3 A sense of wonder

1 Complete each gap with a phrase from the box.

hustle and bustle  laid-back  an itinerary  peace and tranquillity  with the flow  the beaten track  taken for a ride  the road

1. The little farmhouse we stayed in was off _______________. Only one car drove past the whole week we were there.
2. After three weeks on _______________, they finally arrived on the west coast of America.
3. I’m not too sure about this hostel you’ve booked for us, but if everyone else is happy, I’ll go _______________.
4. When travelling abroad, you have to be careful that you don’t get _______________ when it comes to the cost of day trips.
5. I’ve heard great things about performances at this venue. It’s supposed to have a really _______________ atmosphere, so you can just enjoy the music.
6. My parents have gone away for the weekend to escape the _______________ of city life.
7. Eating my lunch in the park is the easiest way for me to get a little _______________ into my life each day.
8. I’d rather not follow _______________ when I’m travelling abroad. I prefer to make up my mind when I’m there.

2. Tick the correct adjectives in bold in sentences 1–10. Cross out and replace the incorrect ones with an adjective from the box.

delicate  foul  rich  smelly  appetising  dreadful

1. I’m not usually a big fan of herbs, but they add such a subtle _______________ flavour to this bread. It’s wonderful.
2. I think I left it in the oven a bit too long and the meat has gone a bit dry _______________. Maybe I’ll serve it with some sauce.
3. I can’t wait to try Susan’s pie. The smells coming out of the kitchen are so faint _______________.
4. I’m really enjoying the light and rich _______________ flavours in this soup. I can just taste the peppers.
5. How many chillies did you put in this? The heat is just totally _______________. I’m not sure I can eat it.
6. I can’t believe Janet brought such a salty _______________ lunch into the library to eat. I bet it’s going to hang around in the air for a while yet.
7. I’d heard such exceptional things about that new restaurant, but the food was nothing special and the service was _______________.
8. Blue cheese is notorious for being bland _______________ smelling, but it has a truly wonderful flavour.
9. How much seasoning did you put in the soup again? It’s so salty _______________! I think you may have been a little over generous.
10. I’m not sure I’m going to be able to finish this huge slice of triple chocolate cake. It’s a little too _______________ for my taste.

3 Complete sentences 1–10 by choosing the correct option A, B or C.

1. Are you absolutely positive you want to sell your painting at auction? I’d hate ______ that you’re never going to see it again.
   A think  B to think  C thinking
2. His girlfriend threatened ______ their holiday if he forgot their anniversary again.
   A cancel  B to cancel  C cancelling
3. Are you sure you wouldn’t rather ______ straight to our hotel after arriving in Mexico?
   A go  B to go  C going
4. The other artists seem incredibly focused so I’ve decided it’s just not worth ______ this year.
   A enter  B to enter  C entering
5. She urged him ______ as she thought he wasn’t yet up to speed with all the facts.
   A reconsider  B to reconsider  C reconsidering
6. Amongst the students in my university, there is a growing tendency ______ a gap year and travel around Europe.
   A take  B to take  C taking
For sentences 1–6, report the direct speech using the correct form of a reporting verb from the box.

reassure point out query remind urge claim

1 'I've told you before Andrew, I've already been to America.'
   She

2 'Oh look, we may need to change flights in Dubai.'
   He

3 'Don't worry Henry, everything is going to be all right.'
   She

4 'Justin, please don't be late.'
   He

5 'I've visited every country in Africa.'
   She

6 'Are you sure this bill is right?'
   He

For questions 1–8, read the text below.
Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).
Example:
(0) AFFORDABLE

Madeira's little sister
Porto Santo, described by some as one long beach with an island attached, offers exclusive and yet still (0) AFFORDABLE holidays. One reason it remains unspoilt is its location. Along with Madeira, it is part of a group of Islands, off the African coast.

The handful of hotels do an impressive job of catering to the needs of a wide (2) DIVERSE of travellers. The island offers them (3) NUMBER reasons to visit, from a golf course to breathtaking scenery.

A local legend, Explorer Eddie, runs tours allowing visitors to access the remotest, relatively (4) DISCOVER beaches. His down-to-earth manner, helps put visitors' minds at (5) EASY. So confident is Eddie that his tour will exceed their (6) EXPECT, he refunds anyone who isn't totally satisfied!

Porto Santo aims high, in fact, for (7) PERFECT. There is plenty of (8) EVIDENT to show that they are achieving this, as many visitors return year after year for another unforgettable holiday.