

# Visit Austria, the land of mountains

The Alps is the highest mountains in Europe. It remains the best kept secret for nature lovers and families. With lots to keep you busy, everyone can find a vast selection of exciting activities. However, if this does not appeal to you then have no fear! If you prefer a more relaxing vacation, you can discover the unspoilt environment, stunning scenery and the glorious sunshine!



## Activities

Jammed packed with amazing activities, some resorts in Austria have up to 40 different activities for adults and children of all ages! There are plenty of stunning rivers and wide, open lakes, which provide an endless playground for those who love water.

### Walking/Hiking

Do you want to experience the mountains from an amazing height? In Austria, the ski lifts take you higher up than you can imagine. Helpfully, there are plenty of hiking trails with signposts to keep you on track. After a fulfilling and awe-inspiring hike, you can relax whilst taking in the spectacular views. The amazing scenery provides multiple opportunities to take photographs and impress your family and friends. You can also find lovely hidden cafes during your walks where you can treat yourselves to a scrumptious, smooth hot chocolate or a mouth-watering lunch.



### Rafting

Austria is full of lakes! However, Lake Lemana and Annecy are the favourite spots for water sports. Discover your sense for adventure and what it is like to be soaked to the skin whilst catching your breath and dodging the white frothy waves. This is the white water rafting experience! You will begin by being kitted-out with all the equipment before a full safety training. Then an experienced guide will take you onto the water for a series of runs down the breathtaking twists, turns and drops of the rushing mountain rivers. It is a fantastic and unforgettable experience!



So what are you waiting for?

Austria:

- 1) What is the main purpose of this text?
- 2) Why do you think that it is known as *'the land of the mountains'*?
- 3) Find and copy 2 subheadings in the text.
- 3a) Why do you think that subheadings have been used?
- 4) In paragraph 2, what do you think the word *playground* is referring to?
- 5) In the **walking and hiking** paragraph, find 3 reasons why people would want to go hiking in Austria.
- 6) *'Discover the unspoilt environment'*  
Give two ways that an environment could be spoilt.
- 7) Find and copy the word that tells you that the raft instructor is experienced.
- 8) Based on what you have read which type of person would most like to go to Austria?  
a) A professional knitter      b) A horse rider      c) An adventurer      d) Rally car driver  
Explain why you have chosen this person using reasons from the text.
- 9) Find 3 adjectives from the **walking and hiking** paragraph.
- 9a) Why do you think that the writer has used these? What impact do they have?
- 10) At the moment the text does not include the power of 3. Please write a sentence including this that could be put into the text.

Challenge:

If you were writing a similar text about Snaith, what would it say? Write 3 sentences to persuade people to visit. Think about the attractions and how you will make it sound amazing and unmissable.