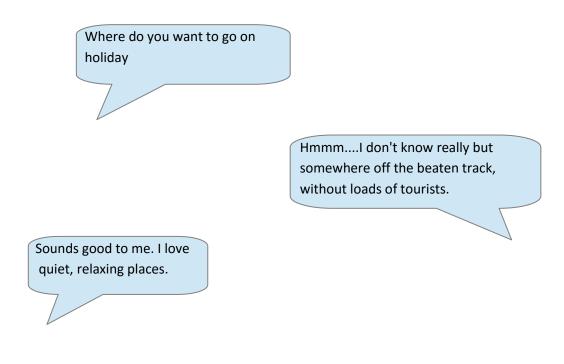
Idiom of the Month: OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

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I. Tick the five adjectives you can use to describe a hotel:

- **a.** quiet
- **b.** nice
- c. secluded
- d. delicious
- e. luxury

2a. Read



2b. Complete

Glossary:

foreign = straniero

3. Read these travel idioms and match each one to the correct meaning

- **a.** Jenny and Lisa **are in the same boat**; they have both failed their maths exam.
- **b.** I can't stay for another coffee; it's time **to hit the road**.
- c. I'm so angry at you I, want you to take a hike and leave me alone.
- d. That cup of tea was just the ticket; I feel much better now
- e. Teenagers often **drive their parents up the wall** with their loud music and untidy bedrooms
- I. to go away
- 2. were in the same situation
- 3. make their parents crazy
- 4. to leave
- 5. was the perfect thing

4. Write

- a. A cup of coffee is ______ to wake you up in the morning.
- b. The celebrity told the photographer "stop following me and _____".
- c. The dog barks all night and ______the neighbours _____.
- d. Jack and Rob are both in trouble with the teacher; but at least they ______.
- e. Mike loved visiting his family but after a week it was time to _____

Teachers notes

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1.

Can't use 'delicious'

2b.

The hotel we went to last year was fantastic; it was totally off the beaten track. In fact, it isn't in any guide books and so we were the only foreign tourists.

3.

a. 2
b. 4
c. 1
d. 5

e. 3

Ask the students some questions to elicit use of the idioms after they have completed the sentences to enable freer practice. For example:

Tell your partner something that drives you up the wall

- 4.
- a. A cup of coffee is just the ticket to wake you up in the morning.
- **b.** The celebrity told the photographer "stop following me and take a hike".
- c. The dog barks all night and drives the neighbours up the wall.
- d. Jack and Rob are both in trouble with the teacher; but at least they are in the same boat
- e. Mike loved visiting his family but after a week it was time to hit the road