

Reading

A You are going to read an article about a man who had a terrible holiday experience. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

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A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER

David Small has travelled all around the world. He tells us about one holiday that he is never likely to forget.

Travel is more than a hobby to me – it's a passion. By the age of 25, I had visited over ten countries. But most of my trips had been fairly short – a week in Italy; two weeks in Indonesia in China – that kind of thing. I felt I was missing something and I was ready to go on a big journey.

So, I planned a three-month tour of Europe. Of course, I had been to Europe before, but I was really looking forward to spending more time in some of my favourite places. Unfortunately, it turned out to be my worst holiday, even worse than being stuck up a mountain in the Himalayas, lost in the desert, or travelling in a tiny plane during a thunderstorm. **1** My worst experience was much closer to home.

And it was not because I was unprepared either.

2 I had worked out exactly when I was going to be in each country and how long I was going to stay. I had even booked my train tickets in advance so that everything went smoothly. But, despite all my careful planning, my dream holiday became a nightmare.

Things started to go wrong even before I had left England. I arrived at the airport in plenty of time (I had decided to start my trip in Italy so I was flying to Rome). With my tickets and passport in my hand, I joined the queue. Then, just as I was checking in, there was an announcement saying that all flights to Rome had been cancelled because of bad weather. **3**

When the plane took off the following day, my late arrival in Rome meant that I only had two hours before I had to catch my first train.

4 The rest of my time in Italy was fine, though, and I was beginning to really enjoy

myself. Then I went to Greece, which was where I had my accident.

I had hired a motorbike and I was travelling through some mountain villages. I had thought about hiring a car, but a motorbike gives you more freedom and I like the feeling of being in the open air. I have quite a lot of experience riding motorbikes, but nothing could prepare me for what happened next.

5 I tried the brakes, but the wheels just spun. I attempted to turn a corner but I was going too fast and, well you can guess what happened next! My own stupid fault! I didn't break any bones, but I had bad scratches on my arms and legs which needed first aid. This also meant that I couldn't swim for the rest of the holiday!

On top of that, I lost my wallet so I had very little money left. I spent the next two months staying in the cheapest places, living on bread and cheap tins of fish, and feeling miserable! And because of my injuries, I couldn't even go for a swim or lie on the beach!

- A I had been planning this trip for over a year.
B Of course, the success of a holiday depends on who you go with.
C I had to go home and come back the next day!

- D I was riding down a steep hill when the bike started to speed up.
E No, those adventures were fun!
F I was very disappointed because that was the first city on my trip and I hardly saw anything.

Listening

CD 1 Track 7

B You will hear an interview with a woman called Mary Davenport who organises working holidays for young people. For questions 1-5, complete the sentences.

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WORKING HOLIDAYS

The interviewer asks Mary why young people would **1** while they are on holiday.

Mary began the company after hearing complaints that young people were **2**

One problem with family holidays is that members of the family want to **3**

Teenagers working at summer camps have to take care of **4** children.

Planting trees is hard work but it is more enjoyable than going **5**

Section 2

Grammar and Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

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- 1 I like going on _____ holidays, where everything's organised for you and you don't have to worry about anything.
A parcel B package C packet D pack
- 2 Let's try not to spend more than our _____ when we go to Spain this summer.
A budget B amount C sum D total
- 3 Hailey spent her _____ year travelling around America.
A blank B rest C break D gap
- 4 Joe is quite laid _____ and nothing seems to ever worry him.
A back B down C out D off
- 5 I think we need to wait in the departure _____ until the plane is ready.
A space B room C chamber D lounge
- 6 Our last school _____ was great! We went to visit a computer factory.
A excursion B journey C trip D voyage
- 7 The hotel didn't look this bad in the holiday _____.
A brochure B leaflet C booklet D prospectus
- 8 Why don't we take the _____ car to the top of the mountain?
A slope B sky C cable D wire

2 Write one word to complete each sentence.

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- 1 I got a little nervous when I felt the plane start to speed _____.
- 2 Get your passport ready for when we check _____ at the airport.
- 3 Slow _____! You're driving much too fast.
- 4 Would you mind seeing Andy _____ at the station? He's leaving today.
- 5 The helicopter took _____ and circled around the airport.
- 6 I'm going to London for the weekend, but I'll give you a call when I get _____ on Monday.

3 Write the word in brackets in the correct form to complete each sentence.

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- 1 With modern means of transport, I think our ideas of _____ (DISTANT) have completely changed.
- 2 A huge crowd of people were waiting at the airport for the pop star's _____ (ARRIVE).
- 3 Did you understand what that _____ (ANNOUNCE) was all about?
- 4 I know that people from these two countries look quite similar, but they are _____ (CULTURE) very different.
- 5 People live on a few of the islands around here, but most of them are _____ (INHABIT).
- 6 For the last twenty years, _____ (TOUR) has been the main source of income in this area.
- 7 The _____ (GROW) in the number of visitors to the area has certainly helped the local economy.
- 8 It started to become _____ (COMFORT) hot, so I opened a window to let some fresh air in.

F Write a word from the box to complete each sentence.

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with • of • around • in • out • off • for • on

- 1 I don't think there's much chance _____ it raining today.
- 2 I wonder what it feels like to fall _____ love.
- 3 As Mike got _____ of the car, he almost hit a boy on a bicycle with the door.
- 4 That's the last time I go _____ holiday with you!
- 5 You've been under a lot of stress lately. Why don't you take some time _____ work?
- 6 This is a much better composition, compared _____ your last one.
- 7 Our specially-built resort caters _____ all ages.
- 8 Who was the first person to sail _____ the world?

G 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. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

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| <p>1 I finally managed to contact Edward.
contacting
I finally _____
_____ Edward.</p> | <p>6 It's now four years since I started playing hockey.
been
I _____
_____ four years now.</p> |
| <p>2 It was such a heavy book that I couldn't lift it.
too
The book was _____
_____ lift.</p> | <p>7 My great-grandmother would sing to me every night.
to
My great-grandmother _____
_____ to me every night.</p> |
| <p>3 All this work won't seem so unusual after you've been working here a few days.
used
After you've been working here a few days, you _____
_____ all this work.</p> | <p>8 I'm sure you will win the competition.
bound
You _____
_____ the competition.</p> |
| <p>4 It is so far to my school that I can't possibly walk.
such
It is _____
_____ to my school that I can't possibly walk.</p> | <p>9 The magician moved his hands too quickly for me to see what he was doing.
so
The magician moved his hands _____
_____ not see what he was doing.</p> |
| <p>5 This screwdriver is too small for what I'm trying to do.
enough
This screwdriver _____
_____ for what I'm trying to do.</p> | <p>10 In addition to speaking French, Lisa speaks German.
well
Lisa speaks German, _____
_____ French.</p> |

H- WRITING: You bought a package holiday to a winter resort. Write your review about the whole package holiday (140-190 w)