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A trip to Vienna!

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THE ARTICLE

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Another top tourist attraction is Vienna's famous Ferris wheel. It offers visitors great views of the city together with a fascinating brief history before boarding. There is also the Danube Tower, which also

offers unparalleled views of the city. In the centre of Vienna is the Gothic St Stephens Cathedral. It towers over you as you walk down any one of the pedestrianised streets that lead towards it. In fact, Mozart not only got married here, he even had his funeral here! You can visit where Mozart lived – unsurprisingly it's called 'Mozart's house'! Enjoy a stroll along the river Danube that passes right through the centre of this wonderful huge city. If you have time try one of the river trips on it to either Bratislava or Budapest; it is a delightful experience.

Museum lovers can spend hours looking round the Vienna Natural History Museum or the Vienna Museum of Fine Arts including works of art from Michelangelo and Raphael. The Liechtenstein Museum is definitely worth a visit. Stroll around the famous Stadtpark. See the Johann Strauss golden statue or a tribute to the famous Austrian artist Hans Makart. See the attractive flower gardens and greenery. Other parks to visit include Schönbrunn or Belvedere Palace, the Prater, the Schönbrunn Zoo or the Lainz Game Preserve. Vienna Woods – meadows, forests and flowers - offer a great alternative to a sightseeing trip through the old city of Vienna.

If you are into the performing arts and like the music of Mozart or Strauss then why not enjoy a performance by the Vienna Mozart Orchestra? See them in historical costumes and wigs on special occasions in such places like the State Opera House, Musikverein (Golden Hall), Hofburg or at the world famous Vienna Konzerthaus. The audience can enjoy single movements from symphonies and solo concertos, as well as operatic overtures, arias and duets from especially popular and well-known works.

For Strauss lovers watch one of the daily performances of his most impressive pieces – such as "The Blue Danube Waltz" or "The Radetzky March." The Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra also devotes itself to traditional Viennese music, especially the works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss. In 2009, the classical music world around the globe will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). Haydn in fact started his

career as a member of the famous Vienna Boys' Choir in Vienna.

Into opera? The famous Volksoper offers operas of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, classic musicals, contemporary dance and concerts, and operettas - with 294 performances in the 2008-09 season alone! Vienna's classical concert repertoire is dominated by two great concert halls: Vienna Musikverein and Vienna Konzerthaus. The latter is no doubt familiar with millions of music lovers all over the world as a traditional concert venue. From its Golden Hall the annual New Year's Concert with the Vienna Philharmonic is broadcast internationally. The Vienna Konzerthaus with its art nouveau ambiance plays classical repertoire, music from the Middle Ages as well as the most progressive modern sounds.

You could try an old traditional Viennese coffee house. They offer delightful cakes, pastries, coffee and other such delights. Newspapers are there to be read. Enchanting huge chandeliers hang in the rooms, making the moment one to savour. Other Viennese foods to sample include the world famous Vienna Schnitzel. Goulash and deer are also popular as main dishes. You could even try a Viennese Hot Dog! For desert try some world famous apple strudel or Germknodel (dumplings and plum jam). Wash it all down with some fine Austrian wines. Austria has umpteen wine regions. Each producing their own wines. Vienna boasts many bars, all serving good Austrian beer - Examples include: Kaiser beer, Zipfer Urtyp and Schwechater beer. Vienna's vibrant nightlife includes the liveliest beer halls, restaurants, wine bars, classical concerts, world famous opera and modern day discos.

Vienna's 7th district is a Mecca for all shopping lovers. See the latest trends. The spectrum ranges from shops specializing in home-grown designers to international street wear. In the centre of Vienna is the world renown Kaerntnerstrasse. This kilometre-long shopping street is the city's most famous shopping street. Run by influential Viennese business families and international companies it offers an influential mix ranging from H&M to Bally to Kohlmarkt: Louis Vuitton, Chanel and Gucci all operate their exclusive flagship stores here. Shopping centres include Millennium City Shopping Centre. To the south is

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'Shopping City Süd' (South). To the east is the popular factory outlet 'Parndorf'. If you are shopping what about buying some Austrian clothing? Geiger jackets and coats. These are well-made, stylish and should last you a few years. Markets to visit include the delightful 400-year-old Naschmarkt and the Farmers Market.

Experience summer in the city in Vienna. Visit Danube Island. 3m young people and music lovers come here yearly for the Danube Island Music Festival that is held in June every year. Known as 'Vienna's recreational paradise' the island has a lot more going for it too - including cycle and surfboard hire, beaches and bars. There's even extensive nude sunbathing! You could also visit Vienna's 'Tel Aviv' beach? This vibrant meeting point has its own entertainment zone. Its urban, cosmopolitan feel offers people an atmosphere and affinity for culture and cuisine that reflects the international feeling of Tel Aviv. In the summer Vienna also has an outdoor cinema. Vienna's biggest annual open air film festival is held in front of the City Hall. This is a good place to watch films on classical music. In 2009, find out why movie star 'Bruno' thinks Vienna is one of the coolest cities in the world!

In winter Christmas in Vienna is a must. There are several delightful Christmas markets all serving Glühwein – hot mulled wine. Sample a hot ham burger. (It's not a hamburger! This one's with real hot ham!) Winter Vienna sports include ice skating, ice hockey and cross-country skiing. Year round sports include jogging, walking, hiking or cycling. There is also skating and skate boarding. You could try a spa. Vienna has some fine wellness centres including the Oberlaas thermal baths and wellness park. Want to get married in Vienna? Weddings take place at the Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna City Hall or at the famous Butterfly House. One can even learn German in Vienna. Many German language schools will be delighted to sign you up. The city boasts some fine universities - like The University of Vienna. Vienna also has its own zoo. It's even got a chocolate museum! September sees a vintage car rally on its ring road.

Well, there you have it - a taste of Vienna. Go on - enjoy it!

LET'S START

1. Vienna: What part of the world is Vienna in? What country is Vienna in? Think of 3 things you know about Vienna? 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 Vienna?
- c) Will you be going there this year?

6. Let's tell a story! A trip to Vienna: Below are 20 words and phrases from the article. Use them to compile a story about a trip to Vienna 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	Vienna	11	Viennese coffee house
2	Tel Aviv beach	12	Vintage car rally
3	Christmas market	13	Central Europe
4	Language school	14	Vienna card
5	Liechtenstein Museum	15	music city
6	St Stephens Cathedral	16	The Blue Danube Waltz
7	Vienna Schnitzel	17	Mozart's house
8	Austro Hungarian Empire	18	River Danube
9	Ferris wheel	19	Spanish riding school
10	Johann Strauss	20	Habsburgs

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 Vienna 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 Vienna is the best European City for tourists to visit. Students B think otherwise – choose an alternative city. Explain why.

9. Let's talk! In Vienna: In pairs. You are in a pub in Vienna. 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 Vienna. *5-minutes.*

10. Let's explain! Likes and dislikes of Vienna! Think of 3 things you like about Vienna. 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 ½ point if you look at the article for help!*)

Student A

- 1) Which cities are mentioned?
- 2) What is valid for 72 hours?
- 3) Name the former royal family.
- 4) Name 3 Vienna museums.
- 5) How old is the riding School?
- 6) Where do the river trips go?
- 7) What is the name of the waltz?

Student B

- 1) What is the name of the river?
- 2) Name 2 shopping centres.
- 3) What can you do on Danube Island?
- 4) Where can you get married?
- 5) What happens in September? Where?
- 6) What can you buy in a Viennese coffee house?
- 7) What does the Volksoper offer?

12. Let's remember! The Habsburgs and the former Austrian (and Hungarian) Empire: Discuss in pairs what you know about the Habsburgs and the former Austrian (and Hungarian) Empire? (You might need to use the internet for this) *5-15 minutes. The teacher may ask some students for their findings.*

13. Let's chat! Phone call: In pairs: One of you is in Vienna for the weekend. You are on the Ferris wheel! 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!* *5-minutes*

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14. Let's think! Vienna: Swap partners. With your new partner on the board write as many words to do with '**Vienna**' 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 Austria: Think of 10 things you know about Austria. 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! Vienna highlights: Look at the 10 Vienna 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	Tel Aviv beach	6	Christmas market
2	St Stephens Cathedral	7	Kaerntnerstrasse
3	Imperial Palace	8	Shopping City Süd' (South).
4	The University of Vienna	9	Vienna Zoo
5	Vienna City Hall	10	Vienna Konzerthaus
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 Vienna: 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 Vienna. (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	Student	4	Ice hockey player
2	Waiter / Waitress	5	Ice cream seller
3	Horse and carriage 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 Vienna:

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

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

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

20. Vienna: Swap partners! With your new partner, discuss the following about Vienna etc...

1	The nightlife	6	Working / Jobs in Vienna
2	Major events in Vienna	7	The Mayor of Vienna
3	Its centre	8	The tourists!
4	The airport	9	Shopping in Vienna
5	The Euro	10	Its pubs!

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

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

- a) Vienna _____
- b) Central Europe _____
- c) The Spanish riding school _____
- d) The Christmas market _____
- e) Tourists _____

22. Presentation on Vienna: In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a 2-minute presentation on **Vienna**. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the good and weak points on each presentation. Learn from the results.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Vienna is known as the music city | T / F |
| b. A Vienna card is valid for 48 hours | T / F |
| c. The Spanish riding school is 450-years-old | T / F |
| d. You can visit the famous St Stevens Cathedral | T / F |
| e. Danube Islands is an artificial island | T / F |
| f. Vienna's 8 th district is a Mecca for all shopping lovers | T / F |
| g. Markets to visit include the 500 year old Naschmarkt | T / F |
| h. Vienna has even got its own chocolate museum | T / F |

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

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| a. card | concert |
| b. itinerary | sites |
| c. until | beautiful |
| d. hop on | walk |
| e. stunning | excursions |
| f. attractions | till |
| g. stroll | wonderful |
| h. trips | ticket |
| i. attractive | get on |
| j. performance | list |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| a. Most people who visit Central Europe | is - Vienna is in Austria. |
| b. It is a must | the centre of the city. |
| c. Known as the 'music city' | has imperial grandeur! |
| d. Vienna | 430-year-old Spanish Riding School. |
| e. History oozes | into Vienna International Airport. |
| f. For those who don't know where it | the city has class, culture and charm |
| g. Umpteen airlines fly | top class hotels |
| h. Buses, trains and taxis will take you to | on any visitor's itinerary. |
| i. The city has many | into its streets everywhere. |
| j. A must see is the famous | like to visit Vienna |

GAP FILL: READING

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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centuries

monarchy

grandeur

former

umpteenth

itinerary

oozes

charm

outskirts

tourist

easily

brief

carriages

famous

fascinating

residence

GAP FILL: LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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DISCUSSION

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

For students who have NOT been to Vienna – 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 Vienna overrated? Why? Why not?
- c. How would you get to Vienna?
- d. How long *would/will* it take you to get to Vienna?
- e. Have you ever been ripped off? If yes, where? When?
- f. What do you think of Austrians?
- g. Where is the best place to go shopping in Vienna?
- h. What do you think of Vienna's trams and its underground system?
- i. What do you think of Vienna airport?
- j. Give 3 examples of how Vienna has changed over 25 years.
- k. Would you like to study German in Vienna?



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

SPEAKING

Let's brainstorm! Austria:

Allow 10-20 minutes

Small groups

In small groups brainstorm some ideas about what you all know about Austria. (You might need to use the internet on this) 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 Austrian foods and 5 famous Austrian beers or wines	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2) 5 towns/cities in Austria plus 5 famous Austrian castles	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
3) 10 good places to visit in Austria (not Vienna)	1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 10
4) 5 famous Austrian musicians, 5 Austrian writers	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
5) 5 Austrian Prime Ministers, 5 Austrian Presidents	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
6) 5 Austrian songs/tunes, 5 songs with the word 'Vienna' in	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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- () Habsburgs Imperial Palace. It is one of Vienna's top tourist attractions and is one of the largest palaces in Europe. It was the seat of the Habsburg family who spent their winter months here. The famous Schönbrunn Palace

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

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1.	(a)	Northern	(b)	Central	(c)	Western	(d)	Southern
2.	(a)	most	(b)	many	(c)	must	(d)	mustard
3.	(a)	oozes	(b)	snoozes	(c)	boozes	(d)	cruises
4.	(a)	there	(b)	their	(c)	them	(d)	those
5.	(a)	dress	(b)	dressed	(c)	dresses	(d)	dressage
6.	(a)	horse	(b)	cow	(c)	rabbit	(d)	elephant
7.	(a)	large	(b)	largest	(c)	larger	(d)	small
8.	(a)	beat	(b)	seat	(c)	meat	(d)	treat
9.	(a)	stop	(b)	mop	(c)	pop	(d)	top
10.	(a)	viewed	(b)	viewing	(c)	view	(d)	views
11.	(a)	fascinated	(b)	fascinate	(c)	fascinating	(d)	fascinates
12.	(a)	boring	(b)	board	(c)	boarding	(d)	bored

GRAMMAR 1: MIDWAY

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:

1	itinerary	11	contemporary
2	oozes	12	repertoire
3	stunning	13	influential
4	fascinating	14	delightful
5	pedestrianised	15	paradise
6	unsurprisingly	16	entertainment
7	meadows	17	cosmopolitan
8	symphonies	18	cuisine
9	traditional	19	progressive
10	commemorate	20	vibrant

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

HOMEWORK

Newspaper article: Write an article on "**Vienna**". (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 "**Vienna**". 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. T b. F c. F d. F e. F f. F g. F h. T

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| a. card | ticket |
| b. itinerary | list |
| c. until | till |
| d. hop on | get on |
| e. stunning | wonderful |
| f. attractions | sites |
| g. stroll | walk |
| h. trips | excursions |
| i. attractive | beautiful |
| j. performance | concert |

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LANGUAGE WORK:

- 1 - b 2 - c 3 - a 4 - a 5 - d 6 - a 7 - b 8 - b 9 - d 10 - d 11 - c 12 - c

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