



South Dakota (C1 -Advanced)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Have you ever been to the United States?
2. If so, which parts did you visit?
3. Do you know anything about South Dakota? (landscape, wildlife, monuments, national parks)

B – Listen and answer

Read these statements. Then listen (without reading) and write T (true) or F (false).

1. The terrain of South Dakota is not very diverse.
2. The graves of some famous figures can be found at a cemetery in Deadwood.
3. Katlyn Svendsen works for a travel agency in Pierre, the state capital.
4. Svendsen describes the landscape of the Badlands National Park as very lush and green.
5. Svendsen says the most popular time to visit South Dakota is early spring.
6. On buffalo safari jeep rides, the vehicles aren't allowed to get up close to the bison.
7. South Dakota's tourism industry encourages travellers to stop and explore along the way.
8. Katlyn Svendsen advises visitors to chat with local people.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. Where is South Dakota?
2. What geographical features do the National Parks of Badlands and Wind Cave have?
3. What sports can you practise in North Dakota?
4. Why do you think people are surprised to discover that the state has so much shoreline?
5. Why is autumn a good time to visit the Black Hills?
6. What animals can you see in South Dakota's national parks apart from bison?
7. What do many people visit on their way to Badlands National park and Mount Rushmore?
8. What are the people of South Dakota like, according to Katlyn Svendsen?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the subject, or change from singular to plural.)

1. The parents of the lost child found him _____ around a toy shop, playing with the toys.
2. The traffic on this country road is often held up while _____ of cows cross the road.
3. Don't leave that glass on the _____ of the shelf. It's likely to get knocked off.
4. You said we were running out of eggs, but there are _____ in the fridge.
5. I woke up at 5 in the morning because the birds in the garden were _____ loudly.
6. The car in front of ours suddenly _____ to pick up a hitchhiker.

E – Ready for the C1 ADVANCED English Test? (Reading and Use of English, Part 2)

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word for each gap.

In the USA, a drugstore is a pharmacy that also sells drinks and snacks, as well as some household goods. When Ted and Dorothy Hustead took ¹_____ the only drugstore in Wall, South Dakota in 1931, Wall was a town of only 326 people, mostly poor farmers who had ²_____ ruined by drought or the Depression. Very few of the drivers passing through stopped in Wall, and ³_____ any went into the drugstore for coffee. For five years the Husteads waited for customers that never showed ⁴_____.

By the summer of 1936, large ⁵_____ of motorists were driving by to get to the newly-built monument at Mount Rushmore, but none of them drove into Wall. Then one scorching hot afternoon, Dorothy ⁶_____ a brainwave. They could put up posters along the road offering free ice water to travellers who came to the drugstore. The idea was so successful that the store was soon ⁷_____ of customers.

Now Wall Drug is a shopping mall that draws two million visitors a year to its cowboy-themed souvenir and clothes shops, restaurants and art gallery. It still ⁸_____ away free ice water, too.

F – Write about it

Write about one of the regions in your country. Include information about:

- its location
- its landscape(s)
- the climate;
- the attractions;
- the best time to visit.

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1. F – South Dakota is known as a land of infinite variety. 2. T 3. F – She works for the South Dakota Tourism Industry. 4. F – She says it feels like you've landed on the moon. 5. F – She says most tourists like to come between May and October. 6. F – The bison are often against the vehicle. 7. T 8. T

C – Read and answer

1. It's in the North Central region of the United States. 2. Badlands has a maze of buttes, canyons and pinnacles. Wind Cave has a dense cave system with boxwork formations. 3. You can practise hiking, rock climbing and water sports, like boating. 4. Because it is a landlocked state, so it has no coastal regions. The large amount of shoreline is the result of the dams on the Missouri which have created large lakes. 5. Because the weather's warm but it's less crowded and the leaves are changing colours. 6. You can see deer, antelope, pronghorn, prairie dogs, elk, coyotes, bears and wolves. 7. Many visit Wall Drug Store. 8. Svendsen says they love to have fun and are laid-back, friendly and known for their hospitality.

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1. roaming 2. herds 3. edge 4. plenty 5. chirping 6. pulled over

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1. over 2. been 3. hardly 4. up 5. numbers 6. had 7. full 8. gives