

Articles

Directions: Supply the correct article for the nouns in the following passage by writing “the,” “a,” “an,” or nothing on the lines provided. Please note, more than one answer may be correct.

_____ Mountains of Yemen

In October, 2007, I decided to visit Yemen, _____ mountainous country in _____ Arabian Peninsula. After _____ short flight from Kuwait, I arrived in Sana’a, _____ capital of Yemen and _____ beautiful city. I loved exploring _____ city, but for some reason I did not feel very well _____ first night; I felt nauseous and thought I was going to faint. Worried, I went to _____ doctor, who had _____ stethoscope around his neck and _____ dagger in his belt. He said that my symptoms were due to “traveling”.

“Traveling?” I asked, in _____ confusion. I thought _____ diagnosis was strange until I learned that Sana’a is almost 2,300 meters above sea level, one of _____ highest capital cities in _____ world. I found out that suddenly arriving at such a high altitude can lead to _____ condition called _____ altitude sickness.

_____ altitude sickness is _____ disorder caused by lack of _____ oxygen at _____ high altitudes. _____ altitude sickness often affects _____ hikers and mountain climbers who climb too rapidly above 2,500 meters. _____ disorder occurs because as altitude increases, _____ amount of _____ oxygen available in _____ atmosphere decreases. The insufficient oxygen causes _____ excess water to enter _____ cells of _____ body, resulting in symptoms, such as _____ fatigue, _____ headache, _____ shortness of breath, _____ dizziness, and _____ nausea. _____ symptoms occur in 20% of people who ascend higher than 2,500 meters in _____ single day. In more serious cases, which can develop above 2,750 meters, _____ patient experiences dangerous swelling in _____ lungs and around _____ brain, which leads to _____ strong

coughing that produces _____ bloody sputum, _____ hallucinations, and sometimes _____ coma. Luckily, I didn't suffer from any of _____ more serious symptoms.

Usually, _____ symptoms of altitude sickness subside within _____ 24 to 48 hours as _____ body adapts to _____ higher altitude. It's true! By _____ third day of my trip, I felt much better, and I was able to travel to many interesting villages in _____ beautiful mountains of Yemen.