

## A. WARMER

Ask the students the following question. This can be done individually for smaller classes, or in groups for larger classes.

Which types of travel/transport do you think are:

**Safe, Affordable, Romantic, Boring, Pricey, Stressful, Dangerous**

## B. VOCABULARY

The following list of vocabulary words are related to the cost of things, and are in the text the students will be reading. Write the words, spread out evenly across the whiteboard. Get the students to indicate in some way, which are positive and which are negative (eg. they could underline them in different colours, or put pluses and minuses next to them). Get feedback from them. Now get them to write words and draw pictures next to each word, indicating appropriate associations and collocations.

**Discounts, Reductions, Bargains, Inexpensive, Splurge, Complimentary, Upgrade, Exorbitant, Overpriced, Pricey, Freebies, Save a bundle, Hidden charges, Slash rates, Early bird discounts, Affordable**

## C. READING

The article is an extract from a longer article, with 20 points on different ways to save money when travelling (<http://traveler.nationalgeographic.com/cut-vacation-costs>).

1. Before the students read the article, get them to make their own list of as many different ways as possible that they can think of to save money when travelling. Get feedback from them.
2. Cut up the article into its 20 points, and lie them face down on the table. Get the students to choose an equal number each. They have to read their points and share them with the rest of the class.
3. Once they have finished with the whole article, have a discussion with the students about which points they have found useful and will implement in the future.

## D. TRAVEL VOCABULARY

Get the students to match the following collocations:

*Answers:*

*boarding pass, charter flight, direct flight, poor visibility, in-flight entertainment, window seat, aisle seat, cabin pressure, passport control, breathtaking view*

## E. IDIOMS

Get the students to match the phrase on the left with the one on the right to make idioms:

*Answers:*

*a mile a minute, to drive somebody round the bend, to be in the same boat, ship has come in, that ship has sailed, to take somebody for a ride, to go to great lengths, wheeling and dealing, to fly off the handle, to let things ride*

The students now need to fill in the missing idioms:

1. drives me round the bend
2. a mile a minute.
3. that ship has sailed.
4. flew off the handle
5. let things ride
6. in the same boat.
7. went to great lengths
8. ship has come in
9. wheeling and dealing
10. took me for a ride

## F. VOCABULARY REVISION

In pairs, get the students to write a dialogue between a customer and a travel agent trying to sell a holiday. They have to use ALL the idioms and vocabulary collocations in the dialogue. Once they have finished, get them to act out the role play.

## G. PHRASAL VERBS

The students need to fill the missing words into the gaps to make up phrasal verbs

1. falling apart
1. fall back on
2. fell into
3. get around
4. get away
5. getting on

Get the students to ask each other questions using the phrasal verbs.

## EXTRACTS FROM '57 WAYS TO CUT VACATION COSTS' BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

<http://traveler.nationalgeographic.com/cut-vacation-costs/9>

Don't get caught in a tourist money trap. Learn how to save big with our savvy strategies, from avoiding hidden charges to cashing in on off-season deals, and finding the best bargains on hotel rooms, vacation packages, flights, and more.

### Getting Started

1. Travel during the off-season. Examples: Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon are most expensive in summer, the same season when tour operators and hotels in the Caribbean and Mexico slash rates. Caribbean cruises are less expensive when you go in the fall versus winter or spring—though you'll want to avoid isles in the so-called "Hurricane Alley." Hotels in Hawaii offer 10 to 20 percent off room rates from mid-September to mid-December; and Europe's best deals are offered between Thanksgiving and Easter.
2. Plan ahead. Discounted vacation packages for travel during Thanksgiving and Christmas are offered as early as August. Book your winter cruise a year in advance for early-bird discounts, and take advantage of rail fare reductions just after the holidays. From August through October, ski resorts post deals for the upcoming winter season.
3. Buy a vacation package. When planning a vacation with multiple components—airfare, accommodations, a rental car—a package can save you up to 30 percent versus purchasing each part of your trip separately.
4. Let the deals come to you. Subscribe to free e-mail newsletters to save time and money on airfare, hotel rooms, vacation packages, and more.
5. When booking a multi-leg flight turn to a website with ITA Software. This simple-to-use technology allows you to search for airfare then e-mail an agent to see if a lower price can be found elsewhere. Sites such as Orbitz and CheapTickets.com use this software.
6. Keep your honeymoon and other special occasions under wraps, at first. Some companies will try to charge you more, reasoning that you'll want to splurge on this special getaway. Once your reservations are finalized, share the reason for your trip: You might get complimentary champagne or a free upgrade at your hotel.
7. Trash your "cookies," small files stored in your Internet browser that record the websites you surf—and the transactions you make. Say you go online and purchase a plane ticket from Chicago to Omaha. The next time you visit that site, you could be quoted a higher rate than what's actually available because of your spending history. Avoid this problem by deleting these files before each new search; it usually means clicking on the "Tools" tab and selecting "Clear private data." Detailed instructions for your specific browser can be found under the "Help" option in the browser menu.
8. Buy any electronics you might need before you depart—this includes small items like converters, headphones, and cords. They can be difficult to find while traveling, and when they're in plain sight they're usually exorbitantly overpriced. A single, all-in-one travel converter is a great buy, since it's relatively inexpensive, reusable for multiple trips, and can save hours of frustration in pricey electronics stores abroad.
9. Packing well can save you from buying a \$60 sweater just like the one you have at home (only more expensive). Pack layers and pack light, but always bring at least one warm item. Especially with summer air conditioning in places like Australia, you might find yourself wearing that hooded sweatshirt more than you expected.
10. Bike: It's a fun and affordable way to get around. In Copenhagen, for example, more than 125 bike shops offer 1,300 free bike rentals for visitors between May and December. In Amsterdam, bikes are the most popular way to

travel, and for \$10 per day, cheaper than taxis. The popular Paris velibs—sturdy bicycles parked at stations around the city—cost one euro for a one-day access card and the first half-hour is free.

11. Free is the magic word. Check Traveler's Free Cities Index to discover freebies at your destination. Madrid's Museo del Prado, for example, offers free admission on Sundays. In London, the National Gallery, the British Museum, the Tate Modern, and the Museum of Natural History are all free, as are the Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C. Plan ahead to maximize your chances of visiting an attraction when it's free, and keep a notebook with a listing of free activities in the city; this way you won't fall into the trap of spending money to kill time. Next time you have time to spare, you can pull out your book and find a free site nearby.

12. Buy theater tickets the day of the performance. Booths in London and San Francisco, for example, sell tickets the day before the show for a fraction of the cost. At the two TKTS kiosks in Manhattan, discounts range from 25 to 50 percent when you purchase tickets the morning of the show. Other great ways to find discounts of up to 50 percent on Broadway shows: Theater Mania, Playbill, and Broadway Box. For off-Broadway productions, check out Off Broadway Online.

13. Invest in CityPass. These little booklets offer admission to dozens of attractions—plus discounts at local restaurants and shops—for one low price. You can buy them for several U.S. cities in addition to Toronto, Canada.

14. Purchase a multi-day subway pass. If you plan to make several stops, you'll save a bundle. Pick up a brochure at the information desk or kiosk in the local metro or subway station for more information. For details on subways in New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C., log on to HopStop.com.

15. Book your adventures after arriving in your vacation spot—often local tour operators will offer better rates, and supporting the local economy is always a good thing.

16. Avoid public restrooms located in stores—the temptation and pressure to purchase items once you've entered is often too strong to deny. Instead, keep your eye out for free municipal toilets, such as those in Paris, where visitors can make a mid-street pit stop sans guilt.

17. Head off the beaten path. Ditch the "hot" touristy districts and seek out a small neighborhood for a more affordable (and often more authentic) dining experience. An example: Just ten minutes from Krakow's Old Town is the Kazimierz District, which teems with less expensive bars and restaurants.

18. Beware of hidden charges at restaurants. At some places in Italy, for example, a 15 percent charge is automatically added to your check as soon as you sit down at a table. Before being seated ask the hostess about these hidden fees. Some restaurants will charge extra for table service but not for meals eaten at the bar. And take-away is nearly always the cheapest option.

19. Make a picnic. Shop at a local market for regional delicacies, then head to a scenic park or lookout for dining al fresco. Two of our favorite spots: the longest park bench in the world at Gaudi's Park Güell in Barcelona and Vancouver's famous Stanley Park Seawall.

20. Be wary of hors d'oeuvres you didn't order—they're not always complimentary. In some parts of the world (think Portugal and France) these appetizers come with a price, and no matter how much you eat, you'll be billed for the lot.

## IDIOMS

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to drive somebody	has sailed
to be in the	come in
ship has	great lengths
that ship	round the bend
to take somebody	dealing
to go to	things ride
wheeling and	a minute
to fly	same boat
to let	off the handle

## TRAVEL VOCABULARY

Match the following collocations:

boarding	flight
charter	entertainment
direct	seat
poor	pass
in-flight	pressure
window	control
aisle	flight
cabin	seat
passport	view
breathtaking	visibility

Fill in the missing idioms from the following sentences:

- It really \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ when people jump the queue!
- I can't always understand what she's saying, she talks \_\_\_\_\_.
- I wish I had taken Peter up on his business proposal, but now it's too late, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mary just \_\_\_\_\_ when I told her I would be late. I guess she was really upset about it.
- If you \_\_\_\_\_ when your children misbehave, it's very difficult to set them straight later.
- I don't think we'll be going on holiday this year either, it looks like we're all \_\_\_\_\_.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ to make it an evening to remember; champagne, candles, home cooked meal – the works!
- My \_\_\_\_\_ at last, I won \$100 on the lottery!
- I don't know how he managed to get away without paying a fine. I'm sure there must have been some \_\_\_\_\_ going on!
- That taxi driver really \_\_\_\_\_! I paid double the normal price.

## PHRASAL VERBS

Fill the missing words into the gaps to make up phrasal verbs

into      apart      on      around      away      on

- The boat we hired looked like it was falling \_\_\_\_\_, but we got there in one piece in the end.
- If we can't get there by bus, do you have a Plan B that we can fall back \_\_\_\_\_?
- On the way back from Cyprus, I fell \_\_\_\_\_ conversation with a lovely Cypriot lady.
- Once you land in Timbuktu, how do you plan to get \_\_\_\_\_?
- I really need to get \_\_\_\_\_ for while, I need a break!
- It was lovely to chat, but I need to be getting \_\_\_\_\_, or I will be late for my flight.