

## **Comparatives**

### **The plan of the séance**

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- **The text:**

### A visit to Toronto



Last autumn, from November 28<sup>th</sup> until December 6<sup>th</sup>, Rachid was in Toronto, Canada on a business trip. After having had meetings with Canadian businessmen, he decided to visit the city.

Toronto is a large modern city. The city is built over Lake Ontario. He walked through several ethnic villages, including the village of Cordo Italia, Greektown and three different Chinatowns. Rachid learnt that there are over 4,000 restaurants in Toronto, but what he admired most was the CN Tower (the tallest structure in the world) which rises 553 metres above the high buildings. He also visited the Ontario Science Centre or Ontario Place which is a recreational and cultural complex built over Lake Ontario.

Rachid was so pleased that he decided to return to Toronto with his family next summer holidays.

## • Activity's:

### Activity 1:

**Are these statements true or false. Correct the wrong ones.**

صحيح أو خطأ ؟ صحح الخطأ.

1. Rachid travelled to Canada as a tourist.

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2. He stayed in Toronto for 9 days.

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3. Toronto is built over a mountain.

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4. There are many restaurants in Toronto.

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5. The CN Tower is 553 metres tall.

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### Activity 2:

**Answer these questions.**

أجب عن الأسئلة.

1. Why did Rachid travel to Toronto?

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2. Where is Toronto built?

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3. What is the Ontario Science Centre?

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### Activity 3:

**Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to:**

أجد في النص الكلمات التى لها معنى مضاد للكلمات التالية .

a- traditional

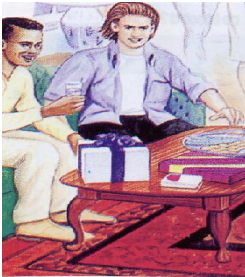
b- identical

c- last

#### Activity 4:

##### A- Look at the pictures

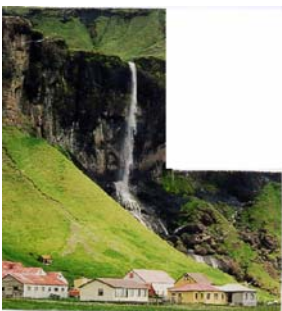
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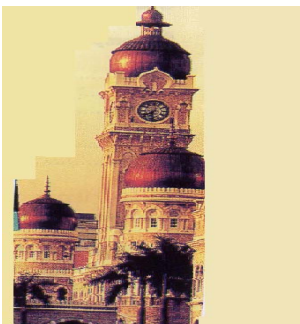
1. There is a beautiful red carpet **under** the table in the living-room.



2. Carol has hung some posters **over** her bed



3. The village of Cowfield lies **below** a hill.



4. . The minaret tower is **above** the mosque.



5. . From 8.00am **until** 3.50pm. Sam and Betsy have been out.

**B- Choose the correct preposition**اختار الجواب المناسب

1- High ..... us there are skyscrapers.

a- from    b- above    c- under

2- He lived in Italy from 1982 ..... 1988.

a- until    b- under    c- over

3- From the balcony of the hotel, we can see the sandy beach .....

a- above    b- over    c- below

4- On the wall ..... the desk, there was a copy of the "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo Da Vinci.

a- under    b- over    c- from

5- There was a magnificent Persian carpet ..... the large table of the dining-room.

a- from    b- above    c- under

**Activity 5:****Match A with B.****A مع B. أربط**

A	B
1. We walked with difficulty	a. were rising above our heads.
2. When I finished reading the magazine	b. I switched off the light over my bed.
3. The high mountains	c. lasted from 9:30 am to 12:30.
4. The children camped near a river	d. because of the thick snow under our feet.
5. The meeting at the Town Hall	e. and spent the night under tents.

### Activity 6:

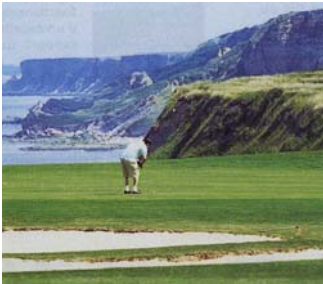
**Look at the pictures. Reorder these words to write correct sentences.**

**لاحظ الصور. رتب الكلمات ثم أكتب جملا صحيحة.**



1. flows / river / the / small / A / bridge / under / .

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2. die / cliff / below / waves / The / the / .

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3. is / extinct / Auckland city (New-Zealand) /  
Above / there / volcano / an / .

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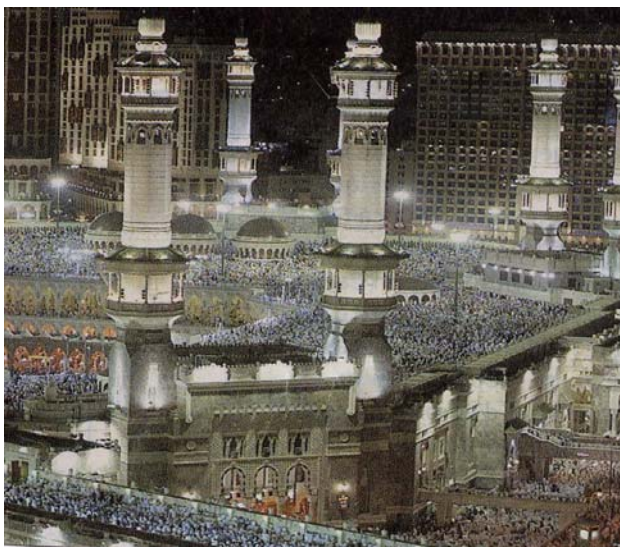
4. stand / iceberg / Antarctic / over / the / In/  
penguins / the/.

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### Activity 7:

Fill in each gap with the correct preposition.

املاً الفراغ



Every year, thousands of Muslims go to Mecca on pilgrimage .....1.....  
Dhou El Kida 10<sup>th</sup> .....2..... Dhou El Hidja 10<sup>th</sup> . It is the biggest meeting of  
Muslims who come from various countries. Mecca is a holy city. Wherever you  
go, you can see minarets towering .....3..... you. Inside the mosque the  
pilgrims pray and ask Allah to bless them. ....4..... their bare feet, there are  
magnificent coloured carpets. ....5..... the walls of the mosque holy versets  
from the Koran are written in beautiful letters. During the pilgrimage the  
pilgrims have to go to Mina where they throw stones at the three Devils.

Finally, on Dhou El Hidja 10<sup>th</sup> , every pilgrim sacrifices a sheep to repeat the  
ritual of Abraham a long time ago.

### Activity 8:

You visited a big city some time ago (in your country  
or abroad). Write a short paragraph telling about  
what you saw using prepositions of place and of time.

أكتب فقرة صغيرة باستعمال: prepositions of place and of time

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### Activity 9:

**Translate into Arabic.**

ترجم باللغة العربية الجملة الآتية

What Rachid admired most was the CN Tower, the tallest structure in the world, which rises 553 metres above the city.

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- **Keep in mind:**

**1-** UNDER , BELOW , ABOVE and OVER are prepositions of place or location.

- **Under** means vertically below.
- **Below** means lower than.

eg: There was snow **under** our feet.

From the hills we could see the valley **below** us.

- **above** means higher than.
- **over** means vertically **above**.

eg: The high buildings in New York rise above the passers-by.

There was a valuable painting over the chimney.

**2-** FROM , UNTIL, FROM / TO are prepositions of time.

- **From** is used with the starting point of an action. It is usually found with **until** ( or to) which indicates the end of an action.

eg: He was in hospital **from** January **until** April.