

Task 1: Read the information about Summer in the Alps

Underline any words you don't understand and try to find out what they mean.

Our theme is 'Around the World'. This week we are focussing on Europe.

What are the Alps?

The Alps are a large **mountain range** in the middle of **Europe**. They are spread over eight countries: France, Monaco, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany and Slovenia.

The Alps formed when two large **tectonic plates** slowly collided, pushing up the ground over tens of millions of years, creating some of the highest peaks in Europe. The highest mountain in the Alps is **Mont Blanc**.

Summer in The Alps

The Alps in summer remain one of the best kept secrets for nature lovers and families. With plenty to keep you busy, the more active person will find a great choice of exhilarating activities, whereas those in search of a more relaxing stay can discover the unspoilt environment, stunning scenery and glorious sunshine. The astounding beauty of the mountains is hard to beat with their dramatic skyline of rugged peaks, crystal clear mountain lakes and green meadows. What more could anyone ask for?



Activities

Some resorts offer up to 40 different activities for adults and children of all ages alike. There are plenty of alpine rivers and lakes, covering some 35,000 hectares, which provide an endless playground for those of you who love water.

Walking/hiking

Do you want to experience the mountains from a substantial height? The ski lifts take you higher up the mountain without wearing yourself out. There are many hiking trails with signposts to keep you on track. Be dazzled by the breath taking views with many opportunities to take photographs to impress your family and friends. The walks also offer many opportunities to rest your legs for a well-deserved break at a café selling delicious light lunches and cakes. With 2 national parks, 6 natural regional parks there are plenty to choose from.

Task 2: Answer the questions about the text 'Summer in The Alps'.

1. According to the text, who would like to visit the Alps in Summer?

2. '*a great choice of exhilarating activities*' Find the rest of this sentence in the text; what do you think 'exhilarating' means?

3. Find and copy 3 examples of noun phrases (adjective/s and noun together). Eg *stunning scenery*

4. Find an example of a rhetorical question (a question that doesn't expect an answer).

5. How can you tell that the writer is trying to persuade the reader to visit the Alps?
