

A REVIEW

Exercise 1

Describe the shops and facilities; explain one or two features that make the shopping mall special; suggest any improvements to the mall.

Exercise 2

- 1 Yes
- 2 two: its atmosphere and healthy food
- 3 Yes. It is written in a neutral tone that would work in a newspaper review.

Exercise 3

- 1 Unlike
- 2 much/rather
- 3 rather
- 4 more
- 5 as
- 6 wide
- 7 prefer
- 8 most

Exercise 4

- 2 What I liked best were the sound effects.
- 3 What disappointed me was that I couldn't get to the highest level.
- 4 It is the quality of the animation that really stands out.
- 5 What I like is the way you are forced to use your brain.
- 6 Where the designers went wrong was (in/by) making the higher levels too difficult.

Exercise 5

- 1 absolutely riveting / utterly gripping
- 2 absolutely breath-taking / totally awesome
- 3 not of a high standard / not up to scratch
- 4 extremely user-friendly / beautifully designed / well thought-out
- 5 utterly gripping / absolutely riveting / totally awesome / absolutely breathtaking
- 6 absolutely atrocious / shockingly bad
- 7 absolutely extortionate / excessive to say the least

Exercise 7

- 1 Although I enjoyed the film, it was not as good **as** ~~than~~ the other films in the series.
- 2 What ~~did impress~~ **impressed** me most was the band's performance in a live context.
- 3 In spite of the restaurant **being was** crowded, ... / In spite of **the fact that** the restaurant was crowded, ...
- 4 ~~more~~ **most** OR that ~~stood out for me~~ the ~~more~~ **most stood out / stood out the most**
- 5 Personally, I strongly advise ~~to not buy~~ **against buying** the app / Personally, I strongly advise ~~to not buy~~ **you not to** buy the app.
- 6 In conclusion, I would ~~strongheartedly~~ **wholeheartedly** recommend ~~to visit~~ **visiting** the nature reserve.
- 7 If I were you, I **would** avoid this film like the plague.
- 8 ✓

Exercise 9

Model answer

Whenever I get the chance to take a break from work, I like to travel abroad and learn about a different culture. This year, however, I decided to travel around my country by public transport. After so many years of travelling to other countries, I realised that I didn't know my country at all well, so there was a lot to find out!

My first short journey by rail was from Madrid to Segovia with a friend. It was only half an hour away, much quicker than making the journey by car, and with none of the stress of driving or having to find a parking space at the other end.

As soon as the train had gone through the industrial outskirts, we were moving along at high speed through wide, open countryside. What I enjoyed most was seeing the farms, the sheep and goats in the fields, and the olive trees and vineyards as far as the eye could see. How beautiful, and what a contrast with the noise and pollution of a large city!

It was an incredibly relaxing journey, just looking at the changing landscape as the train made its way across the plateau to the city. Once there, we jumped on a local bus to go up to the old centre in order to visit the fantastic UNESCO World Heritage site with its castle and Roman aqueduct.

I highly recommend this way of travelling and, remember, by using public transport and not our cars, we are all reducing our carbon footprint!