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

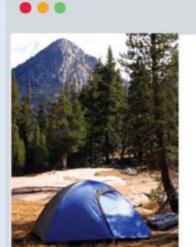
cruise: a holiday spent touring (or cruising) on a boat, stopping off to go sightseeing at different ports

an adventure holiday: a holiday involving unusual, exciting and possibly dangerous activities -

suitable for adventurous people



Holiday messages





Reply

Forward

Dear Zara

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

Love, Sami

¹ go somewhere different ² far from other places ³ with lots of bends, not at all straight ⁴ all around ⁵ very frightening



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This is turning out to be probably the most memorable¹ holiday I've ever had. The town is absolutely fascinating² with lots of very impressive³ buildings. Our hotel is delightful⁴ - if a little inconvenient⁵ from the transport point of view - and the food in this area is exceptional⁶. These are some of the old buildings in the town.

Wish you were here too!

Francesca



¹ one that will always be remembered (a memorable holiday is a strong collocation) ² extremely interesting ³ grand, making an impact ⁴ charming ⁵ hard to get to ⁶ unusually good

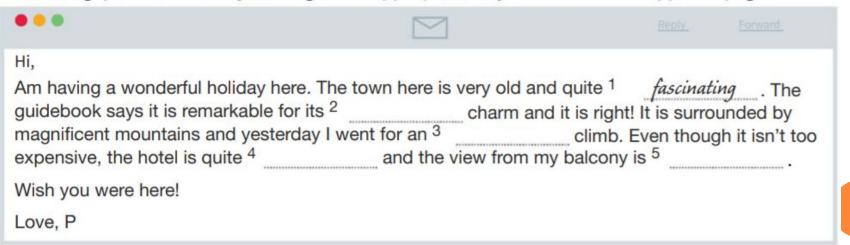
Holiday brochures

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.



Co	omplete these sentences with a word from the opposite page.				
	At the youth hostel Anya insisted on sleeping in the topbunk				
	As soon as we got to the campsite we our tent. Visitors to our hotel have access to our own private beach.				
	It's often cheaper to go on aholiday, where everything is paid for in advance.				
5	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 narrowroad led up the mountain to the cottage we'd rented.				
W	hich of the adjectives from C could describe each of these?				
2 3 4 5	a club which only a select group of members can go to				

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

¹ delayed for a very long time ² unable to move from ³ paid for me to stay ⁴ promised me a seat if one became available ⁵ punctually ⁶ strong, sudden movements while the plane was in the air ⁷ we landed in a way that was not smooth ⁸ feel sick because of the movement of the plane; more formal = suffer from airsickness ⁹ 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**¹, and I never **suffered from seasickness**².'

¹ opp = a calm sea ² less formal = I never got seasick

Match the sentence beginnings on the left v	vith the	e endings on the right.
 The customs officer stopped the car The car broke down The air traffic controllers went on strike The buffet was closed The ferry was full The liner was very modern 		a and they couldn't get a cabin. b and they had nothing to eat. c and they had a wonderful cruise. d and the driver had to open the boot. e and a mechanic came to help them. f and their flight was cancelled.
Choose the best word flight, journey, trip, tr	avel or	voyage to fit these gaps.
1 I would love totravel round the wor	ldinat	palloon.
2 The liner Titanic sank on its very first		
3 How long does thefrom New		
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	d involv	es 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 (a) 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 I
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 i
I had after my 12-hour flight from Europe.

Mona's Blog (5 July)

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