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Dear Sir/Madam,

Having just returned from a holiday with my husband and my two grandchildren I felt compelled to write to you to say what an enjoyable time the four of us had in Llandudno. None of us had ever visited your lovely Victorian seaside town before and we were very pleasantly surprised how clean it was kept and how many different things there were for us to do during our week-long stay.

As my grandchildren had never been on a train before, we decided to leave the car at home and make the journey from Manchester to Llandudno by rail. The ride along the north coast of Wales was stunning as the train travelled for many miles by the sea. On arrival, a friendly taxi driver took us the short distance to The Grand Hotel where we found our comfortable room had a balcony and lovely views out towards the sea, the promenade and of course the Little Orme.

I have to admit we were very fortunate with the weather and the children couldn't wait to get down to the lovely, clean, sandy beach. As soon as we had collected our buckets and spades we were off. The rest of the day was spent building sandcastles, playing ball games, paddling and swimming in the sea. The beach was busy, but not too crowded, so the children soon found new friends to play with. The evening was spent in a lovely local restaurant and once the children were asleep in bed my husband and I settled down for a well-earned rest.

We visited the beach most days and that kept the children entertained for much of the time but we were also very pleasantly surprised at how many other things we could find to do in Llandudno. We walked up and down the pier many times. My husband enjoyed some fishing once he realized he could hire rods from Paddy's Bait and Tackle shop. The children enjoyed

the amusements especially the Go Carts and the Crazy Golf. I enjoyed browsing round the Old Book Shop and of course these activities were always followed with a welcome snack from the Dairy Ice-Cream Shop.

One day we visited the Great Orme. We travelled up this mountain using the cable car, which took us right to the top. The views over the sea and towards the Welsh Mountains were to die for. We visited the Great Orme Mines and had an excellent lunch in the tearoom. The children spent the afternoon on the Dry Ski Slope where they particularly enjoyed the Toboggan Run. Finally we returned on one of Llandudno's famous trams.

Many an evening was spent strolling along the beautiful, wide, flat expanse of the North Shore Promenade. As we walked away from our hotel we always headed for the Little Orme, which gave us a goal to walk towards. The children had brought their roller boots and this was the perfect place for them to skate. In fact, my husband and I had trouble keeping up with them. The journey back was in the direction of the Great Orme, which always looked spectacular as the sun went down each evening.

One evening we enjoyed a trip to the North Wales Theatre to see an excellent show. This was followed by a trip to McDonalds to give the children a treat. Another day was spent browsing up and down your traditional high street shops complete with Victorian style shop fronts. I think my favourite day was when we went on a coach trip to Snowdonia and travelled up Mount Snowdon on the steam railway. The children's favourite day was when we took a boat trip around the bay.

I have not managed to mention everything we fitted into our visit but as we had all enjoyed the trip so much I just felt as though I wanted to thank you for providing such a lovely place for us to visit. We will be back soon!

Yours faithfully,

One Happy Grandma

The Seaside

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Dear Sir/Madam,
I have just returned from a week-long stay in

- 1 **Blackpool** **North Wales** **Anglesey** **Llandudno**

and I just wanted to say how

- 2 **dirty** **clean** **rough** **noisy**

it was. Our grandchildren enjoyed the train journey because we travelled for many miles by the

- 3 **mountains.** **countryside.** **hills.** **sea.**

The children enjoyed paddling and

- 4 **swimming** **diving** **splashing** **snorkelling**

in the sea. Walks along the pier always ended with a snack from the

- 5 **candy-floss** **sweet** **toffee** **ice-cream**

shop. The children had brought their

- 6 **skateboards** **kites** **roller boots** **go-carts**

and the North Shore Promenade was the perfect place for them to play. We will be back soon.

Yours,
One Happy Grandma

Section B

- 1 Who is the author of this letter writing to?

- 2 Why did the author feel 'compelled to write'?

- 3 Why did the family travel by train to Llandudno?

- 4 What does the phrase 'we were very fortunate with the weather' imply?

- 5 Write in the table six different things to do on the Great Orme.

- 6 Why did the family like the North Shore Promenade?

- 7 What was the author's favourite day of the holiday?

- 8 Why do you think the author of this letter enjoyed her holiday so much?

Section C

Design a leaflet or poster which advertises all the different things to do in Llandudno.