

## Planning a trip abroad

### I VOCABULARY: match the words to their synonyms

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| 1. weird              | A. American flag          |
| 2. draconian          | B. friendly               |
| 3. a hooker           | C. leader                 |
| 4. to construe        | D. careless               |
| 5. to kid             | E. bad-tempered           |
| 6. bite               | F. to display/ to exhibit |
| 7. affable            | G. bizarre                |
| 8. grumpy             | H. a study                |
| 9. lax                | I. unpleasant             |
| 10. front man         | J. severe                 |
| 11. to intersperse    | K. to cause               |
| 12. commercial        | L. a prostitute           |
| 13. to crave          | M. to interpret           |
| 14. stars and stripes | N. to desire              |
| 15. to induce         | O. to joke                |
| 16. survey            | P. advertising            |
| 17. to sport          | Q. spiciness              |
| 18. overbearing       | R. to spread              |

### II COMPREHENSION: watch the video entitled American things Europeans find weird and answer the following questions:

1. Name all the differences a European traveller may find in the US according to this short video.

Food and drinks

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Shopping

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Directions/ Traffic

- 1.
- 2.

### Entertainment

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### Social aspects

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### Physical appearance

- 1.
- 2.

## 2. What precision can you give regarding the following elements?

1. Mustard
2. Thailand
3. Gallagher Liam (Oasis band)
4. The British isles
5. Serbia
6. L.A.

### III DISCUSSION

1. Are you familiar with all the differences mentioned above?
2. Could you establish a list itemising *European things Americans find weird?*

### IV GRAMMAR : preterit simple VS present perfect simple

1. When do we use preterit simple?
2. When do we use present perfect simple?
3. List 'time words and expressions' associated with both tenses.
4. Complete the following exercises.

**A-Use THE SIMPLE PAST or THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE to fill in the blanks:**

1. What ..... (you / learn) since you ..... (come) here? How many friends ..... (you / make)? I hope you ..... (already / meet) a lot of interesting people.
2. Last night my roommate and I ..... (have) some free time, so we ..... (go) to a show.
3. I ..... (just / have) lunch, but I ..... (not / have) lunch yesterday.
4. Who ..... (write) the play "**Hamlet**"?
5. How many games ..... (the team / win) so far this season?
6. I don't know Carol's husband. I ..... (never / meet) him.
7. It ..... (rain) a lot last week, but it ..... (not / rain) much so far this week.
8. How many letters ..... (you / write) since the beginning of the month?
9. When we were on vacation, the weather ..... (be) terrible.
10. In her whole lifetime, Mary ..... (never / see) snow.
11. I don't know where Ammy is. ....(you / see) her?
12. When I ..... (get) home last night, I ..... (be) very tired and I ..... (go) straight to bed.
13. Your car looks very clean. .... (you / wash) it?
14. George ..... (not / be) very well last week.

15. Mr. Clark ..... (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.

**B- Rewrite the sentences using SIMPLE PAST or PRESENT PERFECT TENSE:**

EX: I haven't seen her for a long time.

It's ages **since I saw her**.....

1. I last met George two weeks ago.

I haven't .....

2. They have been here for three months.

They arrived .....

3. We started living in Istanbul 12 years ago.

We have .....

4. I last saw my girlfriend five days ago.

I haven't .....

5. Is this the first time you have tasted a kiwi fruit?

..... (not) you ..... one before?

6. I last smoked a cigarette ten years ago.

I haven't .....

7. I last drank wine two weeks ago.

It's two weeks ..... wine.

8. I have lived in Istanbul since January.

I ..... (come)

9. They moved to Ankara two years ago.

They ..... two years.

10. She hasn't been to Rome before.

This is the first time .....