the correct answers.

21. Which word does the man repeat?
- a. special
 - b. colorful
 - c. tallest
22. Why does he repeat this word?
- a. To help listeners understand how the two places are different.
 - b. To help listeners understand the main ideas he is talking about.
 - c. To help listeners understand details he is talking about.

ANSWERS: 21. a, 22. b

POINTS: 2

Audio 2

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Listen. Choose the word you hear.

23. a. bail
b. pail

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

Audio 3

pail

24. a. pay
b. bay

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

Audio 4

bay

25. a. mine
b. nine

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

Audio 5

nine

LEVEL FOUNDATIONS

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

26. a. fat
b. vat

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

Audio 6

fat

27. a. van
b. fan

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

Audio 7

van

28. a. ram
b. ran

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

Audio 8

ran

Complete each sentence. Choose the correct answer.

29. Canada is a _____.
a. beautiful
b. beautiful country

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

LEVEL FOUNDATIONS

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

30. Some tourists prefer ____.

- a. modern
- b. modern hotels

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

31. The museum is very ____.

- a. interesting
- b. interesting place

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

32. Our trip was ____.

- a. special
- b. special vacation

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

33. The Eiffel Tower is an ____.

- a. amazing
- b. amazing building

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

Complete the paragraph. Use *there + is/are (not)*. Use the present or past. Use contractions.

34. I love my town. _____ many beautiful places here.

_____ a beautiful park next to the river. _____

(not) any cars in the park. In the past, people didn't know about our town.

_____ (not) many tourists here. But now, _____

lots of tourists.

ANSWERS: There are, There's, There aren't, There weren't, there are

POINTS: 5

LEVEL FOUNDATIONS

ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

Complete each conversation. Choose the correct answer.

35. A: I like to go to the mountains.
B: _____ I prefer to go to the beach.

- a. I don't.
- b. I don't either.

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

36. A: I don't enjoy big cities.
B: _____ They're too crowded.

- a. Me, too!
- b. Me, neither.

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

Read the question. Think about how to respond. Then speak for up to 45 seconds.

37. Talk about an unusual place you know about. What kind of place is it? What's there? What do people do there?

ANSWER: Answers will vary. See Speaking Rubric.

POINTS: 3