

Unit 5. Things to Do: Vocabulary, Grammar and Practice

1. Vocabulary: Things to Do and Places to Visit

This section covers vocabulary and expressions related to tourist activities, geographical features, and describing attractions. Each term includes a Spanish translation to support bilingual understanding.

English	Spanish
to go whale-watching	ir a ver ballenas
to take a boat trip	hacer una excursión en barco
to go trekking	hacer senderismo
to explore rainforests	explorar selvas tropicales
to ride a horse	montar a caballo
to visit vineyards	visitar viñedos
to go rafting	hacer rafting
to take a cruise	hacer un crucero
to climb mountains	escalar montañas
to watch wildlife	observar fauna salvaje
rainforest	selva tropical
glacier	glaciar
peak	cima
plains	llanuras
wilderness	territorio salvaje

2. Grammar Focus: Conditional Structures with 'if'

Conditional structures are used to describe situations and their possible outcomes. They are very useful in tourism to give advice, describe options, or explain consequences.

Common Conditional Types:

- Zero Conditional: If + present simple, present simple → Used for general truths
- First Conditional: If + present simple, will + verb → Used for real future possibilities
- Second Conditional: If + past simple, would + verb → Used for unreal or hypothetical situations

Examples:

- If you visit Patagonia, you will see glaciers. (First Conditional)

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- If you had more time, you would visit the wine region. (Second Conditional)
- If it rains, people stay indoors. (Zero Conditional)

3. Practice Activities

A. Match the Activity with Its Description

Match the English expressions to their correct descriptions in Spanish.

1. to take a cruise
2. to go rafting
3. to ride a horse
4. to explore rainforests
5. to climb mountains

- a. hacer rafting
- b. explorar selvas tropicales
- c. montar a caballo
- d. hacer un crucero
- e. escalar montañas

Answer Key: 1-d, 2-a, 3-c, 4-b, 5-e

B. Complete the Conditional Sentences

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. If you _____ (go) to Argentina, you _____ (enjoy) the landscapes.
2. If we _____ (have) more time, we _____ (visit) the museum.
3. If it _____ (rain), the tour _____ (be) cancelled.
4. You _____ (see) whales if you _____ (travel) to Patagonia.
5. If they _____ (not/book) in advance, they _____ (not/get) a place on the train.

Answer Key:

1. go / will enjoy
2. had / would visit
3. rains / will be
4. will see / travel
5. don't book / won't get

C. Speaking Practice – Travel Advice

Work in pairs. Take turns giving travel advice using conditional sentences. Use ideas from the vocabulary section.

Examples:

- If you want to see wildlife, you should go to Patagonia.
- If it rains during your trip, you can visit indoor museums.
- If you go trekking in the Andes, take warm clothes.

D. Writing Task – Tourist Advice Article

Write a short article (200–250 words) for a tourism blog. Describe one region you recommend visiting and suggest at least three things to do there. Use at least three different types of conditional sentences.

Activity 1: Correct the Mistakes (Conditional Sentences)

Each of these sentences has an error related to conditional structures. Correct them.

1. If you will go whale-watching, you can see orcas.
2. If we would take a boat trip, we see the glacier.
3. If it raining, the trek will be cancelled.
4. You won't explore the rainforest if you doesn't join the tour.
5. If I take the cruise, I would visit three islands.

Answer Key:

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2. If we took a boat trip, we would see the glacier.
3. If it rains, the trek will be cancelled.
4. You won't explore the rainforest if you don't join the tour.
5. If I took the cruise, I would visit three islands.

Activity 2: Identify the Type of Conditional

Read the sentences and write whether each one is:

- Zero Conditional
 - First Conditional
 - Second Conditional
1. If you go trekking in Patagonia, you'll need proper boots.
 2. If it snows, the glacier becomes more difficult to access.
 3. If I had more time, I would visit the vineyards in Mendoza.
 4. If you take a cruise, you'll see icebergs.
 5. If you don't bring water, you feel tired on the plains.

Answer Key:

1. First
2. Zero
3. Second
4. First
5. Zero

Activity 3: Roleplay – Travel Agent and Tourist

Scenario: A tourist wants to plan an outdoor adventure in Argentina. One student is the **tourist**, the other is the **travel agent**.

Tourist Goals:

- Wants to do at least one outdoor activity.
- Prefers nature to cities.
- Has a limited budget.

Instructions:

- Use vocabulary from the list (e.g. to go whale-watching, rainforest, glacier)
- Use conditional sentences to give and respond to suggestions.

Sample Phrases:

Tourist:

- If I had more money, I would go whale-watching.
- I'd love to go trekking if the weather is good.
- What happens if it rains?

Travel Agent:

- If you enjoy wildlife, you should visit the rainforest.
- If you take this tour, you'll see both mountains and vineyards.
- You won't spend much if you stay near the plains.

Activity 4: Complete the Sentences (Using Vocabulary + Conditionals)

Use a vocabulary word and a conditional structure to complete the sentences.

1. If you love nature, you should visit the _____ in Patagonia.
2. If it's sunny tomorrow, we'll go _____ in the national park.
3. You'd enjoy the Andes if you like to _____.
4. If you want a peaceful holiday, I recommend the _____ region.
5. If you're lucky, you might see whales while _____.

Answer key:

1. wilderness
2. trekking
3. climb mountains
4. plains
5. going whale-watching