# Lesson 1: Explore the City

# UNIT: Travel to Seoul

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# TRANSCRIPT

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## HOOK 1

Hi, it's Anne!

When I was little, I once traveled to Nashville, Tennessee.

That was the first time I ever saw snow. I was so excited to play in the snow, but I realized the snow was not how I imagined. I thought it was going to be light and fluffy and easy to make a snowman, like this. It turned out the snow was hard and crunchy. I ended up making a snowman that looked more like this. It turns out there's some snow that isn't great for making snowmen.

Even if it wasn't what I expected, I still loved going to a new city and experiencing something brand new.

## DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where are some places you would want to go?

## HOOK 2

When I think about places I want to travel to, I like to read all about them. Then I can imagine what it would be like to go there.

This is my friend, Tatiana. Tatiana has a website where she writes all about cool things to do in different cities. Venice, Italy, was one of the cities she wrote about on her site. Just by reading what she wrote, I felt like I was traveling there without even leaving my house.

When Tatiana writes about cities to visit, she doesn't actually fly to all the places she writes about. That would be exhausting. Instead, she does some research to learn all about the destination she's going to write about. She reads about each place and watches a video so she can add details to her writing that help her readers imagine being there.

Tatiana is looking for student writers to feature on her website. This is where you come in. You'll write a travel post just like Tatiana does. Before you can start your research, take a look at how Tatiana gets ready to write about a new destination. Recently, Tatiana has been working on a post about the Safari Park in San Diego, California. She found this video to learn a bit more about it. As you watch the video, think about what someone who visits this place might see.

## DISCUSSION 2

Discuss: What do you notice about this place?

## HOOK 3

After watching the video, Tatiana wrote down some notes on what she saw. She wrote:

- Different animals live together
- Baby animals
- Animals have lots of space

You may have had other ideas, too.

Tatiana watched more videos about the San Diego Safari Park, this time focusing on what visitors can do while they're there.

## DISCUSSION 3

Discuss: What can visitors do here?

## HOOK 4

Tatiana added on to her notes, writing what visitors can do. She wrote:

- Ride in a bus

- Take pictures

- Feed the animals

You may have noticed that Tatiana isn't writing complete sentences—that's okay. When writers take notes, they often write just a few words so they can remember their ideas.

Today, you'll learn about a city that Tatiana has never featured on her website before: Seoul, South Korea. South Korea is located here, in Asia. Let's take a look at its capital city.

Wow! That looks like an amazing place to visit! It's okay if you've never been to Seoul before—neither has Tatiana.

You'll learn about some cool things to do there, such as visiting Lotte World, going to a concert at the Sky Dome, or going to the Lantern Festival.

You'll watch videos about each of these destinations and gather information about what visitors can see and do at each place. That way, you'll be able to describe the place well to website readers all over the world, and they can imagine being there, too.

I'll get you started, step by step.

## STEP 1

Get your supplies.

## STEP 2

Before writers take notes about a topic, they make a plan for how they will organize their notes.

Take a look at your Destinations worksheet. This worksheet has three sections for you to take notes in.

Write the destinations you will learn about today. Lotte World, Sky Dome, and the Lantern Festival.

## STEP 3

In today's lesson, you'll need someone to share ideas with. This could be a partner or someone you sit near. When everyone knows who their talk partner is, move on to the next step.

## STEP 4

Lotte World might remind you of theme parks near you, but it's actually located right in the middle of Seoul. Watch this video to learn about Lotte World. Pay special attention to what visitors will see.

Discuss with your partner: What sorts of things did you see in the video? Try to come up with as many as you can.

## STEP 5

Maybe you saw: ice skating, rides, or lots of people.

Write what you saw in the World section of your notes. Remember, when you take notes, you don't need to write in complete sentences. You can use your word bank to help.

## STEP 6

Readers will also want to know what they can do when they visit a place. Watch this video about Lotte World. This time, pay special attention to what visitors at Lotte World can do.

Discuss with your partner: What things can visitors do at Lotte World? Try to come up with as many as you can.

## STEP 7

Maybe you said: ride roller coasters, eat snacks, or play video games.

Write what people can do in the Lotte World section of your notes. Add on to the notes you already wrote.

## STEP 8

Great job! Lotte World looks like a lot of fun, but it's not the only thing visitors can do in Seoul, South Korea. The Sky Dome is another place visitors might like to go. It might remind you of an arena near you, but this is one of Seoul's biggest performance spaces.

Watch this video about the Sky Dome.

Pay special attention to what visitors will see and hear when at a concert.

Discuss with your partner: What will visitors see and hear at Sky Dome concerts?

## STEP 9

Maybe you said: performers playing instruments, colorful lights, or performers dancing. Write what you saw in the Sky Dome section of your notes.

## STEP 10

Here's another video showing concerts at the Sky Dome.

This time, pay special attention to what people do at Sky Dome concerts.

Discuss with your partner: What do people do when going to a concert at the Sky Dome?

## STEP 11

Maybe you said: dance, cheer for the performers, or wave light sticks. Write what visitors can do at a concert in the Sky Dome section of your notes.

## STEP 12

The Sky Dome and Lotte World both sound like a lot of fun, but we have one more awesome destination to explore.

Watch this video about the Lantern Festival.

Pay special attention to what visitors might see while they're there.

Write what you saw in the Lantern Festival section of your notes. You can use your word bank to help.

## STEP 13

Here's another video about the Lantern Festival. This time, pay special attention to what visitors can do while they're there.

Write what visitors can do in the Lantern Festival section of your notes. Add on to the notes you already wrote. You can use your word bank to help.

## STEP 14

You are on your way to becoming the expert on three destinations in Seoul, South Korea. Give each destination a star rating to show how much you liked it.

## STEP 15

Great job, writers! Next time, you'll read some information to learn more about these three places before you start writing.

The papers shown on the screen are V.I.P.s—Very important papers. Your teacher will tell you where to put them so you will have them for the next lesson.

I'll see you next time!