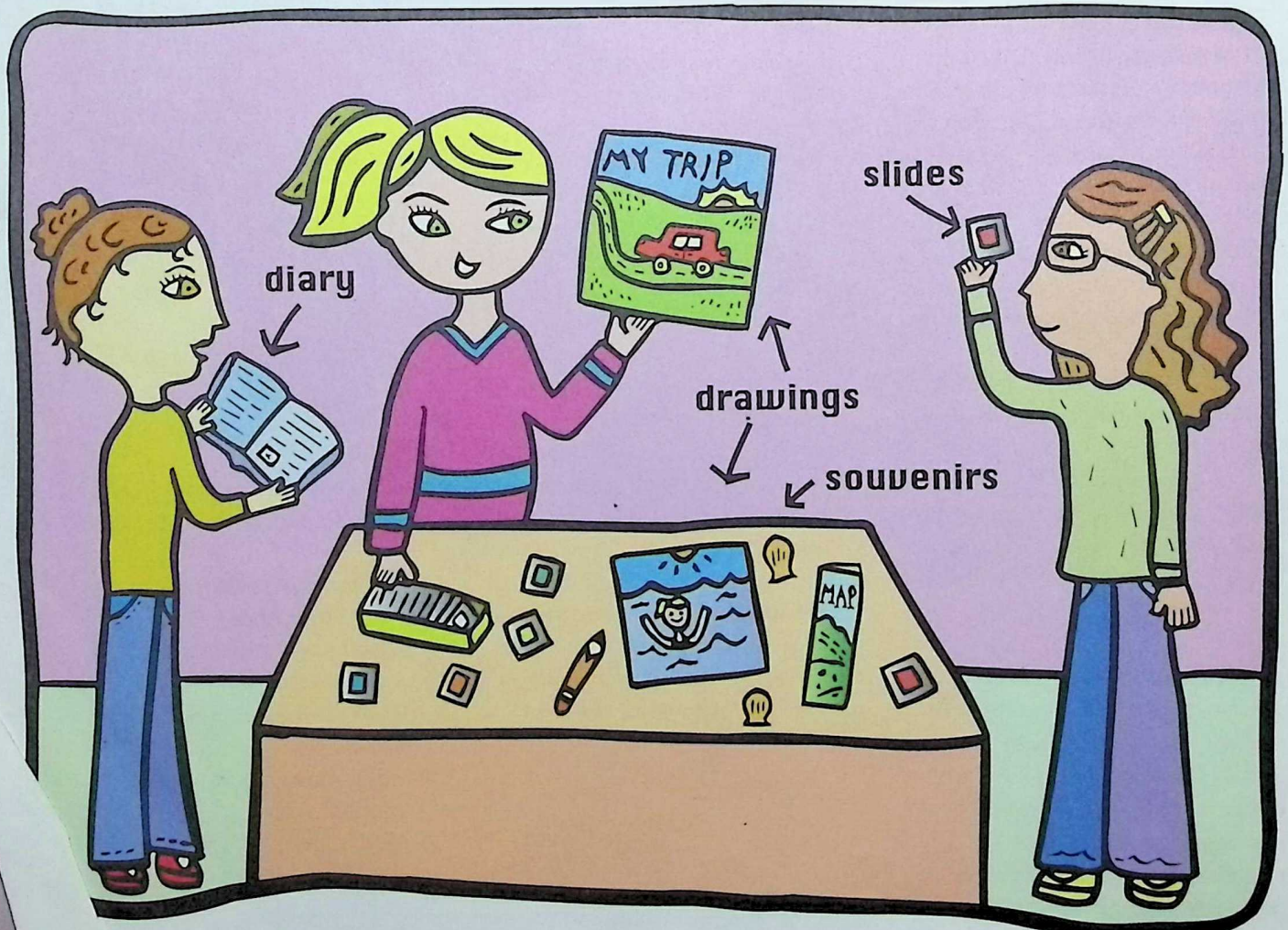
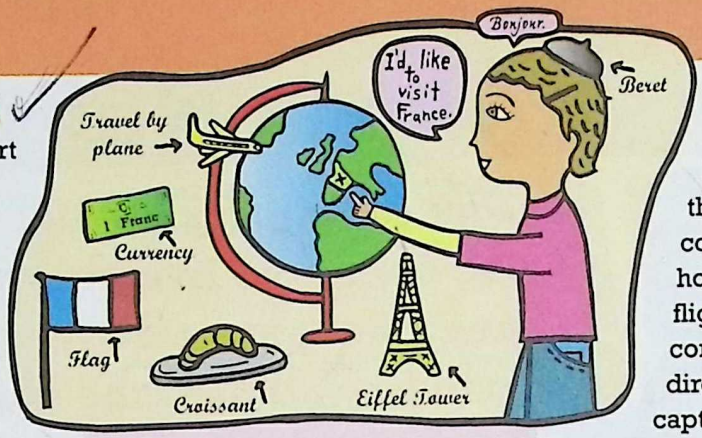
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See the world! Meet new people! Whether your trip is around the corner or around the world, preparation is always the key to success. Get going!

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1. Stay Safe on the Road

Staying safe is an important part of traveling. With your Girl Scout troop or your family, brainstorm a list of at least eight things you can do to be safe while you are in a new place. Your list might include things like always carrying change for a phone call or remembering not to pull out large sums of money in public.

2. Promote a Place

Send away for travel brochures and information on places you want to visit. You can often get information for free by going online or phoning a visitor's bureau or chamber of commerce. Share your brochures with your troop or family. Do they want to go?

3. Culturally Curious?

Pick a country or culture, then make or learn about two of the following:

- A traditional article of clothing
- A puppet or toy related to a folk tale
- A traditional craft or folk art
- A musical instrument
- A typical song or dance

Share what you've made or learned with a group of younger children. Tell them about the country or culture, and show them how to make or do something similar.

4. Document the Days

Plan and take a trip that lasts a weekend or more. On your trip, keep a diary or log, collect postcards, take photographs, make a video or slide show, or make drawings of your travels. Share them with others when you return.

5. Dream Vacation

Create an itinerary for a week-long trip to a country you would like to visit. What is the country most well-known for? How will you get there? What famous sights will you want to see? How will you travel from place to place? What type of money is used in the country? Did finding out about the country make you want to visit it more? Share your dream vacation with a friend. Does she want to come, too?

6. Who? What? Where? When? How?

Pretend you are a travel agent or a tour director. Help one of the groups listed below plan a trip to your town or state. Include the transportation they'll need to use, the places they will stay and visit, activities they can do once they get there, and how much you think the trip will cost.

- A sixth-grade class, with four accompanying adults, who want to visit two historic sites in a weekend
- Two people who enjoy the out-of-doors and do not want to damage the environment or waste fuel
- A Junior Girl Scout troop, including two girls in wheelchairs, who want to visit an amusement park in a nearby state

7. Careers in Travel

Find out about two of the following careers: conference planner, hotel manager, pilot, flight attendant, train conductor, cruise director, or cruise ship captain. What education or training would you need for the career? What are the average salaries? What other requirements or skills are needed? Invite someone who has worked in one of these careers to talk with your troop. Share your information with others who might be interested in these career areas.

8. Girl Scouts Far and Wide

Talk with an older Girl Scout who has participated in a national or international wider opportunity. Find out how she applied and prepared for it, and what her experiences were.

9. Entertaining an Alien

Say a representative from a friendly distant planet is visiting the Earth for the first time. You have been chosen to be her host, and you will decide what she will see during her two-week visit. If you could take her anywhere on Earth, what would you take her to see? What are your reasons for the sights and activities on your itinerary?

10. Girl Scout Travel Spots

Take a trip to a Girl Scout site: the Juliette Gordon Low National Center in Savannah, Georgia; the Girl Scout national headquarters in New York City; Camp Andrée Clark in Briarcliff Manors, New York; or visit a Girl Scout sister in another city.