

# CHAPTER 1

Six students stood under the hot sun outside Marrakesh Menara airport in Morocco. The traffic was busy. Passengers were arriving and **departing** in cars and buses. Ed put on his sunglasses and looked up and down the road. He couldn't see the two Jeeps that the group was waiting for.

The students were travelling by aeroplane with only their hand **luggage**. Their **lecturer**, Professor Miller and his friend, Rashid, had taken the students' big rucksacks at the university. The two men had loaded up both their Jeeps with the heavy luggage before making the long drive from England to Africa.

It was hot waiting in the sunshine. Suddenly, they heard a car horn and saw an arm waving from a car window as it pulled up outside the airport. Two vehicles stopped next to the group.

Professor Miller called out to them from the open window, "Jump in! Three in here with me. Three in the other car with Rashid."

The students got in the cars. Ed, Dean, and Liz got into Professor Miller's car. Ed got into the passenger seat. It was a little cooler inside than outside but not by much! Liz and Dean fastened their seatbelts in the back, and then the two cars were on their way again.

**depart** (verb) to leave

**luggage** (noun) bags or suitcases that contain your clothes or things when you are travelling

**lecturer** (noun) someone who teaches at a university or college



*“Jump in! Three in here with me.  
Three in the other car with Rashid,” said Professor Miller.*

“Did you have a good journey?” asked Professor Miller.

“We had a small flight **delay** at Stansted,” said Ed. “But otherwise it was okay.”

“Where are we going now?” asked Liz, from the back seat.

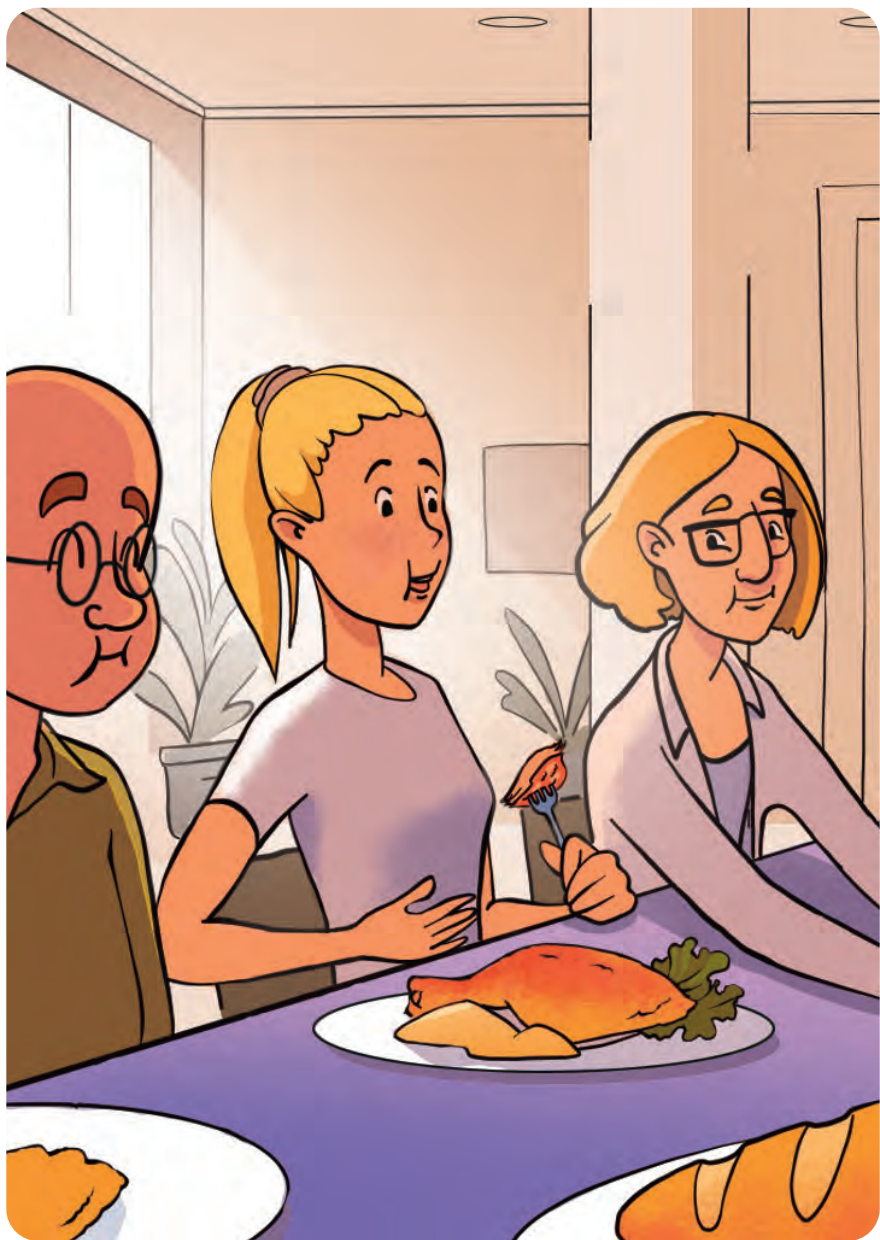
“We’re driving into Marrakesh,” said Professor Miller. “To the hotel. We can leave our luggage there, get some rest, and then meet up to go to a local restaurant. It might be the best meal you have in a while!”

Marrakesh was busy and noisy. Half an hour later, the cars pulled up outside the hotel. Palm trees **swayed** beside the front doors of the hotel, and there were brightly-coloured Moroccan tiles in the porch. The group took their bags out of the cars and carried them into the hotel to check in.

At 7 p.m., the group met in the hotel lobby. They were hungry and excited for Professor Miller to take them to the Moroccan restaurant. They were looking forward to trying some local food. Five minutes later and they were walking into the town.

The restaurant was lovely. They ate chicken tagine with locally-made bread and a sweet pastry dessert. At the end of the meal, they were all full and very happy.

**delay** (noun) a situation in which something happens later than it should  
**sway** (verb) to move slowly from side to side



*"This food is delicious!" Liz said.*

“This food is delicious!” Liz said. “I hope all the food will be this good!”

Later, back in their hotel room, Ed tried to phone his parents, but the phone signal wasn’t very good.

“You should try emailing them,” said Dean.

“That’s a good idea,” said Ed, and he sent them an email on his computer instead.

“We need to be up early tomorrow,” said Ed, as he set the alarm on his watch for 6 a.m.

Both Ed and Dean were very excited about their big trip tomorrow. Before going to bed, Ed checked the **safety** information **leaflet** that Professor Miller had given them. It told them about the dangers to **look out** for in the desert. It reminded them to take **protection** against the sun and to wear loose clothing to keep them cool.

“I must remember to fill up my water bottle before we leave tomorrow,” thought Ed.

When his head touched the pillow, he fell asleep quickly.

**safety** (noun) the condition of being free from harm or danger

**leaflet** (noun) a piece of paper that gives you information

**look out** (phrasal verb) to be careful

**protection** (noun) the state of keeping yourself from harm

## Quiz-2

Choose the correct form of the verbs in bold.

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1. The plane was **delay** / **delayed** at Stansted.
2. My bag was heavy, so my friend **carries** / **carried** it for me.
3. He **stuck** / **stick** his arm out of the window and waved.
4. We **drove** / **drives** into town to find the hotel.
5. The local food was so good that I **eat** / **ate** too much of it!
6. We had to **walked** / **walk** a long way before we found the site.
7. We **fills** / **filled** our bottles up with fresh water.
8. Ed **digging** / **dug** a large hole to find the skeleton.
9. Dean and Liz **put** / **putting** their flags in the sand to mark the spot.
10. The professor wants Ed to **talk** / **talking** to the students about his discovery.

# VOCABULARY QUIZZES

## Quiz-1

Complete the sentences with the words below.

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covered    previous    lecture    alarm    Spinosaurus  
safety    contact    climbing    excavation    palaeontologist

1. He was in charge of health and ..... at the site.
2. She set her ..... because she didn't want to miss her flight.
3. If the ..... was boring the students would fall asleep.
4. It was thrilling to be allowed to dig at the ..... site.
5. An expert on dinosaurs is called a ..... .
6. Its sharp claws made it very good at ..... .
7. We found some excellent restaurants on our ..... trip here.
8. A ..... is a type of swimming dinosaur.
9. After we had made our amazing discovery, we needed to ..... the museum.
10. To keep it safe, they ..... it with a protective sheet.

## Quiz-2

### Choose the correct answer.

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- ..... are animals that lived a long time ago but are all dead now.  
a) Jerboas      b) Scorpions      c) Dinosaurs
- She folded her arms in anger because there was a long .....  
a) time      b) delay      c) watch
- The hole in the ground was the biggest ..... he had ever seen.  
a) excellent      b) exclamation      c) excavation
- To advertise her new business, Clara stood in the street and handed out .....  
a) ideas      b) leaflets      c) calls
- The students sat in silence and listened to their new .....  
a) notes      b) text-books      c) lecturer
- After a long flight, Alice waited for her ..... at the airport conveyor belt.  
a) tickets      b) luggage      c) boarding pass
- The witness to the crime needed ..... from the police.  
a) protection      b) covering      c) safety
- She laughed as he drove the ..... really fast.  
a) sand dune      b) sand buggy      c) bicycle
- The ..... was full of interesting things.  
a) flag      b) lecturer      c) museum