

LISTENING – TAPESCRIPT

**MY VOYAGE TO ALASKA**

***You will hear Susan Ward Davies talking about her voyage to Alaska.***

I'd never been able to understand why people liked holidaying on huge ships that look like floating theme parks. "I'm not one of those cruise people," I thought.

But, in the spirit of trying something new, and tempted by Alaskan wildlife adventures, I found myself in Vancouver walking to board my very first cruise ship, *The Koningsdam*, one of Holland America Line's three high-tech class ships. If any cruise can convert me, I'm hoping it will be this one.

After passing through immigration, I see the ship towering over me and my phobia returns. Thankfully, I bump into another first-timer, a Miami doctor who shares the same fears. Spirits lift as we set sail and glide gracefully underneath Vancouver's majestic Lions Gate Bridge. It's an impressive departure and I find myself looking forward to the six days ahead. We'll be sailing along Alaska's Inside Passage, a scenic route that winds through islands along the North Pacific coast. Unlike open-sea cruising, the water on this route is sheltered by land and is much calmer.

On day two, jetlag wakes me at 4:30 am, in time to see a beautiful pale, misty dawn. I explore the ship, taking the stairs between the 12 passenger-accessible decks. I discover the music lounges: BB King's Blues Club, The Rolling Stone Rock Room, but my favourite spot is the Crow's Nest and Exploration Café, with its arty library and panoramic view.

On day three, we dock at Juneau, Alaska's capital, where 19<sup>th</sup>-century goldmining meets Native American heritage with a frontier-town vibe. The main draws are hiking, whale-watching, and the Mendenhall Glacier trip and I am beyond excited. After bouncing over the waves on our small boat for 10 minutes, we spot distant jets of spray erupting into the air as several humpbacks surface to breathe.

Day four brings more fun when we dock in Skagway. One of the closest ports to the Klondike goldfields, it showcases its Gold Rush heritage with a narrow-gauge railway and painted clapboard houses. On the Denver Valley Hike and the White Pass Rail trip, we trek through the forest on rocky paths to Denver "station", where a vintage steam train picks us up.

My last adventure, the Backcountry Jeep and Canoe Safari, at Ketchikan, known for its waterways and stilted houses – involves paddling a 19-seater canoe over a serene lake before a thrilling off-road Jeep circuit on muddy, forest tracks. It looks as if I am becoming a "cruise person" after all.

*Source: Good Housekeeping, November 2022, page 206-207*

**ANSWER KEY**

**READING:**

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|------|-------|
| 1. M | 6. M  |
| 2. I | 7. C  |
| 3. C | 8. V  |
| 4. V | 9. M  |
| 5. I | 10. I |

10 points

**VOCABULARY:**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. to keep his hand in | 6. loss                     |
| 2. offhand             | 7. varied (accept variable) |
| 3. high-handed         | 8. emissions                |
| 4. ethics              | 9. mindset                  |
| 5. deforestation       | 10. edible                  |

10 points

**GRAMMAR:**

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|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. both          | 8. while                   | 14. Her remark was        |
| 2. despite       | 9. which                   | heard/She was heard to    |
| 3. although      | 10. however/though         | remark                    |
| 4. could (would) | 11. at/about               | 15. without being         |
| 5. on            | 12. them                   | asked/without having been |
| 6. would         | 13. I remember being asked | asked                     |
| 7. with          |                            |                           |

15 points

**LISTENING (award ½ a point if all words in the statement are correct)**

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. wildlife adventures             | 6. Native American ( <i>accept</i> native American)            |
| 2. immigration                     | 7. whale, Glacier ( <i>accept</i> humpback <i>and</i> glacier) |
| 3. scenic route                    | 8. Gold Rush ( <i>accept</i> gold rush)                        |
| 4. jetlag ( <i>accept</i> jet-lag) | 9. rocky paths   |
| 5. panoramic view                  | 10. paddling, canoe  |

5 points

**40 points**

**ROLE – PLAY**

**STUDENT:**

The family living next to your house has a dog. The dog barks loudly every night and you and your family can't sleep. Tell your neighbour to make his dog be quiet. Tell him/her that if the dog doesn't stop barking, you'll complain about it, or take further steps. You talk first.

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**TEACHER:**

Your neighbour comes to talk with you about your lovely dog. You are surprised at how critical he/she is of your well-behaved dog. Your neighbour talks first.

**PICTURE-STORY**

After her two children flew the nest, Maria felt lonely and her life did not have purpose – until she met her classmate from secondary school. They made plans on how to make their lives more meaningful and active...



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