

## INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5

## 1 Work in pairs and discuss.


- 1 Do you own a smartphone? Which one?
- 2 Do you think apps are useful? Why/Why not?
- 3 Which apps do you find the most useful?

## 2 Read the reviews of some apps and answer the questions.

- 1 How soon will the taxi arrive when you book it?
- 2 Do you need cash to pay when you use the taxi app?
- 3 How many people can you book a room for with *A room with a view*?
- 4 Can you always have breakfast with rooms booked on *A room with a view*?
- 5 What information about restaurants does *Best food in town* give?
- 6 Why is *Places to go* better than a guidebook?

## 3 Work in pairs or small groups and discuss.

- 1 Do you like travelling? Why/Why not?
- 2 Where do you like to eat when you travel? Do you use apps to find restaurants?
- 3 What is the best place you have visited? Give reasons for your answer.

4  5.1 Listen to John and Simon, who are on holiday in Seville. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 John and Simon want to have a drink.
- 2 The time is 3 o'clock.
- 3 Simon wants local food.
- 4 The restaurant they like has five stars.
- 5 The set menu costs €12.
- 6 The restaurant is near the museum.

## 5 The words and phrases in the box are from the recording. Match the words and phrases in the box with their meanings 1–6.

do you fancy   out of the way   not too dear  
work out   go back   starving

- 1 cheap
- 2 return
- 3 do you want
- 4 understand
- 5 very hungry
- 6 not on the main street

## 6 Work in pairs and discuss.

- 1 What type of food is typical where you live?
- 2 What would you recommend tourists eat when they come to your town/region?
- 3 Do you write restaurant reviews? Why/Why not?



## Apps of the week

This week we're looking at new apps that will make travelling so much easier. Here are the ones our travel team think are the best for your holiday this summer.

**Get me a taxi!** ●●●●●

We found this really useful, especially when we needed a taxi in an area we didn't know very well. To order a taxi you simply log on to the app and send your location. Then, you just enter your destination, wait a few seconds and the app finds you a taxi, which is already on its way and will arrive in a few minutes. You pay the taxi fare via the app, electronically, so you don't have to worry about how much to pay the driver.

**A room with a view** ●●●●○

This is a great way to find a room with local people rather than staying in a hotel, so you really get a feel for a place. Just choose your location and say how many people are staying (we found that it's usually only for a maximum of three people) and when you want to stay. The app then gives you a choice of accommodation. Some places offer you breakfast but you can choose if you want this or not.

**Best food in town** ●●●●○

It can be so frustrating trying to find the right restaurant when you don't know the resort or city you are visiting. This app saves time by locating the best restaurants in your area. It gives a review of the food and staff from people who have eaten at the restaurant. There's also a price guide to help you keep to your budget.

**Places to go** ●●●○○

So many guidebooks give the main attractions, which are easy to find, but don't mention the more interesting places that are hidden away. With this app you can find those out-of-the-way places. Just press the 'location' icon and a list of places appears with a description of what you can do there.