

Alaskan cruise (Reading)

Description: Completing a text using words selected from a list.

Use with or after: *English Network Certificate Skills*, Unit 8.

Skill: Reading

Focus: Practice for *Language Elements Part 2* of the TELC exam.

Time: 10 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out the second page of this file.
- Make a copy for each student and cut on the dotted line to remove the key.

Procedure:

- Make sure the students understand the instructions at the top of the worksheet. As in the TELC exam, there are ten gaps in the text and fifteen words listed below. Five of these words do not appear in the text.
- Students work individually and silently to complete the text.
- Alternatively, you could assign this as homework.
- Distribute the key when they are finished.

Read the letter and decide which word or phrase a – o is missing in each gap.

Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your letter of 23 September. We are happy to hear that you enjoyed your cruise from Vancouver to Alaska, and we hope you will be able to

1) _____ us again for one of our other fine cruises in the near future. As for the 2) _____ that were billed to your credit card after the cruise, I have personally reviewed your 3) _____ and have not discovered any 4) _____. During the cruise, you ordered numerous 5) _____ beverages from several of the shipboard bars and restaurants. You played Bingo every day, and made a number of visits to the ship's internet lounge. You also attended several of those marvellous 6) _____ demonstrations by the head chef at the ship's premier restaurant. I must compliment you on your excellent 7) _____ of the kinds of wine to drink with your meals, and I am sure you enjoyed the espresso martinis that you drank each evening with your dessert. As you know from our cruise 8) _____, which you signed upon booking, these are all items that were not 9) _____ in the cruise fare of 11,495.83 Canadian dollars. I am sure you will agree with me that the 10) _____ and wonderful experience of the cruise was well worth the cost.

Yours sincerely,

a) account, b) alcoholic, c) charges, d) choices, e) contract, f) cooking, g) debts, h) errors, i) included, j) join, k) legal, l) mortgage, m) price, n) taxes, o) unique

Key: 1 j, 2 c, 3 a, 4 h, 5 b, 6 f, 7 d, 8 e, 9 i, 10 o

