

Talking about adventures at the Grand Canyon

Über Abenteuer am Grand Canyon sprechen (Klasse 8)

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Der Grand Canyon gehört zu den meistbesuchten Attraktionen Amerikas. Wie man eine Reise dorthin plant und was man dort alles erleben kann, erfahren Ihre Schülerinnen und Schüler in diesem Beitrag. Dabei erarbeiten sie sich die Inhalte zu einem der größten Naturwunder der Erde anhand schülergerechter Texte, eines authentischen Internettexsts sowie vieler Bilder. Mit viel Spaß festigen sie ihr Wissen in einem abwechslungsreichen Brettspiel, bei dem sie pantomimisch sowie sprachlich aktiv werden. Auch bei den abschließenden Dialogkarten üben alle Schüler ihre Sprachkompetenz erneut.



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Welche Abenteuer erwarten den Besucher im Grand Canyon?

Das Wichtigste auf einen Blick

Kompetenzen:

- Texten, Karten und dem Internet Informationen entnehmen
- In Paaren und Gruppen sprechen, diskutieren und präsentieren
- Die eigene Meinung ausdrücken und vertreten
- Sich in einfachen, routinemäßigen Urlaubssituationen verständigen

Dauer:

7–8 Schulstunden

Niveau:

Klasse 8

Einbettung:

Englisch B4 G21, Introduction

Red Line 4, Unit 3

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Be active at the Grand Canyon! – TOP 10 things to do

There are many great things to do at the Grand Canyon. Find out about the most popular ones.

Tasks

1. Read the short text blocks in groups of four. Each of you should read more than one text.

Group A: texts ①–④ Group B: texts ③–⑥

Group C: texts ⑤–⑧ Group D: texts ⑦–⑩

2. Share your results in your group. Find the right pictures and write down the correct letters in the grid:



The Grand Canyon

| ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ | ⑥ | ⑦ | ⑧ | ⑨ | ⑩ |
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① Conquer¹ the Colorado! White-water rafting on the Colorado River is the ultimate Grand Canyon adventure. These rafting excursions² by professional outfitters offer breathtaking scenery, great hikes and adrenaline-pumping white-water rapids³.

② Get a bird's-eye view of the Grand Canyon with an exciting helicopter tour. On your tour, you'll soar⁴ high above the Canyon rim for views that range for hundreds of miles, then dip⁵ below the rim for a close-up look at rock formations that are millions of years old.

③ Many say that to truly experience the Grand Canyon, you must traverse⁶ its trails and sleep outside. The spectacular land formations and nature's amazing colors are just three reasons to venture⁷ into the Grand Canyon's rocky depths⁸. As you descend⁹ through Ponderosa Pine forests and onto the desert Canyon floor, you'll pass through an amazing geologic "time tunnel" that offers a glimpse¹⁰ into the region's past.

④ If hiking isn't your speed¹¹, venture⁷ into the Grand Canyon on the back of a sure-footed mule! Full-day and overnight mule rides are available, but reservations sell out quickly. Make your reservations at least six months in advance. The full-day trip lasts about seven hours and offers plenty of photo options along the way. Guests on overnight mule trips will spend the night at the world-famous Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

⑤ Cruise¹² through the park by bike! Trails traverse⁶ gently rolling ground as well as more challenging inclines and descents¹³ as they wind through Ponderosa Pine forests on the Grand Canyon rim.

⑥ During the winter months, enjoy the wonders of the Grand Canyon in complete solitude¹⁴. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are not only great ways to exercise, they also offer a quiet setting in which to enjoy the Grand Canyon's natural splendor¹⁵. Ski rental companies are located in nearby communities so there's no need to worry about bringing your own equipment.

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Dialogues

Pre-task

Choose a dialogue. There are different levels. Start with an easy or average dialogue. Then try a harder one.

First look at the photo. Describe the situation in as much detail as you can.

★ Easy dialogues ★★ average dialogues ★★★ hard dialogues


Task

Prepare a dialogue with your partner. Take notes. You have 15 minutes.

Then be ready to present your dialogue (1.5 to 2 minutes). Remember to speak loudly and clearly, with your face up and without reading your notes.



★ **Tourist information** (asking for and giving information)



Situation: You are at the Grand Canyon National Park and you don't know what you can do there. You go to the information center and ask about the main attractions and "must-sees".

| Partner A: tourist | Partner B: tourist information guide |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You go the counter and greet the information guide and say what you want. You ask for information and "must-see" attractions. You ask about entrance fees¹ and reductions² for students. You decide on one or two activities and buy the tickets (for two students). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You offer help and point out several activities at and around the national park. You talk about the highlights. You give the tourist information about the entrance fees¹. You offer a map and some free brochures. You sell the tickets. |

1 **entrance fee:** das Eintrittsgeld – 2 **reduction:** die Ermäßigung