

When you are reading a longer text you may need to pull out key information or reduce the text to its most important parts.

Getting you thinking

In pairs, imagine you are researching a holiday in Marrakesh. Read the travel brochure below.

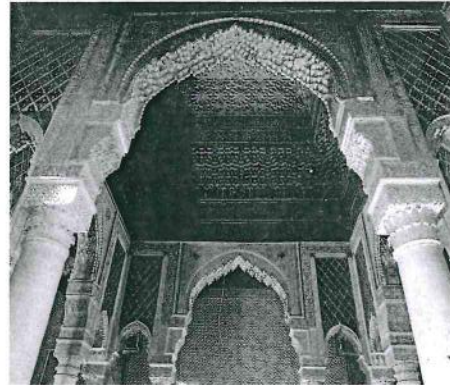
Top tips

Look for the information that is relevant to your purpose; ignore everything else.

Marrakesh and the Atlas Mountains

Six days from only £499

To visit Morocco is an intense and rewarding experience. A melting pot of European, Asian and African cultures, its blend of old and new will not fail to enchant you, whilst the sights, sounds and colours of this spectacular country will capture your heart and your imagination. From the romance of ochre-coloured Marrakesh, full of myths and mystery, to the splendid isolation of the Atlas mountains – it is an assault on the senses.



Day 1 You arrive at the airport to take the flight to Marrakesh. On arrival a coach will take you to the four-star Hotel Asni, for five nights' dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 2 Marrakesh is a labyrinth of tiny alleyways, which team with street life like few other places in the world. With classical French colonial buildings and boulevards surrounded by almost medieval walls – it is so perfect it could be, and often is, a film set! This morning you have a sight-seeing tour during which you will see the Saadian tombs, one of the world's finest examples of Moorish architecture, whose classic archways are covered in gold-leaf and stucco work, and the El Badi Palace which, when built, was acclaimed as the world's most beautiful and famed for its 50 marble columns. You also visit the famous souks, or covered markets, where immensely skilled craftsmen create intricate leatherware, jewellery and furniture. At dusk you should visit Djemaa el Fna, a showcase for traditional Moroccan life. You will experience a fantastic spectacle of musicians, dancers, fortune-tellers and snake charmers in a kaleidoscope of colour.

- First, identify the key sections of the text.
- What in the description makes you want to visit Marrakesh? Summarise your ideas in one paragraph.