



# ENGLISH VOCABULARY

## Lesson 1

# HOLIDAYS

## Places to stay and types of holiday

**campsite:** a place where you can **pitch a tent** or park a **caravan**

**self-catering flat/apartment:** a flat which you rent; you cook for yourself

**guesthouse:** accommodation like a hotel but cheaper and with fewer services

**youth hostel:** cheap accommodation, mainly for young people, with, perhaps, ten or more people sleeping in **bunk beds** in one room

**package holiday:** a holiday in which you pay for travel, accommodation and food (even occasionally **excursions**) in advance

**cruise:** a holiday spent touring (or **cruising**) on a boat, stopping off to go sightseeing at different ports

an **adventure holiday:** a holiday involving unusual, exciting and possibly dangerous activities - suitable for **adventurous** people



## Holiday messages

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Dear Zara

Having a wonderful holiday. It's so nice to **get away**<sup>1</sup>. We're staying at an amazing campsite up in the mountains. It's very **remote**<sup>2</sup> and we had to drive up an unbelievably **winding**<sup>3</sup> road to get here. But once we made it, the views over the **surrounding**<sup>4</sup> countryside made the **terrifying**<sup>5</sup> drive worthwhile. I'm sending a photo of our camping spot.

Love, Sami

<sup>1</sup> go somewhere different

<sup>2</sup> far from other places

<sup>3</sup> with lots of bends, not at

all straight    <sup>4</sup> all around

<sup>5</sup> very frightening

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Dear Nico

This is turning out to be probably the most **memorable**<sup>1</sup> holiday I've ever had. The town is absolutely **fascinating**<sup>2</sup> with lots of very **impressive**<sup>3</sup> buildings. Our hotel is **delightful**<sup>4</sup> - if a little **inconvenient**<sup>5</sup> from the transport point of view - and the food in this area is **exceptional**<sup>6</sup>. These are some of the old buildings in the town.

Wish you were here too!

Francesca



<sup>1</sup> one that will always be remembered (*a memorable holiday* is a strong collocation)    <sup>2</sup> extremely

interesting    <sup>3</sup> grand, making an impact

<sup>4</sup> charming    <sup>5</sup> hard to get to    <sup>6</sup> unusually good



## Holiday brochures

These are often written in quite exaggerated language. Here are some typical adjectives with nouns that they collocate with.

**breathtaking** views / scenery / pistes (ski slopes) [breathtaking (like **stunning**) suggests that something is so magnificent that it takes your breath away]

**exclusive** access / club / shops [only the most special people can use the facilities]

**exhilarating** feeling / ride / walk [makes you feel excited and full of energy]

**exotic** beauty / charm / location [unusual and more exciting than your everyday reality]

**glamorous** surroundings / film star / hotel [especially exciting and attractive]

**luxurious** cruise ship / accommodation / lifestyle [provides great comfort]

**picturesque** streets / villages / cottage [very pretty; attractive to look at - **as pretty as a picture**]

**unspoilt** charm / village / woodland [still in a beautiful and natural state]

**unique** opportunity / charm / facilities [so special it does not exist anywhere else]

**Fill in the gaps in this holiday message with appropriate adjectives from the opposite page.**



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Hi,

Am having a wonderful holiday here. The town here is very old and quite <sup>1</sup> *fascinating*. The guidebook says it is remarkable for its <sup>2</sup> ..... charm and it is right! It is surrounded by magnificent mountains and yesterday I went for an <sup>3</sup> ..... climb. Even though it isn't too expensive, the hotel is quite <sup>4</sup> ..... and the view from my balcony is <sup>5</sup> .....

Wish you were here!

Love, P

**Complete these sentences with a word from the opposite page.**

- 1 At the youth hostel Anya insisted on sleeping in the top *bunk*.
- 2 As soon as we got to the campsite we ..... our tent.
- 3 Visitors to our hotel have ..... access to our own private beach.
- 4 It's often cheaper to go on a ..... holiday, where everything is paid for in advance.
- 5 I'd love to hire a boat and spend a month ..... round the Mediterranean, wouldn't you?
- 6 I wouldn't recommend that hotel. It's extremely .....; it's seven miles to the nearest beach and ten miles to the town.
- 7 Our trip to South Africa was undoubtedly the most ..... holiday I've ever had.
- 8 A narrow ..... road led up the mountain to the cottage we'd rented.

**Which of the adjectives from C could describe each of these?**

- 1 a club which only a select group of members can go to *an exclusive club*
- 2 a hotel with very expensive facilities and very attentive staff .....
- 3 a village with very pretty buildings and lots of flowers .....
- 4 a view from the top of a mountain over a magnificent landscape .....
- 5 the opportunity to go on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday .....
- 6 a walk along a windswept beach .....



# TRAVEL

## Here is some basic vocabulary for different kinds of travel

transport	kinds of vehicle	parts of vehicle	people working with it	associated words
road	car, bus, coach, tram, van, lorry	boot, steering wheel	driver, motorist, mechanic, chauffeur	petrol station, break down, breakdown service
rail	high-speed train, express	sleeping car, buffet, coach	ticket collector, conductor	platform, seat reservation
sea	liner, ferry, yacht	deck, bridge, gangway	captain, steward(ess)	port, cabin, cruise
air	aircraft, jumbo jet, helicopter	cockpit, wings, aisle /aɪjəl/	ground staff, cabin crew, air traffic controller	duty-free shop, terminal, runway, security





## Journey, trip, travel, voyage

A **trip** is usually shorter than a **journey**. We **had a long journey** by coach from the north to the south of the country. We usually say **business trip** (NOT ~~business journey~~). We **took a trip** / **went on a trip** to the beach last weekend. (**Go on a trip** suggests an organised short excursion, whereas **take a trip** or **have a trip** could be something you do yourselves in your own car.)

**Travel** is a general word. It is an uncountable noun and a verb. **Travel** broadens the mind. How did you **travel** round Australia? We hitch-hiked.

**Voyage** means a long journey usually by sea, though this use is quite formal. It is often used in other contexts with 'discovery'. Learning English is a voyage of discovery!

### Common mistakes

We don't say 'a travel'. *Travel* is an uncountable noun.

*After we left the airport, we had a long **journey** by car.* (NOT we had a ~~long travel~~)

Remember, we say *on time*, not *in time* when we mean 'punctually'.

*The train arrived **on time** and I picked her up at the station.* (NOT The train ~~arrived in time~~)



## Collocations and expressions connected with travel

ELENA: 'My flight from New York to Tokyo was **severely delayed**<sup>1</sup> because of bad weather, then later it was cancelled and I was **stuck at**<sup>2</sup> **the airport**. The airline **put me up**<sup>3</sup> in a hotel overnight, and they **put me on standby**<sup>4</sup> for the **early morning** flight the next day. Luckily, I managed **to get a seat** and the flight left **on time**<sup>5</sup> at 7.00 am. There was quite a lot of **turbulence**<sup>6</sup> during the flight, which was scary at times. When we finally got to Tokyo, the weather was bad and we had **a bumpy landing**<sup>7</sup>. Luckily, I don't **get airsick**<sup>8</sup> but I **had** terrible **jetlag**<sup>9</sup> for days afterwards.'

<sup>1</sup> delayed for a very long time    <sup>2</sup> unable to move from    <sup>3</sup> paid for me to stay    <sup>4</sup> promised me a seat if one became available    <sup>5</sup> punctually    <sup>6</sup> strong, sudden movements while the plane was in the air    <sup>7</sup> we landed in a way that was not smooth    <sup>8</sup> feel sick because of the movement of the plane; more formal = **suffer from airsickness**    <sup>9</sup> had a feeling of tiredness caused by moving quickly from one time zone to another

Pieter: 'I'd always wanted to **sail** across the Mediterranean, though I was worried I might **get seasick**. Anyway, I volunteered to work as a **crew member on board** a yacht and it was an amazing experience. Everything **ran** very **smoothly**, even when the sea was **rough**<sup>1</sup>, and I never **suffered from seasickness**<sup>2</sup>.'

<sup>1</sup> *opp* = a **calm** sea    <sup>2</sup> less formal = I never **got seasick**





**Match the sentence beginnings on the left with the endings on the right.**

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 The customs officer stopped the car        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a and they couldn't get a cabin.       |
| 2 The car broke down                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | b and they had nothing to eat.         |
| 3 The air traffic controllers went on strike | <input type="checkbox"/>            | c and they had a wonderful cruise.     |
| 4 The buffet was closed                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | d and the driver had to open the boot. |
| 5 The ferry was full                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | e and a mechanic came to help them.    |
| 6 The liner was very modern                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | f and their flight was cancelled.      |

**Choose the best word *flight, journey, trip, travel* or *voyage* to fit these gaps.**

- 1 I would love to *travel*..... round the world in a balloon.
- 2 The liner *Titanic* sank on its very first .....
- 3 How long does the ..... from New York to Rio take?
- 4 She says her hobbies are reading, golf and .....
- 5 When they were in Cairo they took a ..... to see the Pyramids.
- 6 Getting from London to the north of Scotland involves a long overnight train .....



Read these travel blogs and fill the gaps

### Erik's Blog (24 June)

The flight from Huascal to Puerto Amlugo was s\_\_\_\_\_ delayed (six hours!). I was worried I'd get s\_\_\_\_\_ at the airport (and hoped that the airline would p\_\_\_\_\_ me u\_\_\_\_\_ in a nice hotel ☺) but anyway the flight wasn't c\_\_\_\_\_ and we finally took off. The weather was awful, and we experienced a lot of t\_\_\_\_\_. In fact, the flight was so b\_\_\_\_\_ that I got a \_\_\_\_\_ (very unpleasant!). But the c\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ were very friendly and helpful, which made me feel better. The l\_\_\_\_\_ was not so bad and soon we were at the t\_\_\_\_\_ collecting our baggage. I slept well last night - I think I've got over the j\_\_\_\_\_ I had after my 12-hour flight from Europe.

### Mona's Blog (5 July)

I didn't have a reservation for the Eurostar train from Paris to London, but they put me on s\_\_\_\_\_ and I got a s\_\_\_\_\_ on a later train. It was a good journey, everything ran s\_\_\_\_\_ and it arrived \_\_\_\_\_ time. In London, I enquired if there was a s\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ on the train to Scotland so I could travel overnight. The alternative was a hotel and the e\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ train at 6.30 am (too early for me!). When I get to Scotland I want to go to some of the islands. I hope the sea is c\_\_\_\_\_. I hate r\_\_\_\_\_ seas - I always get s\_\_\_\_\_!