Pre-Intermediate Workbook audio scripts

Unit 6

1.21 Lesson 6A, Exercises 3 and 4

1

**Woman** I’d like to book an excursion.

**Ticket Officer** Of course. Do you know which one you’re interested in?

**Woman** Well, my husband and I both like history, so we thought maybe the castle … I imagine it’s quite atmospheric?

**Ticket Officer** Yes, it is. There’s also a night-time excursion to the Roman ruins.

**Woman** A night-time excursion? At night?

**Ticket Officer** Yes. The ruins are far more spectacular at night.

**Woman** No, no. I like to be in bed by 9 o’clock. The castle sounds much better.

2

**Man** Hi. I’m interested in booking an excursion for tomorrow.

**Ticket Officer** Certainly. What did you have in mind?

**Man** Well, the market looks beautiful. And I want to see the harbour too.

**Ticket Officer** Well, I suggest going to the market tomorrow.

**Man** Really? Why’s that?

**Ticket Officer** Well, tomorrow is Friday. The market isn’t as crowded on Fridays. At weekends, it’s really busy – too busy, in my opinion.

**Man** OK. Thanks for the advice. I’ll go to the market.

3

**Woman** Can I book an excursion, please?

**Ticket Officer** Yes, certainly. Which one are you thinking of?

**Woman** Well, I went to this temple twenty years ago. I’d really like to see it again.

**Ticket Officer** No problem. Twenty years ago, eh? It’s probably a bit different now.

**Woman** Really? In what way?

**Ticket Officer** All the temples are more touristy these days.

**Woman** Yes, yes. I suppose so.

**Ticket Officer** And the excursion is quite expensive, I’m afraid: £30.

**Woman** But I’d like to go there anyway.

4

**Man** Oh, hello. Can I ask about your excursion to the harbour?

**Ticket Officer** Yes, of course. What would you like to know?

**Man** Well, there’s a morning excursion and one in the evening. Which do you recommend?

**Ticket Officer** They’re both great. The evening excursion is much less busy.

**Man** I see.

**Ticket Officer** And it’s more romantic, in my opinion.

**Man** OK, I’ll go for the evening excursion.

1.22 Exercises 1 and 2

1

Actually, I ordered the chicken pasta.

2

I need two seats near the front of the plane.

3

No, there’s a bus to the cathedral.

4

I’d rather go to the castle first.

5

The market is very touristy.

1.23 Lesson 6C, Exercise 4

1

**A** Did you get a new smartphone for your birthday?

**B** No, I got a new camerafor my birthday.

2

**A**  Did you have a good time in Egypt last month?

**B**  We went to Morocco last month.

3

**A**  Did you book a double room for three nights?

**B** No, I booked a single room for three nights.

4

**A** Shall we go by taxi or by bus?

**B** Let’s go by taxi.

5

**A** I think the zoo is closed in December.

**B** No, I checked – it’s open in December.

1.24 Lesson 6C, Exercises 5 and 6

Sandy Valdivieso and her husband were looking forward to their holiday in Africa. They had tickets for a Turkish Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Dakar, the capital of Senegal in West Africa. However, an airline mix-up sent them 11,000 kilometres away from their destination, to another continent.

They boarded their flight at Los Angeles International Airport in the USA. But unfortunately, an airline employee at the airport accidentally entered the wrong three-letter airport code into the flight booking system. The code for Dakar is DKR. But the employee entered DAC, which is the code for Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, in Asia.

The first leg of their flight to Istanbul in Turkey went smoothly, but it was the second leg of the trip that sent them off in the wrong direction. From Turkey, they headed East rather than West.

At first, Sandy and her husband did not notice that there was a problem. When the flight attendant said they were heading to Dhaka, they thought she was saying ‘Dakar’ with a Turkish accent. Several hours into the trip they woke up from a long sleep and noticed the inflight map showed the plane over the Middle East. They then realised the plane was full of passengers who looked Asian, not African. That’s when they knew that there was a serious mistake. But there was nothing they could do about it: they had to continue all the way to Bangladesh!

Once on the ground, it took several hours for the airline to confirm the mistake was their fault. They apologised to Sandy and her husband and 12 hours later, they flew them back to Istanbul. From there, they took the correct plane to Senegal. To say sorry, Turkish Airlines offered the passengers two free economy class tickets to any destination it flies to.

1.25 Lesson 6G, Exercise 4

**Teacher** Where shall we stay, then?

**Student** Nothing too expensive.

**Teacher** Pardon?

**Student** I’d prefer to stay somewhere cheap.

**Teacher** Well, there’s a nice little hotel in the Old Town. It’s quite cheap; about £60 a night. If that’s too expensive, there’s a cheaper hotel near the station.

**Student** Either suggestion is fine by me.

**Teacher** OK. Let’s stay at the hotel in the Old Town, then.

**Student** Fine. Where should we eat, do you think?

**Teacher** There are some good restaurants in the main square.

**Student** What kind of food do they serve?

**Teacher** Most of the restaurants here serve local food. But there’s an Indian restaurant , too.

**Student** Sorry, did you say ‘Indian restaurant’?

**Teacher** Yes, that’s right.

**Student** Oh, I’m not very keen on Indian food. Let’s eat local food.

**Teacher** OK.

**Student** I’d like to do some sightseeing. What do you fancy?

**Teacher** The fountain in the Old Town is very beautiful. It’s near the cathedral, which is also worth a visit.

**Student** That sounds like a great idea. What’s the best way to travel around?

**Teacher** Well, if we stay in the Old Town then we can walk everywhere. But perhaps we should go to other parts of the city.

**Student** We could always buy a travel card.

**Teacher** That’s a really good plan. I’d prefer to travel by bus or tram than to walk.

**Student** I agree.