

TEXT 1

11. Reading comprehension Task 1

Good morning,

I would like to apply for the job of tour guide for your overland tours in South Africa. Due to my origin and my work experience I believe that I am the perfect match for your company.

I was born and raised in South Africa until my parents decided to move to England when I was 15 years old. Since then I have frequently spent my holidays in South Africa and Namibia as well, where I've been travelling a lot. In 2018 I also visited Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania where I have been backpacking and therefore I have a wide knowledge not only about local transport but also about the wildlife and landscape in Africa. I also speak Afrikaans fluently and have always enjoyed meeting local people and learning new traditions. All those trips taught me to be independent and to organise travel arrangements.

In 2019 I also worked as a leader at a youth summer camp in the south of England. I led activities for youth aged 12-16, including football, climbing, surfing, cycling and games. For this work I received first aid instructions. During this work I developed many useful skills, for example, I learned how to be always helpful and positive, how to entertain and comfort someone and help them make new acquaintances when they were with strangers.

Finally, accompanying my language studies at Bath University, in 2021, I completed the course „Active Youth Coach“. Part of it was to volunteer with local organisations. I helped at a youth club for difficult adolescents, where I chatted and played games. This experience taught me to be patient and friendly. Secondly, I had to learn something by myself, so I did an internship at a local car mechanic who taught me some useful, practical skills. Thirdly, I organised a three-day camping trip in Cornwall with other students from my course. This experience deepened my knowledge about camping equipment and how to deal with problems like bad weather and getting lost.

I believe I have lots of useful experience to work as a tour guide in South Africa. I would love the opportunity to tell you more about my skills at an interview.

Yours faithfully,
Kaya Bakker