

Unit 7

I saw an article about it

Get ready to read

- Do you ever read magazines? Tick ✓ the magazines you read.
business and/or current affairs magazines ☐ computer magazines ☐
sports magazines ☐ magazines about celebrities ☐
cooking magazines ☐ fashion and/or photography magazines ☐
holiday and/or travel magazines ☐ car and/or bike magazines ☐
- When do you usually buy magazines? How many do you buy a month? Do you keep them?

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A Call of the wild

- 1 Look at the article on the opposite page. What kind of magazine is it from?

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- 2 What can you see in the photograph? What kind of animal is it?

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- 4 Read paragraph 1. Do these sentences describe the dry season (D) or the wet season (W)?

a There are more animals at each waterhole. D
b There are more leaves on the trees and bushes.
c You can't drive along some tracks.
d There are fewer places to stay.
e The animals can be seen more clearly.
f Baby animals are born during this season.

Did you know ...?

The word *safari* comes from Swahili and Arabic. The Arabic word is *safar* meaning 'travel' or 'journey'. Swahili is one of the major languages of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

Lots of words which are used in English have come from other languages. For example: *typhoon* (Chinese), *robot* (Czech), *cruise* (Dutch), *opera* (Italian), *judo* (Japanese), *ski* (Norwegian), *sofa* (Persian), *buffalo* (Portuguese), *yoghurt* (Turkish).

- 3 Match these headings with the paragraphs in the article. Write each paragraph number in the correct box.

a Lodge or camp? ☐
b Where to go? ☐
c Drive, walk or boat? ☐
d What about other activities? ☐
e When to go? ☒
- 5 Paragraphs 2 and 3 contrast several things. Read the paragraphs and think about the advantages of each situation below. Complete the sentences in your own words.

a If you camp, you are always in the bush and you are very close to the animals.
b If you stay in a lodge,
c If you go on a game drive,
d If you go on a walking safari,
e If you go on a boat,
- 6 Paragraphs 4 and 5 give several examples of travel destinations. Which region or country would you go to if you wanted to do these things?

a see wildlife East Africa, Namibia
b see beautiful scenery
c do exciting activities
d go on a relaxing boat trip
e climb a mountain



Call of the wild

Old Africa hand Sandy Beatty gives five insider tips for choosing your first safari

¹ The dry season offers better game-viewing, as higher concentrations of animals congregate around fewer waterholes, with less foliage to hide behind. During the rains, some tracks become impassable and many camps close. However, in the wet season, animals – and consequently safari vehicles – are often more dispersed. Trees and shrubs are greener and in flower, and many newborn animals can be spotted. Weather's not the only consideration – visiting Kenya or Tanzania during the Great Migration (July–September), when more than one million wildebeest thunder across the Serengeti, is an experience of a lifetime.

² There's nothing quite like a top-end safari lodge for the classic Africa

experience – crisp white tablecloths, cold drinks, impeccable service and usually a waterhole, or savannah viewpoint not too far away. But camping safaris get you right in among the action. Either way, with Explore* you will have a top-notch leader and you'll be spotting the same game – there's no such thing as a luxury lion.

³ A 4WD game drive enables you to sample several different areas in a relatively short space of time. But walking safaris get you away from trails to enjoy the smaller creatures and quieter sounds of the bush. Boat safaris get you close to animals drinking from waterholes and rivers, and offer a unique perspective. For the ideal mix, why not combine more than one mode of transport?

⁴ If you have a burning ambition to spot one particular species, check where to head for the best chance. For apes and the Great Migration, it has to be East Africa; for desert-adapted elephants or a close-up cheetah encounter, Namibia's the place. Trip dossiers will give you an idea of which species you can expect to see.

⁵ Africa offers a lot more than just safaris. Head for Tanzania to tack on a Zanzibar beach break or to climb Kilimanjaro; to Zambia for Victoria Falls and some adrenaline action; to Kenya for Arab culture and dhow cruises; or to South Africa for fantastic landscapes, food and wine.

*Explore is a travel company.

7 Look at the headings in Exercise 3. Imagine you are going on safari. What are your own answers to the five questions in the headings?

Class bonus

Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about your safari. For example, *When are you going to go? Are you going to camp?* Find out if you have chosen the same type of safari holiday as your partner. Work with several other students and find the person whose holiday plans are most similar to your own.

Focus on ... vocabulary



There are some useful words about safari holidays in the article. Read these definitions of some of the words and write each word.

- a wild animals (that are hunted or photographed) g a m e
- b a small house in the country that is used especially by people on a sporting holiday
- c a path through the countryside
- d wild parts of Africa where very few people live
- e a group of animals which share the same characteristics
- f an animal like a large monkey