

6C Queenstown, New Zealand: Worksheet**1 Watch the video. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?**

- 1 Queenstown is popular with tourists who like adventure.
- 2 Over 1 million people live in Queenstown.
- 3 Queenstown is in the middle of a lake.
- 4 Not many walkers come to visit the mountains around Queenstown now.
- 5 The TSS Earnslaw can travel at up to 85 kilometres per hour.
- 6 Over 300,000 people jump from Kawarau Bridge every year.
- 7 If you don't like dangerous sports, you won't like Queenstown.

2 Watch the video again. Put the events in the correct order (1–5).

- a The TSS Earnslaw first sailed across Lake Wakatipu.
- b The Shotover Jet started taking tourists on trips along the Shotover River.
- c Queenstown became a small town again.
- d People started bungee jumping from Kawarau Bridge.
- e People discovered gold in Queenstown.

Vocabulary Extra**3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.**

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- 1 I'm really into _____ sports like bungee jumping.
- 2 There are some _____ views from the top of the mountain.
- 3 You should carefully follow the signs along the _____ route.
- 4 Spain is a popular holiday _____ for people from the UK.
- 5 We went on a day _____ to the beach.
- 6 New Zealand is famous for sheep _____.

6C Queenstown, New Zealand: Answer key

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- 1 true
- 2 false
- 3 false
- 4 false
- 5 false
- 6 true
- 7 false

2

- 1 e
- 2 c
- 3 a
- 4 b
- 5 d

3

- 1 extreme
- 2 stunning
- 3 walking
- 4 destination
- 5 trip
- 6 farming

6C Queenstown, New Zealand: Script

Queenstown is the extreme sports capital of the world. It's the ultimate destination for people who love adventure. And if you like taking risks, you can try anything here – from parasailing to skydiving. Over 1 million visitors a year come to Queenstown. This small town is situated in the dramatic south-western corner of New Zealand's South Island. It's a very beautiful place. The town lies on the edges of the crystal clear Lake Wakatipu and it has stunning views of the Remarkables mountain range.

This area hasn't always been a tourist destination. It used to be a quiet sheep farming district. In 1862, gold was discovered in a river near Queenstown. The discovery attracted thousands of people to the area. Suddenly there was a gold rush. But the town wasn't popular for long. By the late 1800s, there was no more gold in the rivers. People started to leave. By 1900, Queenstown was a much smaller town again.

After the gold rush, the first tourists started coming to the area. Famous walking routes were made for visitors to explore the area on foot. Some of these paths, like the Milford Track and Routeburn Track in the nearby Fiordland National Park still attract thousands of walkers every year.

The most relaxing way to enjoy the stunning scenery around Queenstown is by taking a trip on the beautiful old TSS Earnslaw. The Earnslaw first crossed the lake in 1912. It travels very slowly so that visitors can enjoy the views. Another option is a trip on a speedboat. But this is less relaxing. It's much harder to admire the views travelling at speeds up to 85 kilometres per hour.

The Shotover River which runs through deep canyons into Lake Wakatipu is the location of one of Queenstown's most exciting experiences – the Shotover Jet. The jet has operated since 1970 and over 2 million people have taken this thrilling trip.

The Kawarau Bridge is on the outskirts of the town. It was here that the bungee phenomenon started in 1988 and it still attracts over 300,000 jumpers a year. There are tandem jumps for people who are afraid of jumping alone. And if you don't like taking risks you can just watch. It's still an unforgettable experience!