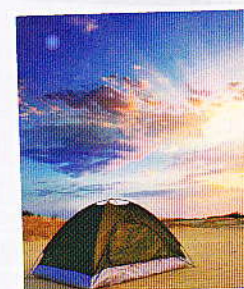


Have you ever stayed in a really unusual hotel?

- Choose the correct ending for each quiz question.

The crazy tourist quiz

- d Have you ever stayed in a really unusual hotel? _____
- Have you ever camped on _____
- Have you ever flown in a _____
- Have you ever been sightseeing in an _____
- Have you ever been cheated _____
- Have you ever lost your _____
- What's the best holiday destination _____
- What's the strangest food _____



- a) you've ever eaten abroad?
 b) by a taxi driver?
 c) helicopter?
 d) in a really unusual hotel?
 e) you've ever been to?
 f) open-top bus?
 g) a beach?
 h) passport while on holiday?

- Take turns asking and answering the quiz questions. Then do Exercise B in the Activity Book.



Have you ever stayed in a really unusual hotel?

Yes, I have. I stayed in the Four Seasons Hotel in Cairo. It's unbelievably luxurious.



No, I've never stayed anywhere really unusual. But I stayed in a really horrible hotel in New York.



- Now do Exercise C in the Activity Book.

I've been coming here since 2009

- Read the article and answer the questions.

- How long has Steve Harper been coming to Iraq?
- How many times has he visited the country?
- How long have Safar Tours been organizing tours?
- How long has Steve known Ahmed?
- How long has Safar Tours had their office on Al Sa'doon Street?
- How long has Steve been in Iraq so far on this visit?
- What has he been doing since finishing his business?

The Happy Traveller



This week Steve Harper tells us about his favourite Iraqi tour company, Safar Tours.

I've been coming to Iraq on business since 2009. In fact, in all I've visited this country fifteen times now and I still thoroughly enjoy my trips here. I usually extend my stay by a couple of extra days because one of the things I love doing here is going on excursions and doing some sightseeing. That's how I discovered Safar Tours, which is one of Iraq's longest established travel companies. In fact, Safar Tours have been organizing trips and excursions for over thirty years.



Ahmed Salim is the owner and manager of Safar Tours. I've known him for three years now, and I can honestly say that all his tours have most definitely lived up to my expectations. I have never been disappointed in any way by any of the tours he has organized for me. I've been on trips to the desert, I have visited the castles in Zakho and the Hatra ruins, and been to Babylon City three times already. And that's only to name a few!

Safar Tours was started by Ahmed's father, Ibrahim, in 1976, in a little office in Al Rasheed Street. Over the years, the business has grown considerably and they've moved offices several times. Since last July, they have had a very attractive modern office on Al Sa'doon Street.



I arrived here last Monday. So I've now been in Iraq for eight days. Since Thursday, when I finished my business, I have been going on tours around the country. I could never have achieved so much without the help of Ahmed Salim at Safar Tours. I certainly wouldn't hesitate to recommend this company to anyone considering an extended stay in Iraq.



- Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

I've tried it a few times

- 🔊 16 Listen to the dialogue and fill in the gaps with the correct words.

Katie: Hi, Muna. What are you doing with all those holiday ① _____?

Muna: Oh, I'm just doing a bit of research on holiday deals in Thailand. Have you ever ② _____ there?

Katie: Yes. We had a family holiday there a ③ _____ of years ago.

Muna: So, which places did you go to?

Katie: Well, we spent a week in Bangkok to get a flavour of the city life and then two weeks on the ④ _____ in Phuket.

Muna: I'm sure that was beautiful!

Katie: It was amazing! I really enjoyed it. Well, we all did. There was something for ⑤ _____.

Muna: We're looking for a ⑥ _____ deal.

Katie: That's a good way to do it. At least you know where you're going and what you're doing. And it often works out ⑦ _____ in the long run. Have you found one yet?

Muna: No, but there are two or three that look really good. Which hotel did you stay at in Bangkok?

Katie: We stayed at the Golden Palace for the first two nights. Then we moved on to the Marriott. The service was ⑧ _____ in both of them.

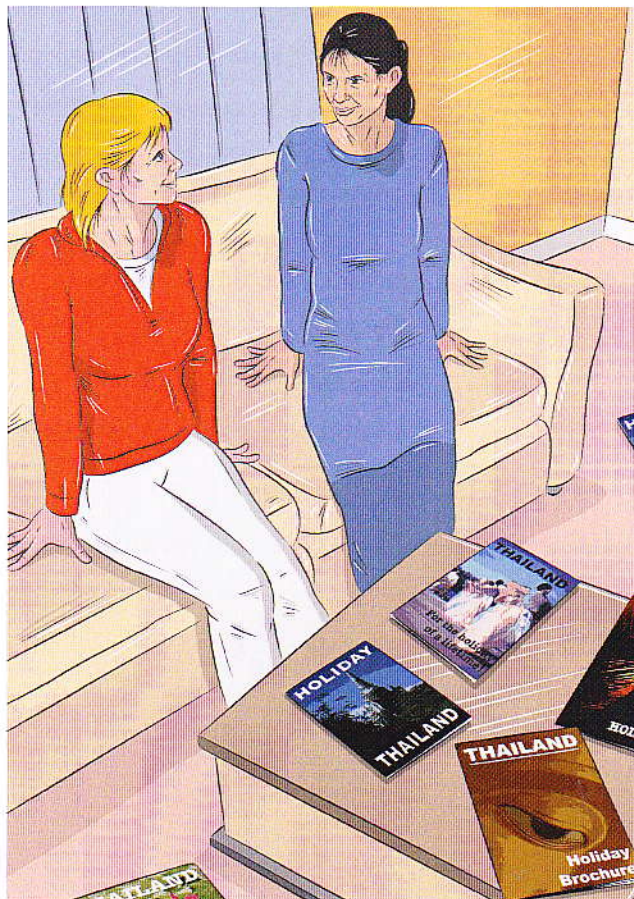
Muna: And what did you think of Thai food?

Katie: Oh, it's delicious. Haven't you ever tried it?

Muna: I had green curry once. I really didn't like it.

Katie: Why not?

Muna: It nearly burnt a hole in my ⑨ _____!



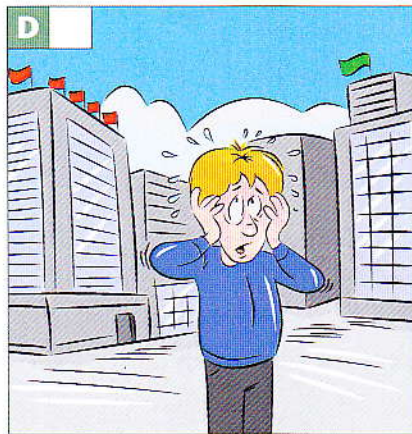
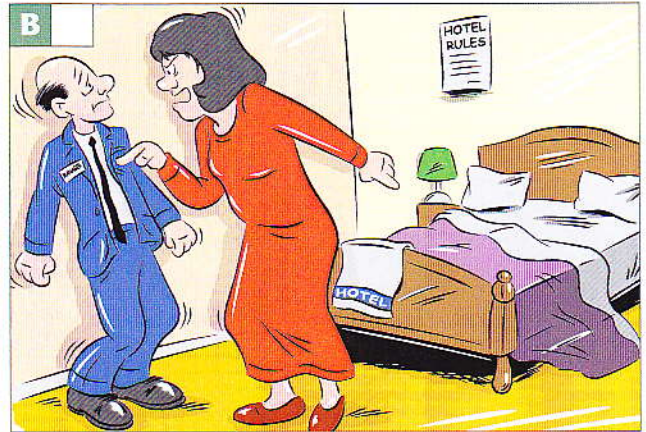
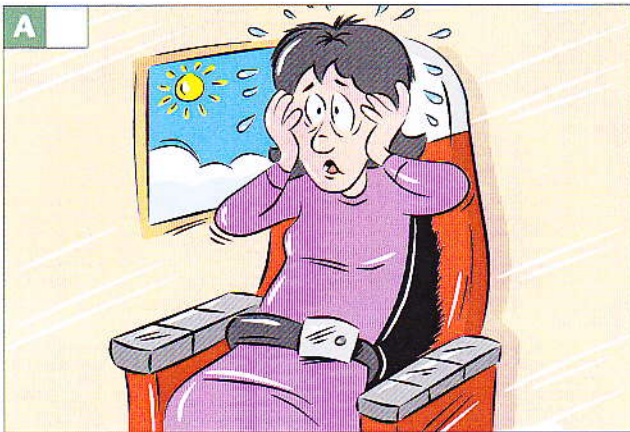
- Underline examples of the present perfect in the conversation. Circle examples of the past simple.
- Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

We couldn't get a room because we hadn't booked

● Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h | We couldn't get a room | a) because I had already been there twice. |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | I couldn't board the plane | b) because I had lost my boarding card. |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | She was nervous on the plane | c) because we'd left our driving licences behind. |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | The airline company gave me a new suitcase | d) because mine had been damaged on the plane. |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | I didn't go on the excursion to Khor Al Zubeir in Basra | e) because our room hadn't been cleaned. |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | We complained to the manager | f) because it had changed so much. |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | We couldn't hire a car | g) because she hadn't flown before. |
| 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | I didn't recognize the place | h) because we hadn't booked. |

● Match five of the sentences to the pictures.



● Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

The atmosphere was really peaceful

- Scan the text about a holiday in Tunisia. Find one piece of information about each of the following:
 - the journey
 - the hotel
- the food
- the activities

Travel Magazine

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My cousin and I have recently returned from a wonderful fortnight in the Tunisian Kerkennah Islands. It was a package deal and cost us £180. This included the flight from London to Sfax, bus transfers to and from Sfax airport and the ferry to and from the island. The accommodation was in a three-star hotel with breakfast and dinner every day. The cost even included entertainment in the evenings. I couldn't believe how cheap it was!

From Sfax airport, we were taken to the ferry port, where we boarded a rather old ferry! It took us across to the islands, which looked really beautiful in the evening sun. We were delighted that our hotel overlooked the beach and was just a short walk away. Although not very luxurious, it was a really pleasant two-storey building that was set in an attractive garden with its own swimming pool and tennis courts. Our room had its own private bathroom and balcony with a spectacular view of the calm, blue Mediterranean Sea. The atmosphere was really peaceful – that's what I really liked.

The food was exceptionally good. There was a self-service buffet in the dining room with a variety of dishes, both regional and international. You could eat as much as you wanted! Breakfast consisted of fruit, cereal, eggs, cakes, bread, honey, olives and cheese. There was a different selection of dishes for supper every night and there was a lot of great seafood. I loved the octopus, which is a speciality in Kerkennah.

We weren't bored for a moment. One day we hired a taxi and went on a tour of the island. We saw the villages where the fishermen catch octopus in clay pots. Another day we went for a camel ride on the

beach, and we even hired surfboards from the hotel and learnt to windsurf. We also went for a ride in a donkey cart and toured some villages. What really impressed me was the hospitality of the local people. Several islanders invited us into their homes for mint tea and cakes. We also took the ferry back to the mainland to see the magnificent Roman theatre at El Jem. Something else that we really enjoyed was the free entertainment in the hotel after supper. One evening a fakir and his team gave an incredible display of lying on a bed of nails and glass, walking over hot coals, breathing fire and letting scorpions walk all over their faces! We shall certainly never forget that holiday.

Anna Johnson, Reading, Berkshire



- Now do Exercises A to F in the Activity Book.

Beautiful Kerkennah

- Read these sentences and underline the relative clause in each one.

BEAUTIFUL KERKENNAH



☀ Kerkennah is the name of a group of islands that are situated off the east coast of Tunisia.



☀ The main two islands are Chergui and Gharbi, which are both inhabited.

☀ The islands are reached by a ferry that operates throughout the year.

☀ The most famous beach is Mkaren Klifa, where the water is an incredibly clear blue.



☀ There are many colourful festivals, which are a great attraction for tourists.

☀ A famous son of Kerkennah was Hedi Berkhissa, who was also known as Balha. Hedi, who was a world-class footballer, died during a match in Tunisia.



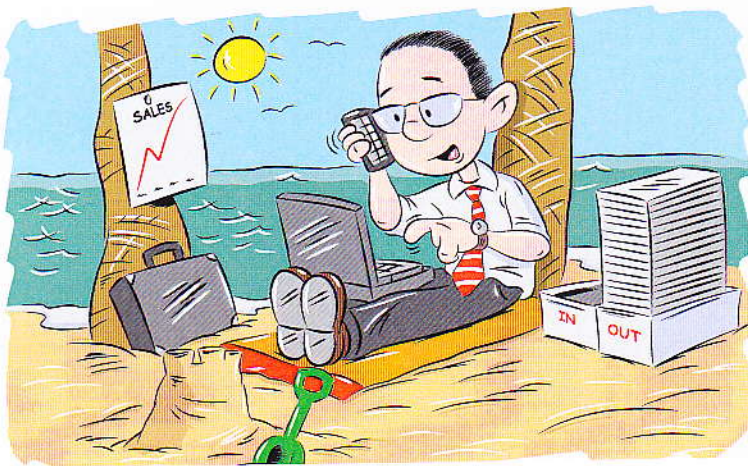
☀ Kerkennah is an ideal place for tourists who want a quiet, peaceful holiday in beautiful surroundings.

- Are these relative clauses defining (D) or non-defining (ND)?
- Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

Why are holidays so important?

- In groups, discuss the title and picture. What do you think the text will be about?
- Skim the text and match the headings with the correct paragraphs.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | What stress can do | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | Time to relax is important |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | A change can do you good | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | Too busy to leave work |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | Time for others | | |



A Today it is more important than ever to ensure that we take enough breaks and holidays. Life is so fast and we spend such a large part of our time working hard that we really need to take sufficient time out. If we don't, the pressure of life can affect both our physical and mental health.

B The stress of modern life can cause severe problems. It can cause high blood pressure, which can then cause strokes and heart attacks. It also has an effect on our minds. If we are always on the move, we don't always notice how far we push our bodies. We don't eat regular meals, we don't get enough

sleep and our free time is often interrupted by phone calls. The human body cannot continue like this indefinitely. Both brain and body need a break. If we push them too far, they will eventually let us down.

C There are more and more 'workaholics' these days who think that their work is too important to leave in the hands of others. These people cannot bear to be away from the office for more than a few hours. They put off taking holidays or breaks because there is always another deadline or another deal around the corner. They often discover too late that there is more to life than work.

D People like this risk hurting not only their health but their personal relationships too. Everyone needs to spend time with family or friends, and this time needs to be more than the occasional snatched hour here or there. People who are close to us need to know that we care about them. Giving them a significant amount of our time is how we show this. Holiday time can give us this opportunity.

E Holidays are important for everyone, not just the businessman. We all need a change of scene and a change of pace. We need to relax and take our minds off work, school, the house or whatever problems are worrying us at the time. It doesn't matter whether we choose to spend this time lying on a beach, trekking through rainforests or sightseeing. What is important is the change. A change of routine often helps us to look at our own lives in a different way. Holidays are vital to our general wellbeing. And leaving the mobile phone switched off. That is vital too!

- Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

UNIT 6

- What does it all mean?
- Which account should I get?
- Meet a banker
- Problems
- The big day
- A car loan
- Letters
- Making money

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What does it all mean?

- 🎧 17 Listen to Rami and his brother talking. Underline the items on the bank statement that they talk about.

CCB
City Commercial Bank

Bank Statement

RAMI ADAM

Account number: 97823810

Date	Transaction	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
01/05/13	OPENING BALANCE			200.00
05/05/13	CHEQUE N. 001	-20.00		180.00
07/05/13	CASH WITHDRAWAL	-30.00		150.00
10/05/13	DEPOSIT		+425.00	575.00
22/05/13	CHEQUE N. 002	-14.75		560.25
22/05/13	CHEQUE N. 003	-45.80		514.45
22/05/13	CHEQUE N. 004	-23.05		491.40
28/05/13	CASH WITHDRAWAL	-50.00		441.40
31/05/13	TOTAL	-183.60	+425.00	441.40

- Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

Which account should I get?

- Read the information about the bank accounts. Use the glossary in the middle of the page to help you. Then do Exercise A in the Activity Book.



CCB Children's account

- For children under 17
- Start saving for your future



CCB Savings account

- Free ATM card
- Monthly bank statements



CCB Current account

- Free cheque book
- Free ATM card
- Monthly bank statements
- Minimum balance 20,000 Iraqi dinars or will pay fee* of 10,000 Iraqi dinars per month
- Overdraft facilities*



CCB University student account

- Free cheque book
- Free ATM card
- Monthly bank statements
- No minimum balance*
- 50% off credit card fee*

Glossary

Overdraft facilities: ability to use more money than you have in your account at the moment.
Minimum balance: smallest amount of money you can have in your account without paying bank charges.
ATM (Automated Teller Machine): a machine you can withdraw cash from.
Credit card fee: money you pay the bank every year if you have a credit card.

- Listen to the conversation between the girl and a banker and tick the things they talk about.

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| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> current account | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> bank statements |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> a student account | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> credit card |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> a cheque book | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> ATM card |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> overdraft facilities | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> bank branches |

- What kind of account does the girl decide to get?
- Now do Exercises B to E in the Activity Book.

Meet a banker

- Skim the text. What is the main topic? Choose the best description.

- 1 The amount of money bankers make.
- 2 What you must study at school to become a banker.
- 3 What a banker's job is like.



I've been a banker for twenty years and I love my job. What makes it particularly interesting is the variety. I have to do many different things and use a number of different skills. No two days are ever the same. Most importantly, we have to convince people to use the bank, and one way to do this is to offer new services. For example, we can attract students by offering special student accounts if the bank is close to a university or college. We also advise people on the most suitable accounts for their needs.

Another of my main responsibilities is to decide whether or not to give people or businesses loans. This is one way the bank uses the money people put into their accounts. The money doesn't simply sit there but is used to make more money. Many people need loans for a special project such as buying a car or a house. We also lend money to people who want to start their own businesses. It is often up to me to decide whether the business is a good idea or not, and sometimes I must make suggestions to improve their plans. For example, if a man wants to open a bookshop on a street that already has several bookshops, I might suggest that he opens it on another street where he can get more customers. Unfortunately, I cannot always approve a loan. This is a difficult part of my job as I do not like to disappoint my clients.

Some bankers work mostly with large companies, while others have more to do with small businesses and individuals. Both types of banking can be enjoyable. Banks that work with large companies can help them improve and extend their businesses. This can be very interesting and exciting, as you have to be quite knowledgeable about many different subjects. If you

work with a company that makes chemical products, for example, you have to understand how the products are made and used. My main work is with individuals and small businesses. What I particularly enjoy about this is that I meet a range of different people. It is also very satisfying to be able to help them with their problems and make a difference in their lives.

Being a banker requires many different skills. To begin with, you have to be good at Maths and able to read and understand graphs and charts quickly. Another important skill is being able to work with other experts who can give you important information. When a client wants a loan to buy a house, for example, I need to know about the value and structure of the house and what sort of neighbourhood it is in. A specialist can give me this information. Finally, a banker needs to be a good communicator. Your clients need information about many different things, some of them quite complex. They need a banker who can explain these things clearly and who enjoys helping them.

client: person or organization who makes use of a professional, e.g., a banker, or a company, e.g., a bank.

- Now do Exercises A to E in the Activity Book.

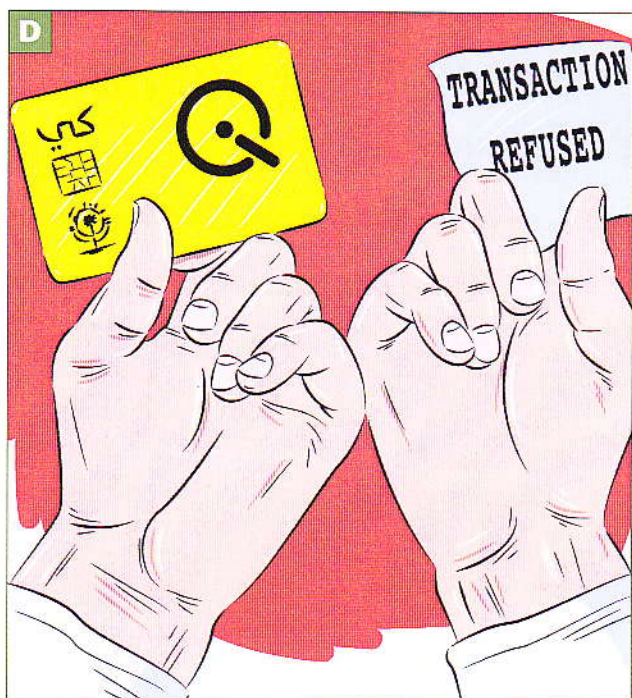
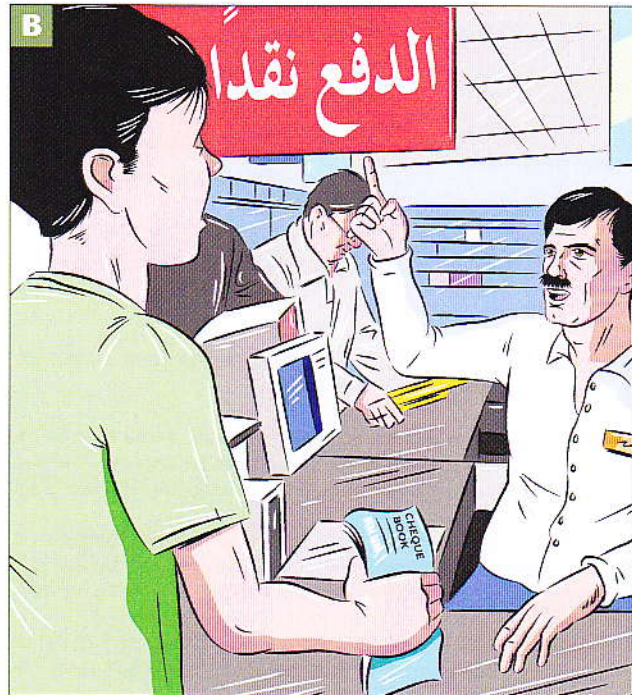
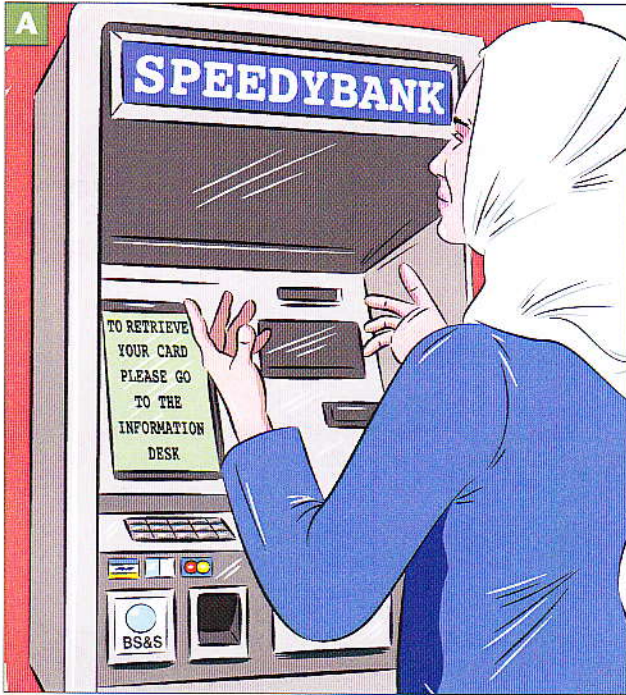
Problems

UNIT

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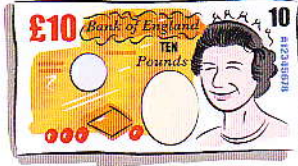
- What kinds of problems are these people having? 🎧 20 Listen to the conversations and match them with the pictures.



- Now do Exercises A to D in the Activity Book.

The big day

- Read the e-mail and do Exercise A in the Activity Book. Then use the context to help you match the words in bold with these pictures.



CURRENT CURRENCY RATES			
COUNTRY	CURRENCY	IRA	EUR
IRA	EUR	1.98	
IRA	SWE	12.9	
IRA	CYP	0.28	
IRA	JAP	198.	
IRA	SWI	8.99	



Dear Mazen,

Guess what? Tomorrow is the big day! My plane leaves for London at 3.00, and soon I'll be able to see all the sights we read about in the guidebook.

I've already packed my suitcase. I bought some new clothes and a couple more guidebooks. I tried not to pack too much but it's pretty heavy. Once I get to England, I'll have to take a taxi. There's no way I can carry it all on the Underground! I wonder how much you tip taxi drivers in England?

Last Monday I went to the bank and got some **traveller's cheques** for my trip. They're great because they're safer than cash. I signed the cheques in one place at the bank, and when I want to buy something in London, I have to sign the cheque again in front of the cashier. That way, nobody else can use them.

My banker told me I should also get some local **currency**, because not all places take traveller's cheques. I'll take my credit card too. That's accepted internationally, but I can't really use it to tip the taxi driver or travel round by bus or Underground! So I will definitely need some cash in my pocket. As you probably know, many countries in Europe use the Euro, but in the UK people use **pounds**. Do you know the **exchange rate** between Iraqi dinars and pounds? 1,000 Iraqi dinars is almost 0.57 pounds. My father told me everything in London is expensive, so I'll have to be careful what I spend.

I'll bring you back a souvenir. Let me know if there's anything particular you'd like me to get you. And keep in touch. There's an Internet café next to my hotel, so I can check my e-mail whenever I want.

See you in ten days.
Hazem

- With a partner, match the currencies and their names.



US dollar Japanese yen Australian dollar Chinese yuan Indian rupee
euro Iraqi dinar Syrian pound Saudi riyal Pakistani rupee

- Now do Exercises B to E in the Activity Book.