

Common internal assessment 2022 — Phase 4

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Stimulus book

# Essential English

## General instruction

- Work in this book will not be marked.



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# Stimulus 1

## Context

The writer of this blog reviews tourist destinations.

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## True Tourist returns!

Have I got a *great* destination today. It's an internationally known and admired landmark, a United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) tourist destination in our own backyard — it's the Great Barrier Reef, a glittering gem in Queensland's bejewelled crown of dazzling natural landscapes, one of royal bearing because of its visibility from space.

How heavenly! Imagine looking down on it from the stars above, miles of space separating us from this teeming-with-life natural spectacle... look down and there *It* is. Aglow.

It's a breathtakingly beautiful place thousands of years in the making, a sparkling turquoise, diamond-sprinkled paradise continuing to form as tiny coral spores procreate just as they have for thousands of years.

It's truly unique. Best of all, it's in *our* Queensland. *Ours*.

What's not to love about that?

### Loving the reef

If we drop out of space now and stand at the shoreline looking across the aqua ocean blending with the blue horizon in the distance, we can see the sunset turning the sky into burnt orange tinged with shades of royal purple and gold. Instantly, I feel like an awe-struck treasure seeker swimming in a chest of jewels.

Gradually, the sky turns darker, but it's impossible not to remain completely captivated, watching the sea of blue deepen to charcoal and then a silky black. Stars begin twinkling, casting their own sprinkling of light across the black silk and in my mind, for some reason, I briefly return to the view of this marvel from the stars' glitzy thrones above and decide that this view is infinitely better because I'm in it. Literally.

Some might say that sunsets are the same everywhere, but this trusty tourist has been everywhere and I disagree. Feeling suspended between ocean and sky, you quickly realise what matters in life and it's not the things you own, but the things you do, the places you see and the memories you create.

Day or night, *It* has islands, coral, cays, crystal clear waters, turtles, fish and reefs. I snorkelled straight from sandy beaches, glided through water alongside turtles and technicolour tropical fish, and dived deep into the depths of this underwater world. Enchanting.

## Understanding the reef

This Australian icon, the world's largest and best-known coral reef, needs us to understand its ebbs and flows, its challenges and its qualities. We need to appreciate it for all its uniqueness, so visit, but please make it a gentle 'leave-no-footprint behind' visit. It's important to all of us.

No-one, literally no-one, could visit this glittering jewel-encrusted tourist destination without feeling different. For me, it was like wearing an afterglow, a garment of enhanced awareness, a spiritual connection with one of Queensland's greats. It's a place of peace and tranquillity. I guess that's the beauty of tourist destinations; they awaken senses and sharpen appreciation. They make places real and suddenly more important, showing us that looking after the health of these places is everyone's responsibility.

This important, world-renowned marine ecosystem, so beautiful in every way, is not just the beating heart of Queensland's tourism industry and the lifeblood of coastal communities, it's a place of solace, storytelling and spiritual connection.

We need it and *It* needs us. It's a place for everyone and everyone has a place in it.

## So, what can we do?

For starters, visit. Come and enjoy its natural wonders. And while you're here, adopt a coral. *Do something!* The alternative is unthinkable.

So readers, it's time for True Tourist to rank *It*.

Drum roll.

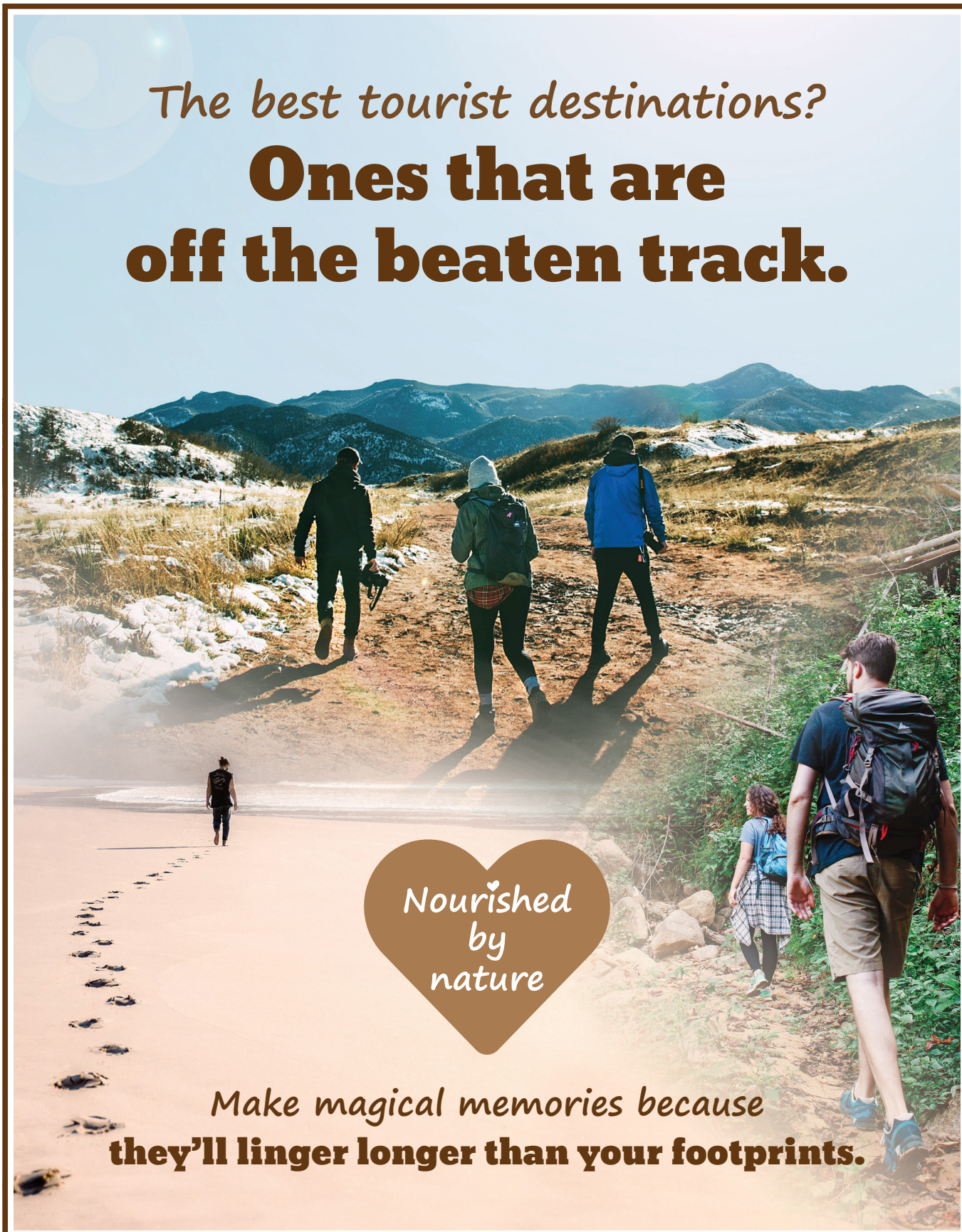
Five stars out of five. *It* makes you feel humbled, awe-struck, inspired and at peace all at the same time — both here on Earth and in space.



## Stimulus 2

### Context

This poster is on display at an exhibition about the many different types of tourist destinations.



*The best tourist destinations?*  
**Ones that are  
off the beaten track.**

Nourished  
by  
nature

*Make magical memories because*  
**they'll linger longer than your footprints.**

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