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| kiln | livestock | labour | luggage | kestrel |
| leather | lecture | linger | legend | laundry |
| knead | kindle | kayak | knight | limerick |
| launch | lodger | lunar | kiosk | lyrics |

- 1 A type of boat, a bit like a canoe.
- 2 A sort of bird, a small falcon.
- 3 A very hot oven for baking pottery to make it hard.
- 4 To set light to and start something burning.
- 5 A small hut-like shop on the street where you can buy newspapers and sweets.
- 6 To squeeze and stretch dough before baking.
- 7 A chess piece.
- 8 Hard, physical work.
- 9 To send a boat or ship into the water or a rocket into space.
- 10 A place where you can take clothes to be washed.
- 11 The skin of animals used to make shoes, belts and handbags.
- 12 A formal talk about a particular subject given to a class or audience.
- 13 A well known story that may or may not be true.
- 14 A humorous poem in five lines.
- 15 To dawdle and seem unwilling to leave.
- 16 Animals kept on a farm.
- 17 Somebody who pays to live in a room in another person's house.
- 18 The bags and suitcases that travellers take with them.
- 19 Concerned/to do with the moon.
- 20 The words in a song.

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Homonyms

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| badger | neat | yard | urge |
| palm | hamper | gift | lean |
| orange | jam | desert | ruler |
| watch | ash | tablet | iron |

- 1 A 'talent' and also a present you might give someone.
- 2 The name of a tree and also the inner surface of your hand.
- 3 A metal and a device for pressing clothes.
- 4 Another word for tidy and organised and also a word that means undiluted?
- 5 The name of a type of tree and the word for the residue left after a fire?
- 6 The name of a plastic strip used for measuring and also someone in charge.
- 7 The name of a place that is barren and dry and also a word that means to abandon someone?
- 8 A word for 'pill' and also a piece of rock used for writing on in olden days?
- 9 Something used to tell the time and also another word for observe?
- 10 Can you find the name of an animal and also another word for 'pester' or 'nag'?
- 11 Another word for tilt or slope and also a another word for slim?
- 12 The name of a spread made from fruit and also to pack something into a tight space?
- 13 A unit of measurement equal to three feet and an enclosed space next to a building?
- 14 An item that you might take on a picnic and also another word for 'obstruct.'
- 15 Another word for desire or impulse and also to encourage or advise strongly?
- 16 The name of a fruit and also a colour?

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Nestling to the east of the Arabian Sea, Kerala is an exotic mix of coconut groves, wide beaches and a labyrinth of rivers. The eastern part of the state is hilly, but much of the land is a flat plain. Blessed with a pleasant climate throughout the year, Kerala is a tropical state with the coast running down its entire length and the towering Western Ghats providing a protective barrier against the dry winds from Northern India. There are two monsoon seasons annually, from June to September & October to November. The temperature in Kerala rarely drops below 26°C, even in the winter.

Day 1

We land at Kochi International - the world's first airport to be completely solar powered - early in the morning and travel by coach to the hugely impressive Dutch Palace - first constructed by the Portuguese in 1555, and then renovated and extended by the Dutch in 1663. After lunch, we head for Fort Kochi - often referred to as the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea' - to admire the ancient Chinese fishing nets. The nets have been in use for the last 500 years and are one of the most famous tourist attractions in Kerala. Sadly, they are fast vanishing from the coastline as huge maintenance costs are forcing fishermen to look for alternatives. Later we visit the bustling Kochi International Pepper Exchange where lively theatrical gestures mark the drama of the daily pepper auction.

Day 2

On day 2 we head for Alappuzha, where we board a small ferry for a cruise where we will explore Kerala's idyllic backwaters. As we wind our way along the tranquil network of narrow waters, we will pass by back-in-time picturesque villages, many of which are only accessible by boat. We will see numerous traditional houseboats - or kettuvallam - which were once used to transport goods between Kochi and Kuttanad to the south. We will enjoy a superb lunch whilst we meander our way along the palm-shaded, winding canals; a traditional Kerala meal of the freshest fish and vegetables cooked in coconut milk. In the evening we make the trip down south to Kanyakumari beach where we will take in the surreal spectacle of the sun setting and the moon rising over three seas - the Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

Day 3

The sale of spices has dominated Kerala trade for hundreds of years. The state's humid, tropical climate and fertile soil provide the ideal conditions for producing spices like pepper, ginger, nutmeg, cardamom, cinnamon and cloves. This morning's excursion takes us to Thekkady's spice plantation where we will be taken on an informative tour of the spice gardens and have the opportunity to see exactly how the different spices are picked and processed. We will also be able to spot many of the unique birds that visit the plantation for food. In the afternoon we visit the neighbouring tiger sanctuary where we may be lucky enough to spot some of the nature reserve's 27 resident tigers.

Day 4

We visit the city of Thiruvananthapuram; Kerala's capital city was the seat of the former royal family of Travancore from 1750 until 1956. The city's main thoroughfare - Mahatma Gandhi Road - is lined with impressive buildings including the headquarters of Kerala's state government, the University College and the grand Public Library. The latter, founded in 1829, houses over 250,000 fascinating books and documents all written in Kerala's official language, Malayalam.

Day 5

There will be an opportunity this morning to visit the stunning 2000 year old Janardhana Temple at Varkala before transferring to the airport for our twelve hour flight back to London, touching down at Heathrow at 07:00 local time.

1 Where is the Arabian Sea situated in relation to the state of Kerala?

- A It is located to the east of Kerala.
 - B It is situated to the west of Kerala.
 - C To the north of Kerala.
 - D To the south of Kerala.
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2 What did Kochi airport first pioneer?

- A It was the first airport to offer passenger electric vehicles to the departure lounges.
 - B It was the first to introduce paperless tickets.
 - C It was the first airport to ban night flights in order to reduce noise pollution.
 - D The airport became the first airport in the world to generate all its power from the sun.
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3 For how many months of the year is Kerala prone to monsoon weather conditions?

- A Three months every year.
 - B Four months.
 - C Six months annually.
 - D Two months every year.
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4 What is the official language of the state of Kerala?

- A Malayalam.
- B Punjabi.
- C Bengali.
- D Tamil.

5 Kerala is five and a half hours ahead of London time.

What will be the time in Kerala when the tour's return flight leaves?

- A The flight will leave at 00:30.
- B 07:00.
- C 10:30.
- D 12:30.

6 What is the capital city of the state of Kerala?

- A Varkala.
- B Thiruvananthapuram.
- C Kochi.
- D Alappuzha.

7 Which of Fort Kochi's tourist attractions is probably the most well known?

- A Vizhinjam Lighthouse.
- B Padmanabhapuram Palace.
- C The Chinese fishing nets.
- D Janardhana Temple.

8 'As we wind our way along the tranquil network of narrow waters....'

What does the word 'tranquil' mean in this context?

- A Complex.
- B Deep.
- C Winding.
- D Calm.

9 Which of the following statements is true?

- Option 1 Another word for 'nature reserve' is 'sanctuary'.
- Option 2 Kanyakumari beach is often referred to as 'The Queen of the Arabian Sea'.
- Option 3 Coconut milk is a key ingredient in traditional Keralan cuisine.
- Option 4 The state of Kerala enjoys a tropical climate.

- A Options 1 and 2.
- B Options 2 and 3.
- C Options 2 and 4.
- D Options 1, 3 and 4.

10 Which of the following statements is true?

- Option 1 Kuttanad is situated to the north-west of Kochi.
- Option 2 Lively pepper auctions take place every Friday mornings in Fort Kochi.
- Option 3 Four of the world's largest oceans converge at the southern tip of India.
- Option 4

- A Options 3 and 4.
 - B Option 4 only.
 - C Options 1 and 4.
 - D Option 2 only.
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Please can you put all the adjectives in the table below into the correct boxes?

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| agitated | disorientated | enthusiastic | perturbed |
| baffled | flummoxed | perplexed | frenzied |
| eager | thrilled | concerned | troubled |
| anxious | apprehensive | mystified | restless |
| bewildered | muddled | nervous | uneasy |

Words that mean 'excited'.

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Words that mean 'worried'

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Words that mean 'confused'.

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Please can you put all the words in the table below into the correct boxes?

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| changeable | baggy | graph | thick | cosy | spacious |
| rough | frosty | draughty | elegant | blank | tiring |
| comfortable | relaxing | delicious | cluttered | blustery | mouthwatering |

Words that could describe clothing.

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Words that could describe food.

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Words that could describe a journey.

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Words that could describe the weather.

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Words that could describe paper.

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Words

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| 1 | kayak |
| 2 | kestrel |
| 3 | kiln |
| 4 | kindle |
| 5 | kiosk |
| 6 | knead |
| 7 | knight |
| 8 | labour |
| 9 | launch |
| 10 | laundry |
| 11 | leather |
| 12 | lecture |
| 13 | legend |
| 14 | limerick |
| 15 | linger |
| 16 | livestock |
| 17 | lodger |
| 18 | luggage |
| 19 | lunar |
| 20 | lyrics |

Words

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| 1 | gift |
| 2 | palm |
| 3 | iron |
| 4 | neat |
| 5 | ash |
| 6 | ruler |
| 7 | desert |
| 8 | tablet |
| 9 | watch |
| 10 | badger |
| 11 | lean |
| 12 | jam |
| 13 | yard |
| 14 | hamper |
| 15 | urge |
| 16 | orange |

Confused. →

Excited.

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| 1 | eager |
| 2 | thrilled |
| 3 | enthusiastic |
| 4 | frenzied |
| 5 | restless |

Worried.

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| 6 | agitated |
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| 11 | perturbed |
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| 14 | baffled |
| 15 | bewildered |
| 16 | disorientated |
| 17 | flummoxed |
| 18 | muddled |
| 19 | perplexed |
| 20 | mystified |

Vocabulary.

Clothing

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| comfortable |
| fashionable |
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Food

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| tasty |
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A journey

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| bumpy |
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| relaxing |

Home

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| cosy |
| draughty |
| spacious |
| cluttered |

Weather

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| gusty |
| frosty |
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Paper

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| lined |
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Comprehension

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| 1 | B | It is situated to the west of Kerala. |
| 2 | D | The airport became the first airport in the world to generate all its power from the sun. |
| 3 | C | Six months annually. |
| 4 | A | Malayalam. |
| 5 | A | The flight will leave at 00:30. |
| 6 | B | Thiruvananthapuram. |
| 7 | C | The Chinese fishing nets. |
| 8 | D | Calm. |
| 9 | D | Options 1, 3 and 4. |
| 10 | B | Option 4 only. |