

2a What do you know or want to know about Singapore? Discuss it with your group.

2b Read the article. How many reasons can you find for visiting Singapore?

Singapore — A Place You Will Never Forget!

Have you ever been to Singapore? For thousands of tourists from China, this small island in Southeast Asia is a wonderful and safe place to take a holiday. On the one hand, more than three quarters of the population are Chinese, so you can simply speak Putonghua a lot of the time. On the other hand, Singapore is an English-speaking country, so it's also a good place to practice your English!

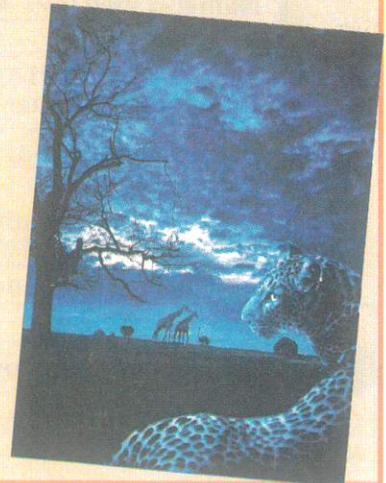
Have you ever tried Chinese food outside of China? Maybe you fear that you won't be able to find anything good to eat when you travel. In Singapore, however, you'll find a lot of food from China; you won't have any problem getting rice, noodles or dumplings. Singapore is also an excellent place to try new food. Whether you like Indian food, Western food or Japanese food, you'll find it all in Singapore!

Most large cities have zoos, but have you ever been to a zoo at night? Singapore has a Night Safari. It might seem strange to go to a zoo when it's dark. However, if you go to see lions, tigers or foxes during the daytime, they'll probably be asleep! A lot of animals only wake up at night, so this is the best time to watch them. At the Night Safari, you can watch these animals in a more natural environment than in a normal zoo.

One great thing about Singapore is that the temperature is almost the same all year round. This is because the island is so close to the equator. So you can choose to go whenever you like — spring, summer, autumn or winter. And, of course, it's not too far from China!

Making Notes

After reading, write down three or more things you have learned. We always remember things better if we take time to reflect.



2c The statements below are false. Use information from the article to correct them.

1. Most people in Singapore only speak English.
2. It is not easy to get many different kinds of good food in Singapore.
3. It is better to see lions and tigers during the daytime because they will probably be awake.
4. It is best to visit Singapore in the autumn.

2d Fill in the conversation about Singapore using the information from the article.

A: I'm going to Singapore next week. _____ you ever _____ there before?

B: Yes, I've _____ to Singapore many times. It's my favorite country to visit in _____ Asia.

A: What languages do people _____ there?

B: Mostly Chinese and _____.

A: What about the food? Is it good?

B: It's excellent! _____ you ever tried Indian food? Indian food is really good in Singapore.

A: I see. Have you _____ heard of the Night Safari? Someone told me to go there.

B: Yes! I _____ been to the Night Safari. It was really exciting to _____ the animals in the dark.

A: And is it always _____ in Singapore?

B: All _____ round! It's always summer there!

2e Make notes about Singapore. Write down anything that you remember. Do not look at the article.

3a Make a list of facts about your hometown or a place you have been to. Think about these topics.

Size and location: _____

Population: _____

Weather: _____

History: _____

Places to visit: _____

Things to eat: _____