

# PART I

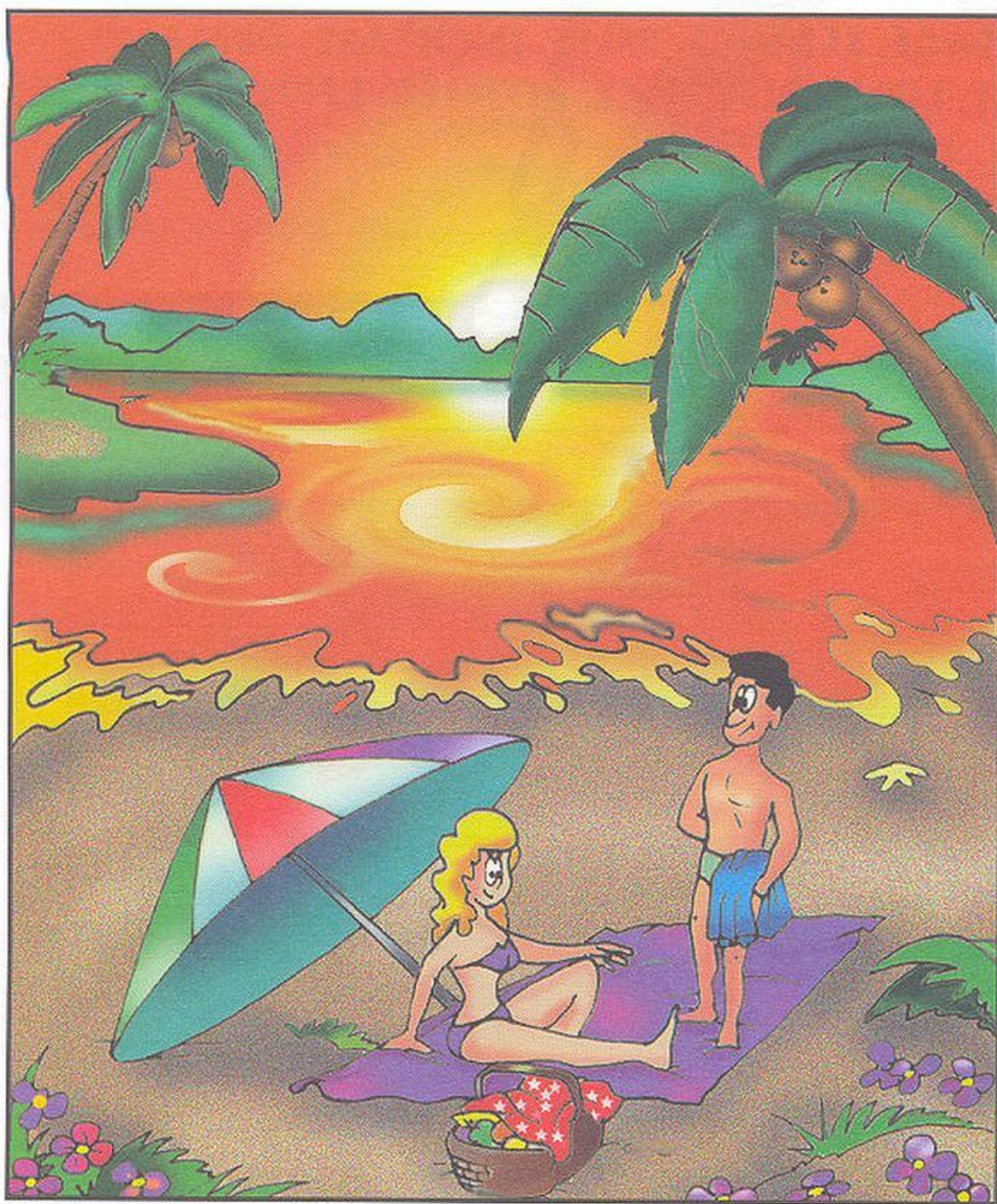


■ LISTEN AND READ.

## TOURISM IN VENEZUELA

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At first glance, Venezuela may seem to offer, like many other Caribbean tourist centers, the same beaches, the same sand, the same clear water and the same sun.

The difference however, is that Venezuela also offers an infrastructure that does not exist in the Caribbean Islands.

No island in the Caribbean boasts the shopping and business facilities Venezuela has to offer, nor the country's air travel connections with the rest of the world.

Venezuela has more competitive capacity and potential than all the islands of the Caribbean.

Tourists are very happy spending a few days enjoying the sun and the beach, but they are also interested in getting to know the continent, which is more than a tour of an island, which is what is being offered in the Caribbean.

They now set out to discover haciendas and ranches where a whole family is welcomed to milk cows, to fish in the rivers, to see, many for the first time in their lives, crocodiles and alligators in their natural environment. They can see horses and other wild animals roaming the plains, flamingos feeding by a river and finally, hundreds of different animals breaking the silence of the plains.

Now, travel agencies, particularly from Europe, offer a package of seven days at the beach and seven days in the jungle or plains.

For the above reasons and for many others not mentioned here, we can say that at last Venezuelan tourism is taking off, and no one will ever be able to stop it. Tourism is here to stay.

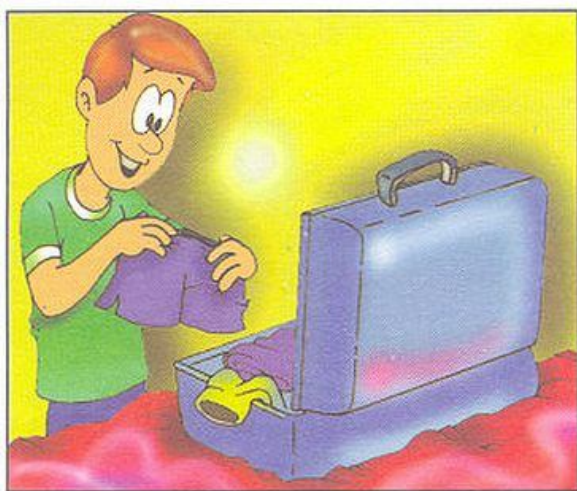
■ **DECIDE WHETHER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE OR FALSE.**

- ☐ 1. Venezuela has more to offer than the Caribbean Islands.
- ☐ 2. Alligators can be seen in their natural habitat.
- ☐ 3. The writer is not very optimistic about the development of tourism in Venezuela.
- ☐ 4. Tour operators offer European tourists a 14-day combined plan.
- ☐ 5. Families aren't welcomed to milk cows.





■ ACTIVITY: WRITE A TRAVEL PLAN FOR YOUR NEXT VACATION.





# PART II

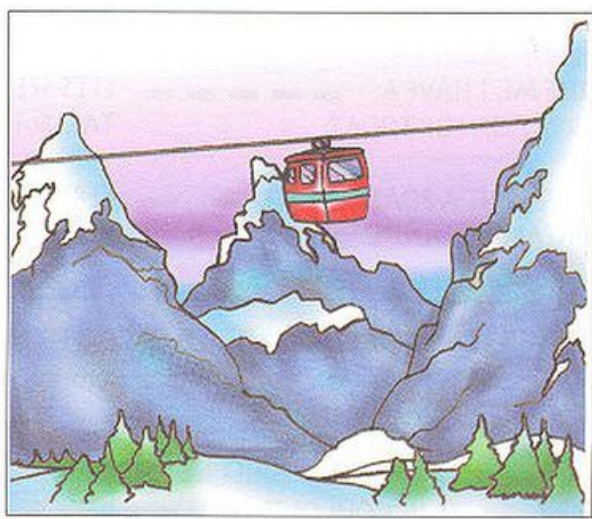
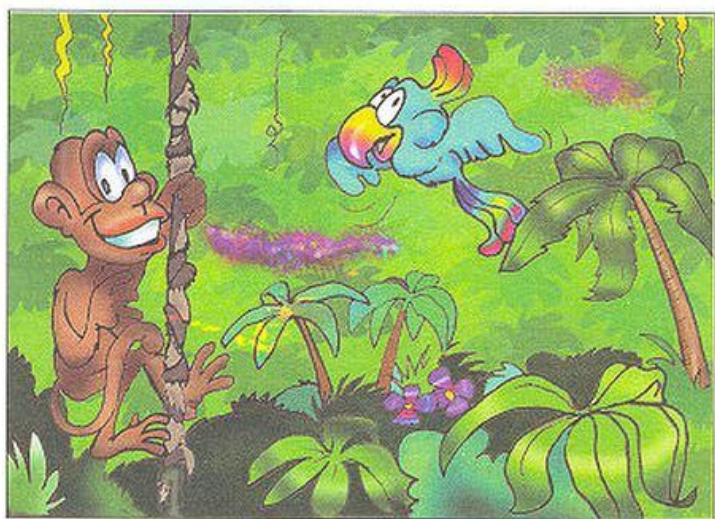


## DIALOGUE

### GOING TO SOUTH AMERICA



Bill Reynolds, an engineer working for a large company, is talking with his colleague, Tony Woods, about his plans for the next summer vacation.



**BILL:** Do you have any plans for this summer?

**TONY:** Yes, I'll take some courses at Michigan State University. How about you?

**BILL:** Well, you know, I took a couple of special courses there last year. Now I want to take a trip to South America.

**TONY:** Oh, really? Why don't you go to Venezuela? There's a lot to see in that country.

**BILL:** Have you visited Venezuela?

**TONY:** Oh, yes. In 1979 the company sent me to Caracas to explore the market for our products. I used my free time to see the beautiful scenery of the country.

**BILL:** Do you really think that Venezuela would be a good choice for the summer?

**TONY:** Sure. You'll enjoy some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, or if you are the adventurous type, you can take a tour of Canaima National Park, where it's possible to join excursions to the impressive Angel Falls, the tallest waterfall in the world, and also have a closer look at the gigantic rock formations known as "tepuyes."

**BILL:** OK, that sounds interesting. But are there any areas with cool temperatures?

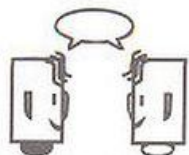
**TONY:** Ah, I see what you want. Then you'll have to go to the Andean state of Merida, where you can take a trip to the snow capped mountains, riding in the longest and highest cable car in the world. And you can visit typical, quaint villages. It'll be an unforgettable experience, I'm quite sure.

**BILL:** Well, after hearing about those marvelous things, I've just made up my mind about my summer vacation. It's really a shame you can't go to Venezuela with us; you'd be an excellent guide!





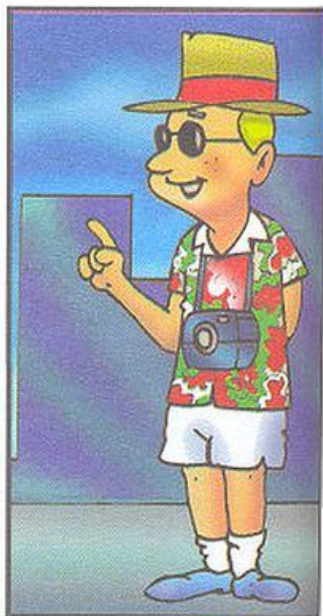
## PART III



■ **DIALOGUE.**

■ **FUNCTION: TALKING ABOUT TRAVEL**

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| • I'D LIKE TO GO TO SOUTH AMERICA SOMEDAY.        | — — — — | • YOU WOULD? I'D LIKE TO GO TO EUROPE.                                       |
| • DO YOU LIKE IT HERE?                            | — — — — | • OH, YES. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TOWN.  |
| • DOES OUR GUIDE SPEAK ENGLISH?                   | — —     | • OF COURSE HE DOES.   |
| IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY TO THE POST OFFICE?         | — — — — | • OH, YES. IT'S JUST A LITTLE FARTHER DOWN.                                  |
| • EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A RESERVATION FOR TODAY.      | — — — — | • LET'S SEE. YES, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR BAGS TAKEN TO ROOM 82, ON THE 8TH FLOOR. |
| • CAN WE RENT A BOAT TO VISIT THE NEARBY ISLANDS? | — —     | • CERTAINLY. THERE IS A DAILY BOAT SERVICE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THE HOURS.  |



■ WRITE A DIALOGUE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING SITUATION:



MARY WENT SHOPPING DOWNTOWN BY HERSELF.  
WHEN SHE TRIED TO GET BACK TO HER HOTEL, WHICH WAS NOT FAR AWAY,  
SHE COULDN'T FIND HER WAY. SHE ASKED SOME PEOPLE FOR HELP.

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# vocabulary

■ WRITE A SHORT DIALOGUE USING THE FOLLOWING WORDS

**GLANCE, BOAST, WHOLE, ROAM, WILD,  
CHOICE, QUAIN, IMPRESSIVE, NEARBY,  
UNFORGETTABLE**

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