

Out and About


Start thinking!

What is your dream holiday like?

Where do you want to go?

What do you want to do?

Reading

1  **1.26** Read this magazine article. Which holiday sounds most interesting to you?

2 Choose the correct option.

1 Where would you find a text like this?

- a a magazine
- b a business report
- c a textbook

2 Who would read a text like this?

- a hotel owners
- b teenagers
- c business travellers

3 Why would they read it?

- a to learn about tourism
- b to plan their holiday
- c to meet new friends

3 Read the article again. For questions 1–6, choose from the reports (A–E). The reports may be chosen more than once.

Which writer(s) ...

- was uncertain about the holiday at first? 1 _____
- found the journey tiring? 2 _____
- mentions eating out? 3 _____
- were bored by the end of the holiday? 4 _____ 5 _____
- made friends while on holiday? 6 _____ 7 _____
- usually go abroad on holiday? 8 _____ 9 _____

Wish you were

Is it the beach as usual for you this year, or are you planning to do something a little more adventurous? To give you some ideas, we sent five daring teenagers off on holiday and we got them to report back. Read on to find out more ...

A Name: Amy Barker, 14

Holiday destination: Sydney, Australia

We were exhausted when we arrived because the flight takes about 24 hours, with a stopover in Singapore. We all had jetlag and the first thing we did was go to bed! We were there for ten days, so we didn't have time to travel around too much – Australia is huge and it takes days to get anywhere. We stayed in Sydney, but there was plenty to do there. I was a bit unsure when Dad suggested going to the Sydney Opera House (dance music is more my style!) but we saw a fantastic rock concert. The Harbour Bridge is really impressive, and I bought some great souvenirs as presents for my friends.

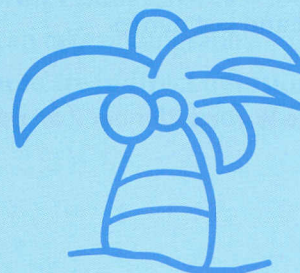
Recommended? Definitely.

B Name: Ryan Fletcher, 13

Holiday destination: Skopelos, Greece

We go abroad every year, and I'd been to Greece twice before so I knew what to expect, but it was the first time I'd been to Skopelos. We normally stay in hotels, but this time we decided to try self-catering rooms. Mum and Dad soon realised that they didn't want to do much cooking so we went out every night, which was great. I love Greek food, especially seafood. We spent most of our time on the beach, and Skopelos has some great beaches. The resort of Skopelos itself was a bit quiet, but I met a couple of local people my age so it wasn't too bad. I'd had enough of the beach, really, after two weeks.

Recommended? Yes, although I prefer staying at a hotel.



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C Name: Rebecca Key, 13

Holiday destination: Summer Camp, France

It was the first time I'd been on holiday without my parents and sister, so I was really looking forward to it. At the same time, I was a bit nervous about meeting so many new people. It was a real adventure holiday. The camp was in the countryside and they'd organised things like rock-climbing, horse-riding and canoeing. I soon made friends and we had a lot of fun. You can keep the rock-climbing (I was never very good at heights!) but the canoeing was brilliant! I keep in touch with some of the people by email and we're planning to go again next year.

Recommended? Great for action-lovers. Didn't meet any French people, though!

D Name: Simon Watson, 12

Holiday destination: Maldon Farm, Kent

We hadn't had a holiday in Britain for a very long time. Usually, it's Italy or Spain. Maldon Farm looked nice in the brochure, and it's only an hour from where we live, so we got there very quickly. You stay in rooms on the farm and you're expected to help out with the animals every day. My mum and dad thought it would be good for me and my brother to learn about that sort of thing. Well, it just seemed to me more like hard work than a holiday! I enjoyed swimming in the pool, but we couldn't use it for three days because of the rain! There wasn't much to do and I was glad to get home. Mum and Dad seemed to enjoy it, anyway.

Recommended? Ok for people who like looking after animals.

E Name: Hanna Bridgeman, 14

Holiday destination: Disneyland, Florida, USA

When my mum and dad said we were going to Disneyland, I thought, 'That's great for my sister (she's nine), but what about me? I'm too old for people in Mickey Mouse costumes.' I was looking forward to going to America, though. When we finally got there, I couldn't believe it. The whole theme park is like a separate world. I ignored Mickey Mouse (and Donald Duck!) and headed straight for the rides. Space Cruiser was really cool, and so was the roller-coaster. In the end, we all had a great time. I'd say there's something there for everyone.

Recommended? Yes, especially for families with young children.

WORD BOX

4 Use words or phrases from the box to complete the definitions.

destination • stopover • jetlag • souvenir
abroad • self-catering • resort
adventure holiday • brochure

- 1 If you stay in _____ rooms, you have to cook your own food.
- 2 A(n) _____ is a kind of small magazine that often advertises holidays.
- 3 A(n) _____ is a town where lots of people go on holiday.
- 4 You suffer from _____ when you arrive in a country where the time is very different from the country you left.
- 5 Your _____ is the place you are going to.
- 6 A(n) _____ is a break in the middle of a very long flight.
- 7 _____s are fun for people who enjoy physical exercise and trying new activities.
- 8 When you go _____, make sure you take your passport with you.
- 9 I got a model of the Acropolis as a(n) _____ of my trip to Athens.



Have your say!

- Which of the places that you've just read about would you most like to visit? Why?
- Are there any that you wouldn't be interested in visiting? Why?

G Grammar clinic

Full infinitives (with *to*) and *-ing* forms after verbs

👁 Look at *Grammar database* pages 183–184 before you do the exercises.

1 Read these sentences from the article on pages 68 and 69.

... or are you planning **to do** something a little more adventurous?

... I prefer staying**ing** in a hotel.

Find other verbs in the article which are followed by the full infinitive or the *-ing* form.

2 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I don't think we can really afford _____ (go) abroad this year.
- My dad is planning _____ (find) some cheap flights on the internet.
- I'd quite like _____ (visit) an Asian country, like India.
- If you enjoy _____ (swim), why not try an adventure holiday?
- My friends and I have arranged _____ (meet) at summer camp again next year.
- China seems _____ (be) a very popular tourist destination at the moment.
- I would suggest _____ (book) a room in a hotel before we leave.

3 Use the notes to make complete sentences.

- Imagine/see/the sun/as it/go down/behind the Pyramids!
- A trip around the world/involve/make/a lot of arrangements.
- When I/be/there last year,/local people/seem/be/very friendly and/offer/help us.
- We decide/avoid/stay/in places where lots of tourists go.
- Tina/promise/bring/me back a souvenir from South Africa.
- My grandmother/refuse/consider/go/on foreign holidays.

4 Read the situations. Circle the correct word in each sentence.

- You went to Paris last year. In your mind, you can see the Eiffel Tower.
'I remember **to see/seeing** the Eiffel Tower in Paris last year. It was fantastic!'
- You are in the car going to the beach. You want to buy something to drink.
'I'm thirsty. Shall we stop **to get/getting** something to drink?'
- You and a friend are in a strange city and you can't find your hotel.
'I think we're lost. Why don't we try **to ask/asking** someone for directions?'
- You get to the airport and you suddenly realise that you haven't got your passport.
'Oh no! I must have forgotten **to pick/picking** up my passport when we left!'
- You are staying in a hotel and you have accidentally broken the key.
'I'm sorry. I was trying **to open/opening** the door and the key broke.'

5 Find eight mistakes in this text message and correct them.



Travel and tourism

1 Rearrange the letters to complete the definitions.

- _____ put the things you are taking with you into your suitcase
kacp
- _____ a person who arranges holidays and sells tickets, etc
rtvale / tagne
- _____ the area of an airport where passengers wait to board their planes
rapudrete / elogun
- _____ have your ticket checked and hand over your luggage when you are travelling by plane
cchke / ni
- _____ a kind of holiday where the accommodation, travel, etc are all organised for you
kegpaca / dailyoh
- _____ a person in a resort who looks after people on a package holiday
liyhoda / pre
- _____ the way you go when you are travelling
ruoet
- _____ the people who check what you are bringing into the country
stomucs
- _____ visiting the interesting places, buildings, etc in an area while on holiday
iehgttsensgi

2 Complete the story using the correct form of some of the words and phrases in exercise 1.

It all started to go wrong when we arrived at the airport. We (1) _____ and decided to go through passport control to the (2) _____.

I suddenly realised that I'd forgotten (3) _____ my guidebook, with all the information about the holiday.

The (4) _____ had given me a map when I booked the holiday and I'd forgotten that, too. I just hoped the (5) _____ would be there to meet us when we got off the plane. We arrived in Jamaica seven hours later and it took us ages to get through (6) _____.

They opened and checked every single bag we had! By the time we got out, there was nobody else there! I couldn't remember which (7) _____ we were supposed to take to the hotel and there weren't any taxis around. Finally, we got to the hotel, and it wasn't even finished! That's the last time I go on a(n) (8) _____!

Word formation: irregular forms

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in bold.

- The holiday rep explained the history of the local area to us in _____. **deep**
- I demanded an _____ from the hotel manager as to why our room hadn't been cleaned. **explain**
- There was such a wide _____ of interesting local dishes that I really didn't know what to choose. **vary**
- I wasn't sure we'd made the right _____ when the rep told us that we were visiting a volcano the next day. **choose**
- I don't think I'd be very good on an adventure holiday because I'm quite scared of _____. **high**
- It was very interesting to be in a country that has such different religious _____. **believe**


Magic metaphors

4 When we talk about *life*, we sometimes use words or phrases that have a connection with *travel* and *journeys*. Complete the sentences with the correct form of one of the words or phrases from the box.

direction • arrive • step • go through
progress • pace

- The fast _____ of modern life causes a lot of stress for some people.
- I feel like I've _____ at an important point in my life.
- You can never predict exactly which _____ your life is going to take.
- Many teenagers find themselves _____ a difficult period, emotionally.
- I've got quite a good career, and I think the next _____ is to get married.
- My life has got a bit boring recently and I seem to have stopped making _____.

Listening


1  **1.27** You are going to listen to a woman being asked questions about a recent holiday. Which four of the problems does she mention?

- problems with the food
- problems with money
- problems with the journey
- problems with other tourists
- problems with pollution
- problems with the weather
- problems with the sights
- problems with the hotel

2 Listen to the interview again. For questions 1–6, complete the sentences.

- 1 They spent a total of **1** _____ in a hotel in Glasgow.
- 2 The hotel staff recommended **2** _____ which were inside.
- 3 They especially enjoyed the **3** _____ in Glasgow.
- 4 The woman says they should develop the **4** _____ system.
- 5 Seeing **5** _____ reminded the woman of another trip.
- 6 They didn't have enough information when their plane **6** _____.

Soundbite /s/ and /z/

 **1.28** Sometimes the letter 's' sounds like 's' in 'see' and sometimes it sounds like 'z' in 'zebra'. How is 's' pronounced in these words? Listen and check.

- | | | |
|----------|--------------|------------|
| 1 says | 4 interested | 7 increase |
| 2 advise | 5 doesn't | |
| 3 stress | 6 peas | |

Speaking

Useful Phrases

1 Write a word from the box in each gap.

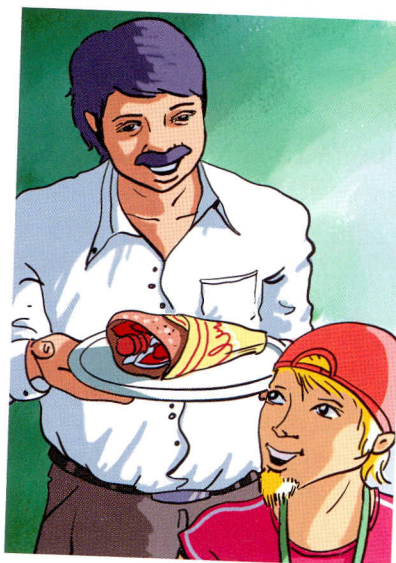
another • for • instance • like • one • such

There are lots of problems you could have when you go on holiday. (1) _____ problem might be with communicating when you're abroad. (2) _____ example, maybe you want to ask someone for directions but you don't speak the same language. (3) _____ problem might be with your accommodation. For (4) _____, maybe your hotel isn't as nice as you expected. You may have big problems if you lose things, (5) _____ as your wallet or passport. You might also have problems if you don't know about the local culture – how much to tip waiters, what you're not allowed to wear on the beach, things (6) _____ that.

2 In pairs, discuss the following question. Remember to give examples. Use the words and phrases in exercise 1 and the ideas below to help you.

What problems can people have when they go on holiday?

communication • accommodation
losing things • travel delays • local culture
health • money • food • weather
disagreements • accidents



 Look at *Speaking database - Giving/Asking for opinion* on page 165.



Use of English

Prefer, would rather, had better

Look at Grammar database page 184 before you do the exercises.

1 Correct the sentences.

- I'd prefer travelling by ferry to France when we go on holiday this summer.
- We would better call the hotel to see if they still have any rooms.
- I prefer seeing the sights than lying on the beach all day.
- Vietnam was great, but I didn't prefer to eat some of the local dishes.
- I had rather not to stay in a hotel where there are lots of other tourists.

2 Complete each sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Use the words given without changing them. Use no more than five words.

- I think I'd prefer to go to Spain this year and not France. **than**
This year, I would _____ go to France.
- Mum says she prefers visiting countries she hasn't been to before. **would**
Mum says she _____ she has been to before.
- My doctor suggested taking some time off work to relax. **better**
'You _____ some time off work to relax,' my doctor said.
- I like travelling, but sometimes I'd rather just stay at home. **to**
Sometimes, I _____ travelling.

Parts of speech

3 Complete the table. Note: the brackets show negative forms.

verb	noun	adjective	verb	noun	adjective
()agree	_____agree_____	---	---	difficult_____	difficult
()appear	_____appear_____	---	discuss	discuss_____	---
apply	appl_____	---	interest	inter_____	()interest_____
	appl_____				()interest_____
damage	damag_____	---	---	()	()responsible
				responsib_____	
describe	descri_____	---	visit	visit	---
				visit_____	

4 For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given. Write the missing words IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

- My parents discussed where we were going to go on holiday. **about**
My parents _____ where we were going to go on holiday.
- It might be cold in Poland, so take some warm clothes. **better**
You _____ some warm clothes in case it's cold in Poland.
- Organising social events is usually the holiday rep's responsibility. **responsible**
The holiday rep _____ organising social events.
- They didn't have many applicants for the job at the travel agent's. **receive**
They didn't _____ for the job at the travel agent's.
- I'd much rather stay in hotels than go camping when I'm on holiday. **prefer**
I much _____ than going camping when I'm on holiday.
- We found it difficult on holiday to understand the local people. **difficulty**
We had _____ the local people.

Writing

A review

👁️ Look at *Writing database - reviews* on page 152 before you do the exercises.

- 1** Read this writing task. In pairs or as a group, discuss these questions.
- Which tourist attractions in your area could you write about?
 - What can people do there?
 - Would you recommend them? Why? / Why not?

You recently saw this message on a website for teenagers.

www.teenworld.com

Reviews needed!

Have you recently visited a tourist attraction in your area? If so, could you write us a review of the place? Include information on what kind of place it is, what activities you can do there, and whether you would recommend the place to other people.

Write a **review** of between **120** and **180** words in an appropriate style.

- 2** Write a word from the box in each gap to complete these sentences expressing opinion.

as • in x2 • personally • to

- _____ my mind, most teenagers will enjoy a tour of the castle.
- _____ my view, people of all ages will love a day out at Bodmin Park.
- _____ my opinion, there aren't many activities for teenagers to do there, so they will probably find a trip there a little boring.
- I _____ believe that this is one of the best attractions in the whole country.
- _____ far as I'm concerned, this is one of the most expensive and least interesting places in the area to visit.

Working model

- 3** Read the answer to the writing task and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- The review has a title.
- The first paragraph is an introduction.
- The second paragraph describes in detail the activities in the park.
- The final paragraph summarises the writer's opinion.
- Each paragraph has its own heading.
- The writer uses contractions such as *don't*, *there's*, *I'd*, etc.



Bodmin Park

Bodmin Park is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Chudford area. The park is open all summer, and there are a large number of activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

The park's just a short 15-minute drive from the town of Chudford. There is free parking for visitors, and the entrance fee is not expensive: €10 for adults, €5 for children between 5 and 15. Children under the age of five don't have to pay. There's also a family ticket which costs €25.

Inside the park, there's a gift shop, a café and a lovely picnic area. The main attraction though is the adventure park. This has a large number of fun activities, such as death slides, rope bridges and climbing walls. Safety equipment is provided and there are always members of staff available to help you. For people who want a quieter time, there are beautiful walks through the forest.

I'd definitely recommend a trip to Bodmin Park, particularly if the weather's nice. In my view, people of all ages will really enjoy a day out there.

4 Read the answer to the writing task again and write YES or NO to answer each question.

- 1 Is the park open all year round? _____
- 2 Is the park near the town of Chudford? _____
- 3 Do you have to pay to park your car there? _____
- 4 Can a three-year-old child enter free? _____
- 5 Do families get a discount? _____
- 6 Are there places to eat in the park? _____
- 7 Do they provide safety equipment in the adventure park? _____
- 8 Is playing at the adventure park the only activity you can do there? _____
- 9 Is it better to go there when it's not raining? _____
- 10 Does the writer recommend the park only for young people? _____

Ready to write!

5 You are going to write a review in answer to the same writing task. Choose an attraction in your area and complete the chart.

Name of attraction:
Location:
How to get there:
Entrance fee(s):
Main facilities (café, shop, etc):
Main activities you can do there:

6 Make a plan of your answer.

- What's the title of your review?

- Paragraph 1: What key information will you give to introduce the place?

- Paragraphs 2 and 3: You'll go into detail here about how to get there, how much it costs and the facilities and activities on offer. What points will you make in each paragraph?

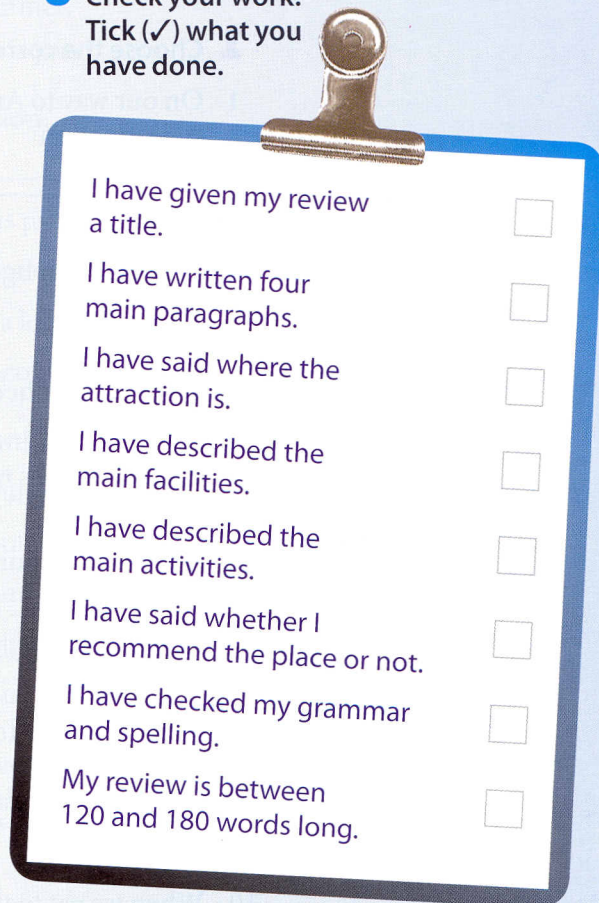
- Paragraph 4: Are you going to recommend the place? If so, who to? If not, why not?

Now write!

7 You are now ready to write your review. Use your plan from exercise 6 to help you.

Check it out!

8 Check your work. Tick (✓) what you have done.



Look Back

Can you answer these questions? If you can't remember, look through the unit for the answers.

- 1 Which Australian city has a famous Opera House?
- 2 What kind of magazine tells you about holidays?
- 3 Which of these verbs is followed by the *-ing* form?
plan suggest hope
- 4 Write one noun from the verb *vary*.
- 5 Which of these do we not say?
would prefer would rather would better