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SAMPLE PAGES

# UNIT 1

# Holidays



## Discussion

- 1 Where in Europe would you like to go on holiday? Why?
- 2 Would you prefer to stay in a hotel or at a campsite during your holiday?
- 3 Which would you choose for your summer holidays, the beach or the mountains? Why?
- 4 In what countries can you see the sights named here?





# UNIT 1 Lesson A

## Listen and Read Holiday Habits

Nowadays, it seems that traditional package holidays are becoming less popular as many people are now booking their own holidays. The Internet and the availability of cheap flights mean that holidaymakers can easily make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Also, people are becoming more adventurous when they choose their holiday destination – they want more than just a relaxing beach holiday. Places like Thailand and Singapore are now almost as popular as Spain and Greece.



Sharon is meeting her friend for coffee in the local café.

**Sharon:** Hi Kev, what are you reading?

**Kevin:** A travel brochure. I really need a holiday!

**Sharon:** Me too! Where are you going?

**Kevin:** I don't know yet. I'm still looking for ideas. I fancy something different though.

**Sharon:** I know what you mean. I usually go to Spain with my mates but I'm fed up with beach holidays.

**Kevin:** Well, I usually go to Greece with my parents because my sister lives there, but

she's coming to England this year.

**Sharon:** Why don't we go somewhere together?

**Kevin:** That's a good idea! How about Thailand? It looks very nice and it's not too expensive.

**Sharon:** Hmm, Thailand doesn't really appeal to me. What about Hong Kong?

**Kevin:** Wait a minute; I think they have something about Hong Kong in here. Ah, yes, here we are ... Here, have a look ...

## Comprehension Check

Choose the correct answer according to the text.

- Why are fewer people going on package holidays?
  - They can organise their own holidays.
  - Package holidays are too expensive nowadays.
  - People prefer to view places online.
- Why are places like Thailand popular?
  - They are more relaxing than Greece or Spain.
  - They offer something new and exciting.
  - They have hotel rooms available near beaches.
- What do Sharon and Kevin want?
  - to go on holiday with friends or relatives
  - to go on holiday in a faraway place
  - to go on a different type of holiday
- Who usually goes on holiday with their family?
  - Sharon
  - Kevin
  - Sharon's sister
- Hong Kong ...
  - is not very interesting before September.
  - has plenty of activities for tourists.
  - uses English on public transport.





Sharon has a look at the brochure.

## HONG KONG

Hong Kong is one of the most interesting cities in the world, and the best time to visit is from late September until early December.

Hong Kong is a lively city and offers visitors a wide variety of things to see and do. You can visit the many shopping malls and street markets, take a trip to a museum, visit ancient sites, or even spend a day at a theme park.

Buses, trains, trams and taxis are all fairly cheap to use, so it is quick and easy to travel around the city. Signs are in English, which makes it easy to find places.

Hong Kong comes alive at night and offers a great variety of nightlife. You can sample authentic Chinese cuisine in beautiful surroundings and then party the night away in one of the city's many clubs.

**Sharon:** Wow, it sounds fabulous.  
Let's go!

**Kevin:** Sure! We can have a look at flights and hotels on the Internet tonight.

### Vocabulary Check

Choose the correct word.

- This island is very ..... with young couples.  
a traditional      b popular
- Denmark has many ..... tourist attractions and places to visit.  
a interesting      b easy
- The restaurant serves ..... Italian food.  
a authentic      b lively
- We are going on a cheap ..... to Brussels this year.  
a package holiday      b holiday destination
- You can make your travel ..... easily on the Internet?  
a arrangements      b brochures
- There is nothing better than a(n) ..... day by the pool.  
a adventurous      b relaxing

## Grammar

### Simple Present - Present Continuous

[See Grammar Reference at back of book]

#### 1 Fill in the **simple present** or the **present continuous**.

- ..... taxis ..... (**cost**) a lot in London?
- We usually ..... (**go**) to Paros for our holidays but this year we ..... to Spain (**go**).
- I ..... (**not drive**) to work this week. I ..... (**take**) the bus because my car is in the garage.
- The days ..... (**become**) longer now that spring is here.
- Monica never ..... (**travel**) by plane because she's afraid.
- I ..... (**not think**) it's a good idea to go in August.
- ..... you ..... (**come**) to the club with us tonight?

#### 2 Choose the correct answer.

- This hotel **looks / is looking** fantastic.
- '**Do you speak / Are you speaking** French?'  
'Yes, but not very well.'
- He **is playing / plays** tennis with his friends on Sundays.
- I **look / am looking** for a flat to rent. I **need / am needing** something near the train station.
- We **don't eat / aren't eating** out very often but tonight we **have / are having** dinner at the new Italian restaurant on the corner.
- Sara **washes / is washing** the dishes so she can't answer the phone.



## Vocabulary Development

### 1 Match the columns.

1 A holiday brochure

2 A holiday resort

3 A package holiday

4 A self-catering holiday

5 A travel agent

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a is one where you stay in accommodation where you can cook for yourself.

b includes the cost of your flight and accommodation.

c makes your holiday arrangements for you.

d has information to help you choose your holiday.

e has many hotels and facilities especially for tourists.

### 2 ACCOMMODATION: Read the text and then answer the questions.

#### Where do you like to stay when you go on holiday?

Throughout Europe, you can find hotels, apartments and villas to suit all tastes and budgets. Hotels are ideal for people who want someone else to do everything for them, while apartments and villas are better for those who want to do things for themselves. In Britain, you can also stay at a bed and breakfast – you get a room for the night and breakfast in the morning, usually for a very reasonable price. There are also many campsites where you can either put up a tent or stay in a caravan. A very cheap form of accommodation that is very popular with young travellers around Europe is the youth hostel. In these hostels, all guests share the facilities, and this keeps costs to a minimum.

- How many types of holiday accommodation does the writer mention?  
.....
- Why are youth hostels good value?  
.....
- You don't want to cook while you are on holiday. Where can you stay?  
.....
- Where can you sleep on a campsite?  
.....
- What type of accommodation is available only in the UK?  
.....

### 3 What do these people do on holiday? Fill in the correct verb.

get • go • party • relax • sample • send • sunbathe • take



I usually (1) ..... on the beach because I like to (2) ..... a nice tan.



I always (3) ..... postcards to my family and friends.



We love to (4) ..... the local cuisine.



I always (5) ..... lots of photographs to remind me of my holiday.



I usually (6) ..... by the pool all day and then I (7) ..... all night.



We often (8) ..... sightseeing.



## Practical English

**a** Look at the question in each picture and choose the best response from the **RESPONSE BOX**. There are two extra responses which you do not need to use.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

### RESPONSE BOX

<b>A</b>	Not usually. I can't stand foreign food.
<b>B</b>	Well, I often send postcards to my parents.
<b>C</b>	I'm not sure. I fancy something different.
<b>D</b>	I usually party all night.
<b>E</b>	No, I prefer to relax by the pool.
<b>F</b>	No, I hate it. I prefer a comfortable bed to a tent.
<b>G</b>	I usually go to one of the Greek islands.
<b>H</b>	Well, I'm fed up with hotels, so now I stay in an apartment.

**b** Now listen to the conversations and check your answers.



## Speaking: Group Work

Take it in turns to ask and answer the following questions.

- ➔ Where do you usually go on holiday?
- ➔ What type of accommodation do you usually stay in?
- ➔ Do you like to go sightseeing?
- ➔ Do you ever go camping?
- ➔ Do you like to sunbathe on the beach?
- ➔ Where are you going next summer?



# UNIT 1 Lesson B

## Listen and Read City Breaks

William and Kate want a long weekend away. They are looking at travel brochures for city breaks.

### ROME The Eternal City

Come to Rome and set out on a journey of discovery around Italy's incredible capital. Visit the spectacular Colosseum, throw a coin into the famous Trevi Fountain, and climb the 138 Spanish Steps. And don't forget the Vatican – the city within the city – where you can see the Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums. After all that, you can relax in one of the numerous restaurants in the piazzas and sample some authentic Italian cuisine.

#### Hotel Bellini ★★★★★



In the heart of the city, the Hotel Bellini has great style and character. All rooms have air conditioning, en suite bathroom, television and tea & coffee making facilities.

Bar & restaurant open 24 hours.

#### Park Hotel ★★★

This small, friendly hotel is only a few minutes' walk from St. Peter's Square.

All rooms have private bathroom, television and tea & coffee making facilities.

Restaurant open for breakfast and dinner only.



### PARIS The City of Romance

With its wide boulevards, street cafés, elegant architecture and fine art, it's easy to see why people fall in love with Paris. See some of the most famous historic monuments and tourist attractions in the world such as Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and, of course, the Eiffel Tower. Visit the world's greatest art museum – the Louvre – and see the Mona Lisa for yourself. In the evening, enjoy mouth-watering French cuisine at one of the city's many lively bistros or stylish restaurants.

#### Hotel Cecilia ★★★



The Hotel Cecilia is in an excellent location – just 100 metres from the Arc de Triomphe. All rooms have satellite TV, private bathroom (bath or shower) and minibar. Room price includes buffet-style breakfast. Lounge bar and restaurant.

#### Plaza Hotel ★★★★★

A superb hotel which is a five-minute walk from the Paris Metro. All rooms have air conditioning, en suite bathroom, satellite TV and tea & coffee making facilities. Food is available in the bar restaurant 24 hours a day.



### Comprehension Check

Answer the questions.

- 1 Where can you see a particularly famous painting? .....
- 2 Where in Rome is St Peter's Basilica? .....
- 3 Which hotel is close to public transport? .....
- 4 Which hotel is close to a famous tourist attraction? .....
- 5 Who often visits Rome? .....

**William:** Where do you fancy? Rome or Paris?

**Kate:** Well, Paris really appeals to me, but there is so much I want to see in Rome.

**William:** Well, we can always go to Rome now, and then visit Paris later in the year.

**Kate:** That's a good idea! Now we need to choose a hotel. Which one do you like?

**William:** They both sound the same to me. You can decide on the hotel while I plan where we are going each day.

**Kate:** Oh, OK. I can always ask the Jordans for advice on where to stay as their son lives in Rome and they visit him all the time.

**William:** The Jordans?

**Kate:** Sue and Alex Jordan – they live across the road.

**William:** Oh, right. Don't ask them; just choose one of these hotels so I can book it today. I need to sort out our travel arrangements tomorrow if we want to go next weekend.

**Kate:** Are we going by train?

**William:** Well, I think it's the cheapest way, unless there are any special offers on flights at the moment.

**Kate:** I have no idea, but the Jordans may know!

## Vocabulary Check

Choose the correct meaning of the words in bold.

- If you **sample** a dish, you ...  
a make it.                      b try it.
- If a place is **in the heart of a city**, it is ...  
a romantic.                      b central.
- If a room has an **en suite bathroom**, the bathroom is ...  
a in the room.                      b not in the room.
- If something is **elegant**, it is ...  
a large.                      b stylish.
- A **monument** is a building or statue that reminds us of ...  
a a person or event.                      b the main tourist attractions.
- A dish that is **mouth-watering** makes you ...  
a very thirsty.                      b want to eat it.
- The **location** of something is ...  
a the place where it is.                      b the area around it.
- If something **appeals to** you, it ...  
a tries to convince you.  
b interests or attracts you.

## Grammar

### Articles

[See Grammar Reference at back of book]

#### 1 Choose the correct answer.

- Rooms in this hotel cost about €80 **a / the** night.
- If you need **an / –** advice on where to eat, ask Bob.
- / The** Robinsons are having a party on **– / the** Saturday.
- Is **– / the** Carlton Hotel near **the / –** Hyde Park?
- There are a lot of expensive shops on **– / the** Oxford Street.
- Don't forget to visit **– / the** Vatican when you go to **– / the** Rome.
- I don't want to travel to **a / an** European country again this year. Let's go to **– / the** USA.
- A lot of **– / the** Picasso's works are in **the / –** Prado Museum.

#### 2 Fill in the where necessary.

- It's expensive to travel by ..... plane.
- You must visit ..... Parthenon if you ever go to ..... Athens.
- This is a photo of ..... St Paul's Cathedral.
- ..... Bahamas are in ..... Atlantic Ocean.
- ..... Mississippi is in ..... America.
- There's a great play on at ..... Apollo. Do you want to go?
- Excuse me. How can I get to ..... Trafalgar Square?
- ..... Japanese work very hard.



## Vocabulary Development

**1a** Fill in the correct **prepositions** to complete the dialogue.

from • with • for • of • to

**Lucy:** I love Italian cuisine. I think I'd like to go to Italy for our next holiday.

**Ted:** Great idea. After all, Italy is famous (1) ..... its pizza and spaghetti. Which city, though?

**Lucy:** Well, Venice really appeals (2) ..... me. I'm sure there is a huge choice (3) ..... restaurants there, but I don't know what accommodation is available.

**Ted:** Let me go online and check ... Hmm, there are plenty of hotels to choose (4) ..... here. Which one do you like?

**Lucy:** They all look good – you decide.

**Ted:** OK. I like this one – the Lagoon Hotel. It's suitable (5) ..... all ages and it says here that its central location makes it ideal (6) ..... anyone who wants to see the sights or relax in one of the cafés. And it's just a five-minute walk from Piazza San Marco, which is always popular (7) ..... tourists. Let me just check the availability of rooms ...

**b** Now listen to the dialogue and check your answers.



**2** Read the text and then answer the questions.

Nowadays, it is possible to book a hotel room online as well as by phone. This method is quick and convenient and it also allows you to view the rooms and facilities that the hotel has. However, it is advisable to confirm your booking by phone.

Most hotels offer single and double rooms and the prices you see are usually for one night's stay and are per room, not per person. When you book a room the price usually includes breakfast, but you can also choose to go full board or half board. Full board includes breakfast, lunch and

dinner, while half board includes breakfast and dinner only. Many people prefer this last option as it leaves them free all day to do whatever they want.

Most hotel rooms have tea and coffee making facilities and sometimes they also have a minibar – a small fridge with drinks in it that guests can use. Remember though, that you must pay for anything that you drink. You can also use room service if you want to have meals and drinks in your room. There is no charge for room service, you just pay for what you order.

**1** You book a hotel room online. Why is it still a good idea to call the hotel?

- a** to ask about the facilities
- b** to make sure your booking is OK

**2** What normally comes with the price of the room?

- a** breakfast
- b** breakfast and one meal

**3** What does the price of a room usually depend on?

- a** the number of guests in the room
- b** the type of room

**4** What is the disadvantage of full board accommodation?

- a** Guests can't go too far from the hotel.
- b** Guests have only two meals a day.

**5** You want to stay in your room and have a meal. What can you do?

- a** Use the minibar.
- b** Call room service.





3 Fill in the correct **preposition** to complete these extracts from hotel advertisements. There is one extra preposition which you do not need to use.

to • in • from • on • of

The Bella Italia Hotel is  
(1) ..... an excellent  
location, and is not far  
(2) ..... the world-famous  
Uffizi Gallery ...

Relax in the beautiful Paradise  
Beach Hotel (3) ..... the  
outskirts (4) ..... the old  
town. Enjoy amazing views ...

Stay (5) ..... the heart  
(6) ..... the Spanish  
countryside within easy reach  
(7) ..... the amazing city of  
Barcelona ...

## Practical English

### BOOKING A HOTEL ROOM

#### Listen and Read

**Receptionist:** Hello, Park Hotel. How can I help you?

**William:** Oh, hello! Er, I'd like to book a room, please.

**Receptionist:** Certainly. Would you like a single room or a double room?

**William:** A double, please.

**Receptionist:** And when would you like the room?

**William:** Next Friday, please.

**Receptionist:** And for how many nights?

**William:** Three nights – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Receptionist:** Let me see ... Yes, we have a room available. It's €89 per night.

**William:** Is that per person?

**Receptionist:** No, Sir, it's per room and the price also includes

breakfast.

**William:** How much is full board?

**Receptionist:** We only do half board I'm afraid, and that costs an extra €60 per night.

**William:** Just the room then, please.

**Receptionist:** Right. So that's one double room for three nights. Can I have your name, please?

**William:** Yes, it's William Spencer.

**Receptionist:** Thank you. Would you like me to send you an email to confirm your reservation?

**William:** Yes, please. My email address is willspencer@uknet.com.

**Receptionist:** OK, Mr Spencer. Thank you very much. Goodbye.

**William:** Thank you. Bye.

## Speaking: Group Work

Work in groups of three. Use the information provided to act out a dialogue similar to the one in **Practical English**. **Student A** and **Student B**, you are going to Paris and you want to book a hotel room. **Student C**, you are the receptionist in the hotel.

### Student A

You want a double room for four nights (Friday to Monday). You want full board.

### Student B

You want a single room for one week (Monday to Sunday). You want half board.

### Student C

You are the receptionist at the Plaza Hotel. Use the information on page 221.

# UNIT 1 Lesson C

## Listen and Read Europe by Train

Alex is going on a tour of Europe. He has got a three-week train pass, which lets him travel on trains in several European countries. He is talking to his friend Jim about where he will go.



**Jim:** So, are you looking forward to your trip?

**Alex:** Of course I am. I've got three weeks off work and I know I'm going to have a great time.

**Jim:** Are you going to use an InterRail pass?

**Alex:** Definitely. It'll give me unlimited travel on train networks across Europe for three weeks. It's a really good deal – I can make my own decisions about where I'll go and how long I'll stay there.

**Jim:** Do you know which countries you're going to visit yet?

**Alex:** Yeah, I've got a plan for the route. This time tomorrow, I'll be taking the ferry to Holland and then I'll catch the train to Amsterdam.

**Jim:** Oh, you'll enjoy it there – it's a really lively place.

**Alex:** After that, I'll be travelling through Germany for a few days – with stops

in Frankfurt and then Berlin to take in the sights – after that I'll visit the Czech Republic and then Austria.

**Jim:** Wow! They say Prague and Vienna are incredible cities. And I bet there'll be some breathtaking views from the train as you go through the Alps.

**Alex:** Exactly. That's why Geneva will be my next destination. I'll travel right across Switzerland to get there.

**Jim:** Do they use the euro there?

**Alex:** No – the Swiss franc. I'll exchange some currency when I get there – and, anyway, I'll have my credit card with me.

**Jim:** Hmm. I think it's best to get some foreign currency before you leave, just to be on the safe side.

**Alex:** Don't worry. I've got plenty of euros and some traveller's cheques, so I'll be all right.

**Jim:** So, where will you go after Switzerland?

## Comprehension Check

Number the pictures 1-10 to show the order in which Alex will visit the cities.



..... • Amsterdam



..... • Prague



..... • Rome



..... • Venice



..... • Geneva



..... • Frankfurt



..... • Paris



..... • Berlin



..... • Marseille



..... • Vienna



## Grammar

### Simple Future - Be going to - Future Continuous

[See Grammar Reference at back of book]

#### 1 Fill in the **simple future** or the **future continuous**.

- 'We ..... (pick) you up at half past seven.'  
'We ..... still ..... (have) dinner then, so make it eight o'clock.'
- What ..... (happen) if he finds out?
- For the next three months, he ..... (travel) around the world.
- It's really hot in here. I ..... (open) the window.
- 'How ..... I ..... (recognise) you?'  
'I ..... (wear) a red jacket.'
- We ..... (not sleep) this time tomorrow night. We ..... (fly) to Tokyo!

#### 2 Choose the correct answer.

- Look! That car ..... the dog.  
a will be hitting  
b is going to hit
- I'll let you know as soon as I ..... out.  
a find  
b will find
- What do you think he ..... ?  
a will say  
b will be saying
- He can't meet us at five. He ..... then.  
a will work  
b will be working
- If you ..... your mind, give me a call.  
a change  
b will change
- Look at all those clouds. It .....  
a is going to rain  
b will rain

**Alex:** Italy. I'm going to start off with Venice, then I'll visit Rome and after that I'll explore Tuscany.

**Jim:** Oh, they say that's a beautiful part of the world.

**Alex:** Yeah, and apart from all the sights, I want to travel around the countryside too and experience the local culture – you know, off the beaten track. Then, I'll be travelling along the south coast of France for a few days.

**Jim:** There are some superb beaches down there – and make sure you visit Marseille, too.

**Alex:** That's not a bad idea. I think I will. Then my last stop on the way back will be Paris.

**Jim:** I'm sure it'll be an incredible experience, but won't it be a bit exhausting?

**Alex:** Sure, but it'll be worth it.

**Jim:** Well, have a good trip and don't forget to send me a few postcards!

## Vocabulary Check

Match the words with their meanings.

- unlimited** .....
- lively** .....
- breathhtaking** .....
- off the beaten track** .....
- superb** .....
- exhausting** .....

- tiring
- without restriction
- far from places people often visit
- very impressive, surprising or exciting
- extremely good
- exciting because lots of things are happening



## Vocabulary Development

- 1 Read the sentences and write where they take place: **in a taxi**, **on a train** or **on a bus**.



Do I get off here or is there a stop closer to the beach?

1 .....

Where to?

Heathrow Airport, please!

2 .....

Excuse me, do we have to change at Crewe for Manchester?

3 .....

- 2 Fill in the correct verb. Some are used more than once. There are two extra verbs which you do not need to use.

go • have • make • pass • spend • take • visit

In Britain, most people (1) ..... a holiday at least once a year, even if it's only for a few days. Many people simply (2) ..... the south coast of Britain or (3) ..... a trip to the Welsh mountains. However, holidays abroad are also popular – the Mediterranean has numerous popular beach resorts, where people can (4) ..... a week or two in the sun. Many British tourists also visit European cities where they can (5) ..... in the sights and (6) ..... on guided tours.



- 3 Choose the correct preposition.

We usually stay (1) **to** / **on** a campsite but my wife wants to stay (2) **to** / **in** a hotel this year. Also, we're going to travel (3) **with** / **by** car instead of (4) **on** / **by** the train.



This year, we are going (5) **on** / **for** holiday to Thailand. In fact, we're leaving tomorrow. It looks amazing in the brochure, and we're really looking forward (6) **for** / **to** it.



When I'm on holiday, I love to see all the sights. So the first thing I do when I arrive (7) **at** / **to** my hotel is have a shower and then I set off to explore the local area. I travel around (8) **with** / **on** foot as much as possible because I see a lot more that way.

**4a Replace the word(s) in bold with a word from the box.**

Why not stay in the (1) **extremely comfortable** Imperial Hotel?

Enjoy (2) **breathtaking** views of the city from the eighth floor restaurant.

Within walking distance of the (3) **world-famous** ancient temple of Zeus.

Why spend the day by the (4) **busy** seafront, when you can relax by our private pool?

Great deals this summer – high quality doesn't always mean a (5) **costly** holiday.

- |   |             |       |
|---|-------------|-------|
| a | well-known  | ..... |
| b | luxurious   | ..... |
| c | crowded     | ..... |
| d | expensive   | ..... |
| e | spectacular | ..... |

**b Which words have a negative meaning?**

.....

## Practical English

**1 Fill in the correct verb.**

exchange • buy • accept

**A:** Will they (1) ..... credit cards in the shops over there? It's a different currency after all.

**B:** I'm sure they will. But you can also (2) ..... dollars for euros before you go.

**A:** That's true. I suppose it'll be easier if I (3) ..... some euros before the journey.

**2 Put the dialogue into the correct order.**

- ..... • That's true. Anyway, we can always pay by credit card if we need to.
- ..... • I think I'll exchange some pounds for Swiss francs before we set off.
- ..... • You don't have to. We can always get some traveller's cheques – they accept them in most places.

Now listen to the dialogues and check your answers.

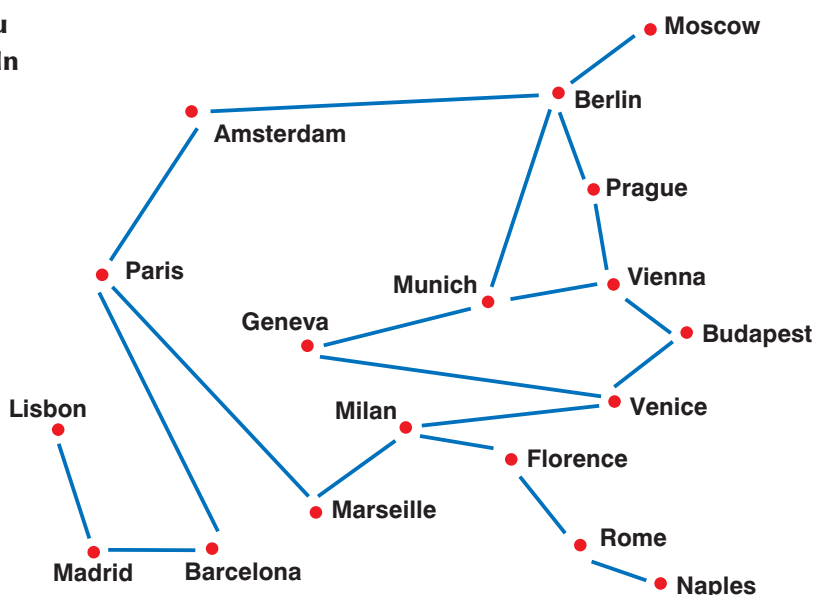


## Speaking: Group Work

Imagine you win a free InterRail pass and you have two weeks' rail travel in five countries. In groups, plan a trip around Europe. Then, present your plan to the class.

**Make sure you mention:**

- ➡ where you will start your journey.
- ➡ which countries you are going to visit.
- ➡ how long you will stay in each place.
- ➡ what you will see in each country.
- ➡ whether you will need to exchange currency.





# UNIT 1 Lesson D

## Listen and Read How was your holiday?

Paul and Louise went on a trip to Barcelona.

### Day 1

Paul and I arrived in Barcelona at 2 p.m. The flight was OK but the airline lost one of our suitcases. This meant that we missed our transfer to the hotel. When the other suitcase finally arrived four hours later, we caught a bus from the airport to the centre of the city where our hotel was. Unfortunately, we took the wrong bus and we ended up in a crowded square miles away from our hotel. To make matters worse, it took us ages to find a taxi.

When we finally got to the hotel, our room was very small and we could hardly move, and the air-conditioning wasn't working. Although we were exhausted after our journey, we both wanted to explore the city, so we set off to see the sights. First, we went to the nearby Picasso Museum, but it was closed. So we decided to visit the Cathedral de Barcelona instead, but as soon as we set foot inside, we found ourselves in the middle of a wedding. It was very embarrassing!

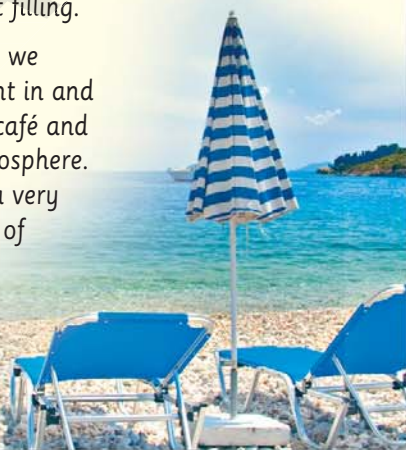


### Day 2

Because it was hot and humid, we decided to head for the beach on our second day. Unfortunately, everyone else in Barcelona had the same idea — the beach was packed and dirty! The water was really refreshing, though.

After four hours on the beach, we were feeling hungry and we wanted to sample some of the local cuisine. This was a little difficult because most of the locals didn't speak English. The Spanish are helpful and friendly though, and with our Spanish phrase book and a lot of hand gestures, we eventually managed to get what we wanted. We ate some fresh bread rolls with a tasty meat filling.

For the rest of the day we wandered around, went in and out of shops, sat in a café and enjoyed the lively atmosphere. Barcelona is actually a very cosmopolitan city, full of trendy shops, street musicians and open-air cafés.



## Comprehension Check

### 1 Answer the questions.

- 1 Which place could they not get into?  
.....
- 2 How did they get to their hotel?  
.....
- 3 What did they see at the Cathedral de Barcelona?  
.....
- 4 What problem did they face when they ordered food?  
.....
- 5 Which sight did they like the most?  
.....
- 6 What typical Spanish dish did they eat on their last night in Barcelona?  
.....

### 2 Paul is completing an online questionnaire about his trip. Imagine you are Paul and fill in the questionnaire.

**BARCELONA**  
How would you rate ...

	Excellent	Average	Poor
the airline?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the hotel room?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the beach?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the food?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the atmosphere?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Day 3

In the morning, Paul and I went on a bus tour around the city. It was well worth it — the city is beautiful. There are a lot of modern buildings mixed with really old architecture. But the streets are very narrow, and there are mopeds everywhere.

The most impressive building was La Sagrada Familia, an amazing cathedral that Gaudi designed. It was full of tourists — and it was a good place for thieves. In fact, a pickpocket stole Paul's wallet while we were admiring the architecture.

After a long day, we went to see some traditional flamenco dancing, ate paella, which was delicious, and we drank sangria too. It was a great way to end our trip to Barcelona.

Overall, Barcelona is a city with nice people and many interesting sights. We had some memorable experiences and hope to have the chance to visit sunny Barcelona again soon.



## Vocabulary Check

Fill in the correct word to complete the sentence.

traditional • exhausted • humid  
refreshing • tasty • narrow

- 1 The cool breeze was .....
- 2 We walked through the ..... streets of the old town.
- 3 This pizza is really .....
- 4 What was the ..... breakfast?
- 5 The weather at the weekend was hot and .....
- 6 I felt so ..... that I fell asleep on the sofa.

## Grammar

### Simple Past - Past Continuous

[See Grammar Reference at back of book]

#### 1 Fill in the **simple past** or the **past continuous**.

(read)

I ..... **read** his email this morning.

I ..... **was reading** his email when you called me.

1 (go)

They ..... to the shops when I saw them.

They ..... to the shops yesterday evening.

2 (watch)

He ..... a film when the lights went out.

He ..... a film on TV last night.

3 (have)

I ..... a shower this morning.

I ..... a shower when my friends came.

#### 2 Fill in the **simple past** or the **past continuous**.

- 1 She ..... (listen) to her iPod while she ..... (jog) in the park.
- 2 Laura ..... (cut) her finger while she ..... (make) dinner.
- 3 He ..... (sleep) and I ..... (not want) to wake him up.
- 4 It ..... (rain) so we ..... (decide) to stay at home.
- 5 I ..... (not take) your wallet! Maybe you ..... (leave) it at work.
- 6 They ..... (drive) to the airport when the accident ..... (happen).
- 7 '..... you ..... (paint) the house all weekend?'  
'Yes, we ..... (finish) on Sunday night.'
- 8 The dog ..... (cross) the road when the car ..... (hit) it.



## Vocabulary Development

### 1 Complete the sentences.

#### A foreigners • strangers

- 1 Parents tell their children not to speak to .....
- 2 Many ..... visit the old city.

#### B trip • travel • journey

- 1 My ..... to work takes an hour every morning.
- 2 I went on a day ..... to France with some friends.
- 3 His new job will involve a lot of ..... around Europe.

#### C arrive • reach

- 1 We will ..... in Florida in three hours.
- 2 How long will it take us to ..... Hong Kong?
- 3 What time did you ..... ?
- 4 The Smiths will ..... at the hotel later than us.



### 2 Fill in the correct words to complete the dialogues.

freezing • wet • boiling • sunny • cool • cold

- When I went to France the weather was warm and (1) ..... every day.
- Really? When we were there last year, we didn't even go to the beach once as it was quite (2) ..... and windy. The kids were really disappointed.

- But surely you expected it to be a bit (3) ..... when you were in Scotland?
- Yes, but the rain just didn't stop at all and it was (4) ..... in the tent at night.

- It was already quite warm when we arrived, but then there was a heatwave – and it was (5) ..... hot.
- We usually stay on the coast so there's always a (6) ..... breeze.

### 3 Add the correct prefix to the adjectives to make the sentences negative.

dis • im • in • un

- 1 The tour guide was very ..... **organised** and ..... **helpful**.
- 2 I was ..... **happy** with the taxi driver because he was extremely ..... **polite**.
- 3 The hotel staff were ..... **reliable** and were ..... **able** to help us with many things.
- 4 The travel agent gave us some ..... **accurate** information about the local transport.
- 5 I was completely ..... **satisfied** with the ..... **convenient** location of the hotel.

## Listening

Dave and Liz are talking about a holiday they went on recently. Read the statements and decide who says what. Tick (✓) **D** for Dave, **L** for Liz or **B** for both.

	D	L	B
1 The beaches were amazing.			
2 The hotel was fine.			
3 The food was expensive.			
4 The resort was quiet.			
5 The museum tour was boring.			



## Practical English ASKING WHAT SOMEBODY THOUGHT OF SOMETHING

### 1 Listen and Read

- **What did you think** of the food out there?  
- It was expensive - but really tasty.
- **How did you find** New York?  
- To be honest, I didn't enjoy it very much.
- **What's your opinion** of Majorca?  
- Oh, it was beautiful, although it was a bit crowded.
- **Did you enjoy** the cruise?  
- Actually, I wasn't very impressed.



### 2a Fill in the correct word to complete the dialogue.

comfortable • helpful • ideal • crowded • hot • satisfied

- A:** What was the weather like over there?  
**B:** Clear blue skies every day, but it was a bit too (1) ..... in the afternoon!  
**A:** What was the best thing about your holiday?  
**B:** The hotel was in a good location – right by the sea. I love to swim, so that was (2) .....  
**A:** Was it a nice hotel?  
**B:** I suppose it was quite (3) ..... , but very expensive.  
**A:** So what did you think of the staff there?  
**B:** I wasn't very (4) .....  
**A:** Really? Why not?  
**B:** Well, it wasn't that they were impolite, it's just that they weren't very (5) .....  
**A:** I see. What did you like the least?  
**B:** It was a real shame that the beach had so much rubbish on it.  
**A:** Oh. Did you have any other problems?  
**B:** Only that the beach was really (6) .....  
 But it was the middle of August when I went.  
**A:** That's always a very busy time! Will you ever go back there?  
**B:** Maybe I will if I can stay somewhere else.

**b** Now listen to the dialogue and check your answers. 

## Project

Look at city breaks on the Internet. Choose a city where you would like to stay and then find a hotel. Tell the class which city and which hotel you have chosen and why.





## Listening

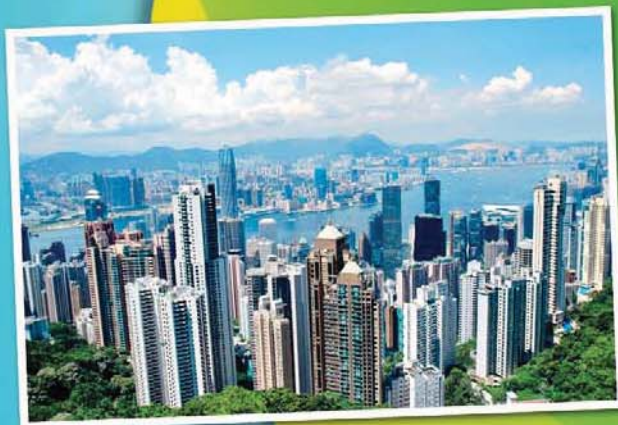
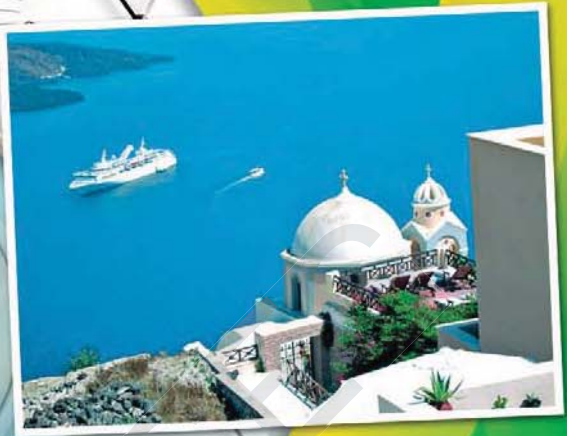
You will hear three different people talking about their holidays.

**a** Tick (✓) where each speaker stayed.

	Campsite	Hotel	Villa
Speaker 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**b** Now listen again and match each speaker with how they felt about their holiday.

- |           |       |   |           |
|-----------|-------|---|-----------|
| Speaker 1 | ..... | a | satisfied |
| Speaker 2 | ..... | b | surprised |
| Speaker 3 | ..... | c | bored     |



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