

PRE-READING

Activity A

1. Can you name the tourist attractions shown on page 56 of your course book?
2. Which ones would you like to visit?
3. Pair work: ---- What type of book is the one I have just handed to you?
 ---- What sort of information do you expect to find in such a book?

Activity B

1. Watch the video and identify the places of interest that the tourists are visiting.
2. Which means of transport can you identify? You can work in pairs.

PLACES

TRANSPORT

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3. What do you know about Amsterdam?



Activity C

Try to match the words with the pictures.

READING

Activity A

Read part A of the text and fill in.

AMSTERDAM

Capital city of	
Canals (in kilometres)	
Number of islands	
Number of bridges	
Canals are cleaner today because	

Activity B

a. Read parts B and C of the text and answer the questions:

- Why did Amsterdam become very wealthy?

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- When was the *Golden Age* of Amsterdam?

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- What does the name *Amsterdam* mean?

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- What, according to the writer, attracted famous scholars to Amsterdam?

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- Apart from the canals, what other tourist attractions are mentioned?

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b. Decide whether the statements are TRUE or FALSE.

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| • Originally the canals were built as moats. | TRUE/FALSE |
| • The canals became the means for transporting products. | TRUE/FALSE |
| • Amsterdam became very wealthy due to its beauty. | TRUE/FALSE |
| • The <i>Golden Age</i> is around the 15 th century. | TRUE/FALSE |
| • Amsterdam was at first a small fishing village. | TRUE/FALSE |
| • Famous people came to Amsterdam for its wealth. | TRUE/FALSE |
| • The Picasso Museum is located in Amsterdam. | TRUE/FALSE |

POST-READING

Activity A

1. Work in pairs and decide on an appropriate title for the text. Remember: titles have to be short, interesting and catchy!!

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2. Where would you find such a text?

Activity B

Follow the steps in the card given to you! Hand in your homework either next time we are having class or via e-mail at sskoul77@gmail.com

You are the Mayor of a large city which unfortunately does not attract many tourists every year. Talk to the citizens of your city about the how you can make your city more interesting and attractive to tourists from around the world (at least 5 suggestions). Think about:

- *What can you improve?*
- *What can you change?*
- *Who will help you?*
- *Where will you find the money needed?*
- *Give examples of your ideas.*



You are a traveller to a foreign country. You have just visited a famous tourist attraction in a major city and you are separated from your friends. You are now lost. Think of the steps you need to take (at least 5 suggestions)



You are travelling back to your country but when you reached the airport you realized you have lost your airplane ticket. Talk to the airport staff and give as many details as possible about your situation.



Do not forget to include:

- *Your name*
- *Destination and time of departure*
- *Airline name*
- *Description of your situation*
- *Be polite, ask them to re-issue the ticket*

Your friends and you have decided to go on a trip next summer but you can't decide where to go. Tell them where you think you should go and try to persuade them that your suggestion is the best. Take the following into consideration:

- *The amount of money you will spend*
- *The time you will spend travelling*
- *The attractions you will visit*
- *Anything else might be helpful in persuading them*





You are visiting Amsterdam. You have decided to write a postcard to a friend or relative of yours back home. Write about your impression of the city!

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