

A report

I can write a linguistically complex and logically structured report and recommend action.

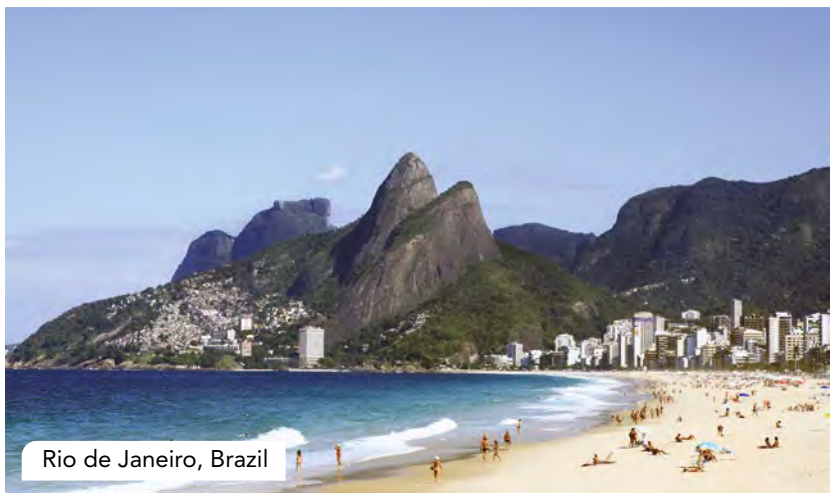
- 1 SPEAKING** Look at the photos and discuss the questions.
 - What would attract you about each of the places? Why?
 - What would deter you from visiting them? Why?
- 2** Read the task. In pairs, find the information it asks you to include.

A student website is compiling a series of reports on countries for students to visit during their gap year between school and university. You decide to send in a report on a country you have visited. In your report, you should give an overview of your visit showing why this country is a suitable destination and describing any potential problems other students should be aware of. You should also include some recommendations.

- 3 SPEAKING** Read the report. Does it contain the information asked for in the task? Discuss with a partner.



Shanghai, China



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Taebaek Mountains, South Korea

Visiting South Korea: A Student's View

Introduction

The aim of this report is to provide an overview of the visit I paid to South Korea with a student group during our gap year, and to identify factors which may make it a suitable student destination, as well as to point out potentially problematic areas. In the final section, there are recommendations for the prospective student visitor.

Visit overview

We spent three months in South Korea, visiting the main cities and some rural areas. We did not travel to the more remote places.

Suitability as a student destination

All of us visited the capital, Seoul, which we found to be a cosmopolitan city with a wide variety of entertainment options. **The majority of us** also ventured further afield into the countryside, where we were very impressed by the hospitality of the local people. In addition, the spectacular scenery was another feature that made the trip worthwhile.

Potential problems

Since our visit took place during the winter, the cold weather conditions presented problems we had not fully prepared for. Furthermore, having no knowledge of the language made communication difficult outside the major cities.

Recommendations

It is clear that visitors need to be aware of the climatic conditions they may encounter and be appropriately equipped. **I would also recommend** taking some basic language classes before leaving in order to more fully appreciate the country's culture and people.

Conclusion

Given these preconditions, I would have no hesitation in suggesting that students visit this fascinating country.