

# Unit 9: Travellers' Tales

Lesson 3 Where shall we go?

## **Learning objectives:**

**Reading:** To read opinions on a forum about a day out at a marine wildlife park; to practice techniques to predict content and text type.

**Speaking:** To talk about places you like to visit on a day out; discuss positive and negative points about the marine park in the text, drawing conclusions about whether you'd like to visit.

## Key vocabulary



*an adventure playground*



*a wildlife park*



*a zoo  
park*



*a museum*



*a theme  
park*

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### 1 Talk about it



Which of these places would you like to visit when you are on holiday? Why?  
What is your favourite kind of day out?  
How do you decide where to go?

- an adventure playground
- a museum
- a wildlife park or zoo
- a theme park





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## Read

- Before reading, look at the text. What type of text is it?

Home | Hotels | Flights | Rentals | Restaurants | **Things to do** | Best deals

## Visit a marine park

**"Expensive but interesting"** ★ ★ ★ ★ 26 July

Our friends liked Sol Marine Park, but we thought there were too many people. There wasn't enough time to see everything in one day and it was too expensive. But we loved feeding time at the excellent dolphin arena and we learned lots of interesting facts about marine life.

**"Great day out"** ★ ★ ★ ★ 15 June

Great day out at Sol Marine Park! The underground aquarium is amazing! It was fantastic getting so close to sharks and giant turtles. The only problem was that it was crowded and very busy all day. We would certainly come again, though.

**"Don't do it!"** ★ ★ ★ ★ 11 August

It was very expensive to get in; then we were shocked to find we had to pay extra to see the dolphins. On the other hand, we enjoyed the film about whales. So, we'd say: Don't do it. Try the Seal Sanctuary nearby – it's cheaper and more relaxing.

1 Before reading, look at the text. What type of text is it?

1 The text is an online forum.

2 Now read the text. In your notebook, make notes about what people like about the Sol Marine Park, and what they don't like.

2 **Good points:** feeding time at the dolphin arena; interesting facts about marine life; underground aquarium; sharks and turtles; film about whales.

**Bad points:** too many people/crowded; not enough time to see everything; too expensive; have to pay extra to see the dolphins

3  **Talk**

Would you like to visit Sol Marine Park or any other similar park? Why/Why not? Look at your notes from Activity 3 to help you decide.

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### Strategy check! Prediction

Tick the strategies which will help you to guess the content of a reading text.

- Look at what type of text it is by noticing the design and layout.
- Think about the kind of information you can find in specific types of text.
- Read without looking at the design and layout of the text – all texts look the same.

1 **Read** What text type is *Planning to go swimming?* Choose from the box.

a news report

an email

reviews in a magazine

a school essay

## Planning to go swimming?

*Here are our top tips on the best swimming pools around our city.*

**1 Water Wonder Fun** has a huge indoor swimming pool, four water slides and a huge wave pool. Swimming lessons and exercise classes too. A bit expensive – almost twice the price of some other pools in the city.



**2 Nova Swimming Park** Nova has an open-air, Olympic-size swimming pool with a diving platform. Good for serious swimmers and fun sessions too for kids on Saturday afternoons. It's often very crowded on a sunny day. Not cheap, though.

**3 Wells Lido**, part of the beautiful Wells Lake in Russell Park. Only open May to September. This is your chance to share your swim with some ducks! A beautiful lake in wonderful countryside. Nice and cheap with a good café.

2  **Read**

1 Which swimming pool would you recommend for each person?

**2 a** I like diving and swimming a long way!

**3 b** My friends and I don't want to spend a lot of money and we want to be outside.

**1 c** I want to do exercises in the pool as well as swim.

2 Find one negative point about each swimming pool.

2 **Water Wonder is expensive**; **Nova Swimming Park is 'not cheap'** and often very crowded. **Wells Lido is only open May to September**

3  **Talk** Which swimming pool would you like to go to? Why?