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Module 3 – Adventures and mishaps

1 In Module 3 you read about the Grand Canyon. You are now going to find out more about visiting the south rim of the canyon by looking at the following webpage:
<http://www.nps.gov/grca/grandcanyon/index.htm>. When the main page opens, select **South Rim** from the bar at the top of the page.

2 To find out where to stay while visiting the canyon, click on **Lodging** from the list on the left of the page.

What is the cheapest place to stay? _____

What is the most expensive? _____

3 To find how to get to the South Rim, click on **How to get here** from the list on the left of the page. Scroll down to find out how far the South Rim is from:

Las Vegas: _____

Los Angeles: _____

4 You are now going to find information about hiking on the South Rim, including the trail mentioned in the text you read on page 36. Click on **Day Hiking** from the list on the left. When the page opens select **South Rim Day Hikes**. Scroll down and click on **Bright Angel Trail**. In the red box you will see advice about hiking on this trail.

When should you avoid hiking? _____

What type of food should you eat? _____

Scroll down to find the **trail condition**:

5 Go back to the **South Rim Day Hikes** page and click on **South Rim** at the top of the page. Now click on **FAQ** from the list on the left to answer the following questions:

How old is the Canyon? _____

When is the best time to visit the Grand Canyon? _____

Can I bring my dog along with me if I hike into the canyon? _____

Do I need a permit to hike into the Grand Canyon? _____

What is the temperature like in summer on the South Rim? _____

6 Now browse the rest of the site. Would you be interested in visiting the Grand Canyon? Are there any activities you would like to do there?

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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: For students to find information in English on the internet about the Grand Canyon which they read about in the module. This webquest can be used after doing the reading and looks at the trail mentioned in the text on page 36.

Time: Approximately 45 minutes.

Materials: Photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

Pre-teach *fall =autumn*

- 1 Ask students what they remember about the Grand Canyon. Tell students they are going to find more information about the canyon on the internet. Make sure that students have opened the correct page and have selected **South Rim** from the bar at the top of the page.
- 2 Students click on **Lodging** from the list on the left of the page to find the cheapest and most expensive places to stay.

Cheapest: Bright Angel (the Bright Angel trail is mentioned in the text on page 36)

Most expensive: El Tovar Hotel

- 3 To find how far the South Rim is from the cities, students click on **How to get here** from the list on the left of the page, then scroll down till they get to the cities.
Las Vegas: **278 miles / 447 kilometres**
Los Angeles: **494 miles / 795 kilometres**
- 4 Ask students if they can remember anything about the hike mentioned in the text. Tell students they are going to find more information about this hike. Students click on **Day Hiking** from the list on the left and then on **South Rim Day Hikes**. Students then scroll down and click on **Bright Angel Trail**. Students find the advice in the red box.
When should you avoid hiking? **In the heat of the day (10am to 4pm)**
What type of food should you eat? **Carbohydrates and salty foods**
Students then scroll down to find the trail condition: **Steep. Well defined. Some shade on trail, mostly from canyon walls and dependent on time of day.**
- 5 Students go back to the **South Rim Day Hikes** page and click on **South Rim** at the top of the page, then on **FAQ** from the list on the left to answer the questions.
How old is the Canyon? **The Canyon itself was formed in the past five or six million years**
When is the best time to visit the Grand Canyon? **Probably early spring or late fall**
Can I bring my dog along with me if I hike into the canyon? **Yes, but pets must be physically restrained at all times**
Do I need a permit to hike into the Grand Canyon? **Not for day hikes**
What is the temperature like in Summer on the South Rim? **50°s–80°s F; 10°s–high 20°s C**
- 6 Now give the students time to browse the rest of the site and find activities they might be interested in doing. Get feedback from the class.