

Look at this guide for tourists visiting California, then do the exercises to improve your reading skills.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1..... a gym

2..... a pier

3..... a suspension bridge

4..... a prison

5..... rides

6..... a rollercoaster

- a. a building where people have to live as a punishment for a crime
- b. a bridge that is suspended from cables that are attached to towers
- c. a type of ride at an amusement park, like a fast train on tracks that curve, and go from very high to very low
- d. a structure that goes into water for people to walk on, often to take a boat
- e. a health club or a large room with exercise machines
- f. mechanical attractions at an amusement park, for example a rollercoaster or big wheel

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square and Pier 39 are all in San Francisco. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | The Golden Gate Bridge is the shortest suspension bridge in the world. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Alcatraz is still a prison today. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | You can see a surfboard damaged in a shark attack in the museum in Santa Cruz. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Ice skating is a popular activity on Venice Beach. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | You can meet real film stars at Madame Tussauds in Hollywood. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | The Grammy Museum in Los Angeles is dedicated to music and dance. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | Space Mountain is the name of one of the hotels in Disneyland. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: matching

Match the person with the place they would enjoy most. Write a recommendation for them in the box.

Santa Cruz Surfing Museum	San Francisco	Golden Gate Bridge
Madame Tussauds Hollywood	Grammy Museum	Alcatraz Island

- 'I love ferry rides. They're so much fun. I also like visiting places with an interesting and unusual history.'
- 'I'd love to have my photo taken with all my favourite film stars!'
- 'I really want to go on some exciting rides. I've just taken up surfing too so I'd like to learn more about that.'
- 'I'm a keen photographer so I want to go to the place with the best views.'
- 'When I'm on holiday, two things are most important for me: great shopping and great food.'
- 'I'm a music lover and my dream is to record a song.'

Recommended place to visit
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Discussion

Which place in California would you like to visit?