

# Trips to suit everyone

## Introduction

- **Level:** B2
- **Skills:** Writing
- **Topics:** Vocabulary

## The enigma

- **Keywords**

Vocabulary related to holidays

- **Toolbox**

Handouts

- **Description of the enigma**

The teacher gives the students a gapped text. The students must decode the missing words to complete the text. The team that finds all the words is given a code (the teacher's choice – it could be the name of a popular tourist destination or its area code).

The handout:

Read the text carefully and then decode the words that fit each gap using the pigpen alphabet. The words are not in the right order.

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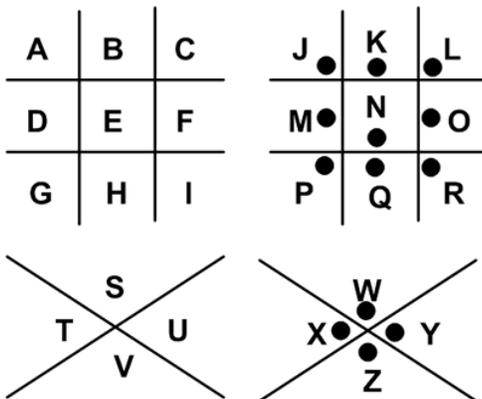
People who spend their time in office jobs may feel ..... and long to get away from it all. Those who live in Northern Europe often get fed up with the cold weather and dream of taking a holiday ..... in a sunny country. Others are less interested in getting a tan and keener on exploring new places. Those who wish to see all of a country or large parts of it, may travel ..... by motorbike or car rather than flying. One holiday `activity` that many travelers look forward to is trying out local dishes and they



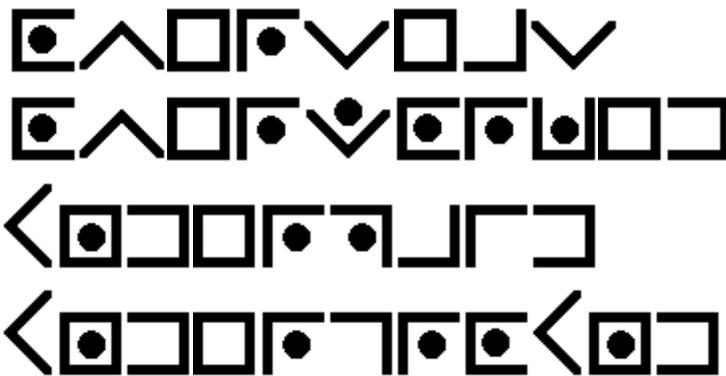
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often ....., coming home heavier than when they left. Another holiday activity that is becoming very popular is scuba – diving, which allows tourists to explore ..... sites. Those who are even more adventurous may go caving and discover the treasures of the many ..... caves that are quite common throughout Europe. Real adventurers may travel further, up the Amazon River for example, or even through the Rainforest, which is so ..... that travelers need a guide to cut a path through it. When traveling in developing countries, thought, visitors should realize that their guides are often ..... and should leave them a good tip. Whenever people travel, they should remember to take only pictures and leave only footprints.

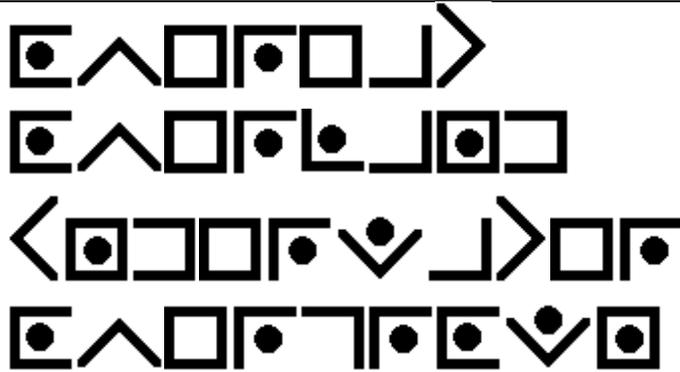
The pigpen alphabet:



The words:



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## Solution

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People who spend their time in office jobs may feel OVERWORKED and long to get away from it all. Those who live in Northern Europe often get fed up with the cold weather and dream of taking a holiday OVERSEAS in a sunny country. Others are less interested in getting a tan and keener on exploring new places. Those who wish to see all of a country or large parts of it, may travel OVERLAND by motorbike or car rather than flying. One holiday `activity` that many travelers look forward to is trying out local dishes and they often OVEREAT, coming home heavier than when they left. Another holiday activity that is becoming very popular is scuba – diving, which allows tourists to explore UNDERWATER sites. Those who are even more adventurous may go caving and discover the treasures of the many UNDERGROUND caves that are quite common throughout Europe. Real adventurers may travel further, up the Amazon River for example, or even through the Rainforest, which is so OVERGROWN that travelers need a guide to cut a path through it. When traveling in developing countries, thought, visitors should realize that their guides are often UNDERPAID and should leave them a good tip. Whenever people travel, they should remember to take only pictures and leave only footprints.



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## Hints

The students could be told that the prefixes used will be OVER and UNDER

## More information

## Possible restrictions

It might cause difficulties for students with dyslexia and dysgraphia.

## References

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