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THE ARTICLE

A trip to Prague

Hands up those of you that have been to Prague. I can't think of anyone who hasn't - such is its popularity with visiting tourists. So why do people go there? There are undoubtedly a 101 reasons why you should visit Prague - such is its charm. For those that haven't it might just be worth booking a trip there. For those not exactly sure where Prague is - let me advise you it is in the Czech Republic, which is in Central Europe – The Heart of Europe! It is the capital city. Without further ado let me take you on a leisurely stroll around Prague...Known as 'the Paris of the East' and as 'the city of 100 steeples', its crowded old cobblestone streets serve tourists 365 days a year. It constantly tops other top European cities to visit - like London, Paris, Budapest and Vienna. Dozens of airlines fly to Prague, often with cheap airfares, making it a bargain place to visit. The city is a huge hit with all ages. From young to teenage, from twenty something right up to retired, Prague offers tourists so much more than people expect.

The historical city of 1.2m is full of stories and legends to discover and hear. Mind you, it is also unfortunately full of stag parties and sometimes suffers from 'too many tourists in your face' syndrome - such is its popularity. Number one attraction must be either Prague Castle, which dates from the 9th century and overlooks the old city, or Charles Bridge that is packed with tourists buying knickknacks from artisans or listening to musicians play. It is said people have been crossing this bridge since 1357! There are more than 80 museums, including the famous Transport Museum, and 70 theatres to visit including the National Marionette Theatre. The International Institute of Marionette Art is also worth visiting as are some great historic cinemas – from 30s art deco to communist designed facades. There are also one or two pubs to say the least that serve some magnificent Czech beer like Pilsner and Budweiser.

Prague Castle is where the Kings and Princes of Bohemia used to live.

It is now the seat of Czech President Vaclav Klaus. There are many steps to climb up to the castle. Visitors will see many tiny houses in Golden Lane that in the 16th century were the homes of soldiers. At the top is the magnificent Gothic Cathedral and St Georges Basilica - together with some inspiring views of the city. Beyond is The Old Town, which remains the centre of Prague. In it is the Old Town Square with its famous Astronomical clock. The Jewish Quarter has 4 synagogues. Some have 15th century graves. The Pinkas Synagogue remembers the Nazi holocaust while the Old New Synagogue is more than 800 years old. Definitely worth a visit!

People like to shop and Prague is definitely the place to do this. Many international top stores have branches here. British stores like Marks & Spencer's, Debenhams, Top Shop together with H&M have outlets here. Certainly tourists love the late night shopping. Treat yourself to buying some famous Czech crystal. Prague has some fabulous restaurants. Take your pick from the many traditional Czech foods to a full international cuisine. Then there is the famous Prague nightlife! Restaurants, wonderful pubs, loud discos, late night walks, cinema, theatre, and strip clubs – it is all here! Taking a stroll is a positive delight. Looking out on the Vltava river from Charles Bridge or from one of the many viewpoints around the city is one way to spend an afternoon. Hop on a paddle boat. Occasionally there are dragon races on the river. Hire a horse and carriage! In the summer suck an ice cream. Relax in the sun! In the winter visit the delightful Christmas market. Visit a park. For students learn a language. For aspiring teachers do a T.E.F.L. course in Prague – I did! Fantastic!

A map is useful to help you get around. With or without one the city's tram and underground system will get you quickly from A to B. The airport and infrastructure have been vastly expanded. Prague also has some fine universities like Charles University. A word of warning – watch out for the rip off taxis that in certain quarters will no doubt rip you off. Even the city's Mayor got done in one while travelling in disguise a few years ago. Foreign exchange booths are also another mega rip off! Use an ATM! Most people who do visit Prague want to go back though. Be inspired – visit Prague. It's affordable!

LET'S START

1. Prague: What part of the world is Prague in? What country is Prague in? Think of 3 things you know about Prague? Go round the room swapping details.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read between 4 to 6 lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self correct your work from page 2 - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than 5 is very good. 10 are acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than 20 - we need to do some work!

3. Reading: Get students to read the passage aloud. Swap readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students look through the article. Underline/highlight any vocabulary you do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through & explain any words or phrases you do not understand.

5. The article: Students look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about Prague?
- c) Will you be going there this year?

6. Let's tell a story! A trip to Prague: Below are 20 words and phrases from the article. Use them to compile a story about a trip to Prague you did recently. (Imagine!) Add 2 words of your own. Tell your story to your partner. (*Maybe tick off your words as you tell it*)

1	Prague	11	infrastructure
2	shopping	12	Charles Bridge
3	it's affordable	13	tourists
4	loud discos	14	beer
5	stag parties	15	Prague Castle
6	Czech crystal	16	Christmas market
7	Jewish Quarter	17	ice cream
8	taxis	18	students
9	horse and carriage	19	Vltava river
10	summer	20	Gothic cathedral

Your choice 1 _____ Your choice 2 _____

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their stories in front of the class.

7. Let's write! A leisure e-mail: Write and send a leisure e-mail to your teacher about a trip you made to Prague earlier this year. (Imagine!) (You might need to use the internet) Your e-mail can be read out in class.

8. Let's debate: In pairs. Students A think Prague is the best European City to visit for tourists to visit. Students B think otherwise – choose an alternative city. Explain why.

9. Let's talk! In Prague: In pairs. You are in a pub in Prague. One of you is a barman/barmaid. The other is a tourist just in off the street who wants a drink. The tourist orders one at the bar. Between you get talking. Find out what you can about each other. Then ask questions about where to go in Prague. *5-minutes*.

10. Let's explain! Likes and dislikes of Prague! Think of 3 things you like about Prague. Also 3 things you don't like. Write them below. Using these words/phrases tell your partner why. (Imagine!)

	Likes		Dislikes
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	

The teacher will choose some pairs to hear their results.

11. Let's do 'The Article Quiz': With your partner or in small groups: (1 point for each correct answer. Lose _ point if you look at the article for help!)

Student A

- 1) Which cities are mentioned?
- 2) Prague Castle dates from when?
- 3) Name the bridge.
- 4) What is helpful to get you around?
- 5) What is the word of warning?
- 6) What is affordable?
- 7) Who got ripped off? When?

Student B

- 1) How many people live in Prague?
- 2) Name the beers.
- 3) Name 3 things you can do in Prague.
- 4) What is Prague known as?
- 5) What can you hop on?
- 6) What did the author do in Prague?
- 7) Name the British shops in Prague.

12. Let's remember! Retelling the article: In groups. Read the first page of the article to yourself again. Try to remember it! Hide the page then taking turns and *in your own words* try to retell the article sentence by sentence. You get a point for every correct sentence. *5-minutes*

13. Let's chat! Phone call: In pairs: One of you is in Prague for the weekend. It is raining loudly. You are excitedly ringing your friend back home to tell them all about your adventures so far! Your friend asks you some questions about it. Arrange a meeting time and date for the following weekend. Remember you are *on the phone!* It is at times difficult to hear each other. *5-minutes*

14. Let's think! Prague: Swap partners. With your new partner on the board write as many words to do with '**Prague**' as you can. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

15. Let's compile! Sentences: Choose six/nine of the words from no 14. Write two/three sentences using two/three words in each. Underline your chosen words. The teacher will if necessary correct your work. Students might be asked to read their sentences aloud.

16. Let's think! 10 things about the Czech Republic: Think of 10 things you know about the Czech Republic? Write them below. Then tell your partner about your findings. (You may need to use the internet on this) What is the most unusual thing? What is the most obvious? What is the most expensive?

1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

17. Let's tell a story! Prague highlights: Look at the 10 Prague highlights listed below. Add 2 more. Then **either** tell your partner about each place (You may need to use the internet on this) **or** compile a story about these places you visited. (Imagine!) What is the most unusual thing? What is the most obvious? What is the most expensive? What is the most beautiful?

1 Wenceslas Square	6 Old Town Square in the old town
2 National Museum	7 Royal Garden in Prague Castle
3 Old Royal Palace in Prague Castle	8 Charles Bridge
4 Jewish Quarter	9 Vojan Park
5 Prague Castle	10 Pet_ín Hill
Your choice 1 _____	Your choice 2 _____

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings/stories in front of the class.

18. A day in Prague: In pairs. Look at the list below. Each person chooses to be one of the following. Think of 5 things that person might do or see during a typical day in Prague. (Imagine!) Create a short story about it. Tell it to your partner. Try to make it interesting, funny, the problems, the experiences, the weather, etc...Your colleagues can then ask you some questions about 'your day'!

1 Tour guide	4 Restaurant owner
2 Tourist	5 Theatre manager
3 Taxi driver	6 Museum attendant

The teacher will choose some pairs to tell their stories in front of the class.

19. Let's be economic! The economic issues of Prague:

Think of 4 economic advantages of Prague today. Add 4 economic issues it faces today. Fill in the list below then discuss with your partner.

Economic advantages of Prague today			
1	_____	3	_____
2	_____	4	_____
Economic issues the city faces today			
1	_____	3	_____
2	_____	4	_____

The teacher will choose some pairs to hear their points in front of the class.

20. Prague:

Swap partners! With your new partner, discuss the following about Prague etc...

1	As a capital	6	Working / Jobs in Prague
2	Major events in Prague	7	The Mayor of Prague
3	The Old City	8	The tourists!
4	The airport	9	Shopping in Prague
5	The Czech crown	10	Its pubs!

The teacher will choose some pairs to tell their stories in front of the class.

22. Sentence starters:

Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) Prague _____
- b) Central Europe _____
- c) Prague Castle _____
- d) Charles Bridge _____
- e) Tourists _____

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: After reading the article guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. There are 110 reasons why you should go to Prague | T / F |
| b. The historical city of 1.3m is full of stories and legends | T / F |
| c. Prague is full of stag parties | T / F |
| d. Prague has 'too many tourists in your face' syndrome | T / F |
| e. There is magnificent Czech beer like Pilsner and Budweiser | T / F |
| f. There are 70 museums and 80 theatres to visit | T / F |
| g. Prague Castle is where the Kings and Princes of Bohemia used to live | T / F |
| h. Prague Castle dates from the 8 th century | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

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|----------------|-------------|
| a. Popularity | Ale |
| b. Charm | Trouble |
| c. Trip | Good deal |
| d. Ado | Bauble |
| e. Stroll | Famous |
| f. Bargain | Visit |
| g. Beer | Outstanding |
| h. Magnificent | Appeal |
| i. Historic | Walk |
| j. Knickknacks | Reputation |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| a. Hands up those of you | tourists 365 days a year. |
| b. So why do | a leisurely stroll around Prague... |
| c. There are undoubtedly a 101 reasons | other top European cities to visit |
| d. it is in the Czech Republic, | so much more than people expect |
| e. Without further ado let me take you on | that have been to Prague. |
| f. Known as | often with cheap airfares, |
| g. its crowded old cobblestone streets serve | which is in Central Europe |
| h. It constantly tops | why you should visit Prague |
| i. Dozens of airlines fly to Prague, | 'The Paris of the East' |
| j. Prague offers tourists | people go there? |

GAP FILL: READING

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

A trip to Prague

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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DISCUSSION

Note: A previous trip to Prague will benefit students here.

For students who have NOT been to Prague – IMAGINE a little!

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. Is Prague overrated? Why? Why not?
- c. How would you get to Prague?
- d. How long *would/will* it take you to get to Prague?
- e. Have you ever been ripped off? If yes, where? When?
- f. What do you think of Czechs?
- g. Where is the best place to go shopping in Prague?
- h. What do you think of the Prague trams and its underground system?
- i. What do you think of Prague airport?
- j. Give 3 examples of how Prague has changed over 25 years.
- k. Would you like to study English in Prague?



STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. What do you think about what you read?
- b. What do you think of Prague?
- c. Is Prague cheap?
- d. Why do tourists go to Prague?
- e. Have you ever been ripped off in Prague? How?
- f. What do you think of Prague taxis?
- g. Are there too many tourists in Prague?
- h. Where's a good place to stay in Prague?
- i. Where's a good place to eat in Prague?
- j. Where's a good place to drink in Prague?
- k. Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING

Let's brainstorm! The Czech Republic:

Allow 10-20 minutes

Small groups

In small groups brainstorm some ideas about what you all know about The Czech Republic. Choose a spokesperson who can present your ideas to the class at the end of your preparation. Present it visually or use the board etc... Try to be imaginative!
10-20 minutes.

	Your ideas	
1) 5 famous Czech foods and 5 famous Czech beers	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2) 5 towns/cities in the C.R. plus 5 famous castles	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
4) 10 good places to visit in the C.R (not Prague)	1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 10
5) 5 famous Czech musicians, 5 writers	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
6) 5 Czech Prime Ministers, 5 Czech Presidents	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
7) Your choice!	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5

The teacher can moderate the session.

PUT THE ARTICLE BACK TOGETHER

Put the article back together

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- () Bridge that is packed with tourists buying knickknacks from artisans or listening to musicians play. It is said people have been crossing this bridge since 1357! There are more than 80 museums, including the famous

LANGUAGE: Choose the correct words from a–d below and write them in the article.

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1.	(a)	thumbs	(b)	hands	(c)	legs	(d)	arms
2.	(a)	anybody	(b)	anyone	(c)	anytime	(d)	anything
3.	(a)	it is	(b)	its	(c)	it's	(d)	It was
4.	(a)	where	(b)	whom	(c)	why	(d)	when
5.	(a)	strip	(b)	rip	(c)	triple	(d)	trip
6.	(a)	whom	(b)	why	(c)	when	(d)	where
7.	(a)	advise	(b)	advice	(c)	advised	(d)	advising
8.	(a)	without	(b)	with	(c)	withheld	(d)	within
9.	(a)	pole	(b)	roll	(c)	troll	(d)	stroll
10.	(a)	Singapore	(b)	Paris	(c)	London	(d)	New York
11.	(a)	tag	(b)	rag	(c)	stag	(d)	gag
12.	(a)	bitter	(b)	beer	(c)	whisky	(d)	water

GRAMMAR 1: MIDWAY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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GRAMMAR 2: EASY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article:

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|----|---------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | syndrome | 11 | artisans |
| 2 | undoubtedly | 12 | musicians |
| 3 | historical | 13 | astronomical |
| 4 | ado | 14 | definitely |
| 5 | magnificent | 15 | fabulous |
| 6 | popularity | 16 | traditional |
| 7 | leisurely | 17 | cuisine |
| 8 | cobblestone | 18 | occasionally |
| 9 | unfortunately | 19 | underground |
| 10 | knickknacks | 20 | infrastructure |

Your score: Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20

HOMEWORK

Newspaper article: Write an article on "**Prague**". (Minimum 200 words) Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Which article was best and why?

WRITING: In class:

Five-minute article: Write an article on "**Prague**". You have five minutes. The teacher will select some students to read out their work.

Countdown: Every minute the teacher may say, "You have xx minutes left".

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. T d. T e. T f. F g. T h. F

SYNONYM MATCH:

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| a. Popularity | Reputation |
| b. Charm | Appeal |
| c. Trip | Visit |
| d. Ado | Trouble |
| e. Stroll | Walk |
| f. Bargain | Good deal |
| g. Beer | Ale |
| h. Magnificent | Outstanding |
| i. Historic | Famous |
| j. Knickknacks | Bauble |

PHRASE MATCH:

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GAP FILL: A trip to Prague: Hands up those of you that have been to Prague. I can't think of anyone who hasn't - such is its **popularity** with visiting tourists. So why do people go there? There are **undoubtedly** a 101 reasons why you should visit Prague - such is its charm. For those that haven't it might just be worth booking a **trip** there. For those not exactly sure where Prague is - let me advise you it is in the Czech Republic, which is in Central Europe - The Heart of Europe! It is the capital city. Without further **ado** let me take you on a leisurely **stroll** around Prague...Known as 'the Paris of the East' and as 'the city of 100 steeples', its crowded old **cobblestone** streets serve tourists 365 days a year. It constantly tops other top European cities to visit - like London, Paris, Budapest and Vienna. **Dozens** of airlines fly to Prague, often with cheap airfares, making it a **bargain** place to visit. The city is a huge hit with all ages. From young to teenage, from twenty something right up to retired, Prague offers tourists so much more than people expect.

The **historical** city of 1.2m is full of stories and legends to discover and hear. Mind you, it is also **unfortunately** full of stag parties and sometimes suffers from 'too many tourists in your face' **syndrome** - such is its popularity. Number one attraction must be either Prague Castle, which dates from the 9th century and **overlooks** the old city, or Charles Bridge that is packed with tourists buying **knickknacks** from **artisans** or listening to musicians play. It is said people have been crossing this bridge since 1357! There are more than 80 museums, including the famous Transport Museum, and 70 theatres to visit including the National Marionette Theatre. The International Institute of Marionette Art is also worth visiting as are some great historic cinemas - from 30s art deco to communist designed **facades**. There are also one or two pubs to say the least that serve some magnificent Czech **beer** like Pilsner and Budweiser.

LANGUAGE WORK:

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