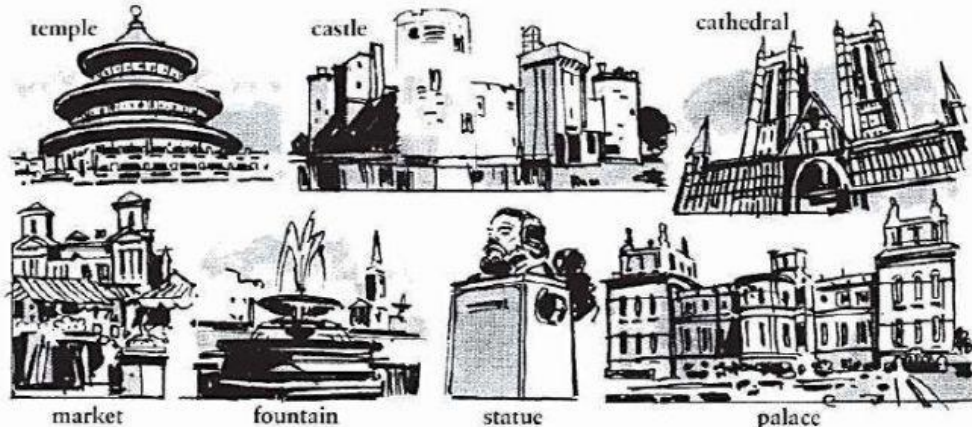


C. HOMEWORK - VOCABULARY

88 A sightseeing holiday

A Sightseeing

You may do a bit of sightseeing on holiday, or you may do a lot of sightseeing, but you will probably go to a museum or art gallery, and see or visit some of these things:



Many people go on a sightseeing tour of a town (usually in a bus); they can also go on a tour of the castle / the cathedral / the art gallery, etc. When you are sightseeing, it helps to buy a guidebook (= a book of information for tourists) and a map of the town you are in.

B Things that tourists often do on holiday

look round the shops / have a look round the shops
take photographs
spend a lot of / lots of money
buy souvenirs (= typical products from the country)
get lost (= lose their way)
go out most evenings (= go to different places for social reasons, e.g. restaurant or disco)
have a good/great time (= enjoy themselves)

C Describing 'places'

The word **place** is very common and can describe a building, an area, a town, or country:
Bruges is a lovely **place** (= town) and we found a really nice **place** (= hotel) to stay.
The town is full of interesting **places** (= areas/buildings).

These words are often used when we describe places:

Venice is beautiful but it's always **packed** (= very crowded/full) with tourists in the summer.
New York is very **cosmopolitan**. (= full of people from different countries and cultures)
Vienna has lots of **historical monuments**. (= places, e.g. castles, built a long time ago)
Many beautiful cities have become very **touristy**. (= a negative word: 'too much tourism')
Sao Paulo is a really **lively** place (= full of life and activity) and the **night-life** is fantastic.

Note: If you want to ask if it is 'a good idea' to visit a place, you can use **worth + -ing**:

A: If I go to Scotland, is it **worth** spending a few days in Glasgow?

B: Yes definitely. And if you want to travel round a bit, it's **worth** renting a car.

Exercises

- 88.1** Complete this postcard that John sent to his family while he was on holiday. You may need a word or phrase in each space.

Hi everyone, I've been in Paris for almost a week now and I'm having a ⁽¹⁾ I spent the first few days ⁽²⁾ - The Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and all the usual tourist attractions. Most places are absolutely ⁽³⁾ with tourists (it's the time of the year I suppose), so yesterday I decided to have ⁽⁴⁾ round the shops and I bought a few ⁽⁵⁾ Today I've been to a couple of very interesting art ⁽⁶⁾ I got ⁽⁷⁾ on my way back to the hotel but it didn't matter because I discovered a really fascinating ⁽⁸⁾ with lots of little stalls selling just about everything from apples to antiques. I ate in the hotel the first night but usually I ⁽⁹⁾ and have dinner in a restaurant - the food is fantastic. I'm afraid I've ⁽¹⁰⁾ a lot of money, but it's a great place and I've ⁽¹¹⁾ lots of photographs so you'll be able to see for yourself when I get back home on the 24th. See you then, John

- 88.2** Which of these places do you usually visit or go to when you are on holiday?
 museums art galleries churches/cathedrals tourist shops concerts
 discos / night clubs castles/palaces/temples the cinema markets restaurants
 bars the theatre

- 88.3** Confirm the information in the questions without repeating the same words and phrases. Use words and phrases from the opposite page.

Example: A: You've got quite a few pictures, haven't you?
 B: Yes, we took lots of photos.

- 1 A: Is it a nice city?
 B: Yes, it's a
- 2 A: There's a big mix of people in New York, isn't there?
 B: Yes, it's very
- 3 A: Was it very crowded?
 B: Yes, it was
- 4 A: There's a lot to do in the evenings, isn't there?
 B: Yes, the
- 5 A: Did you enjoy yourselves?
 B: Yes, we

- 88.4** Without using one town more than twice, name a town or city in your country which is:
 lively packed with tourists in the summer
 cosmopolitan famous for its historical monuments
 very touristic really worth visiting if you are interested in architecture
 not worth visiting

89 On the beach and in the country

A Places to stay

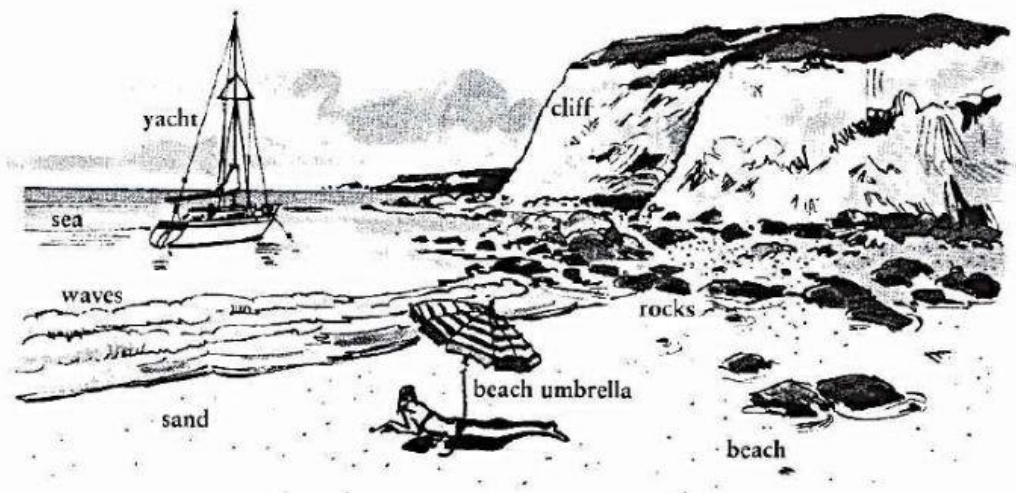
When people go on holiday they stay in **various** places (= a number of different places): some go to hotels; others rent an **apartment** (a 'holiday' flat) or **villa** (= a house by the sea or in the countryside; often in the Mediterranean / southern Europe); some prefer sleeping in a **tent** at a **campsite**.



B At the beach

Many people spend their holiday in **seaside resorts** (= towns by the sea for tourists, e.g. Malaga, St. Tropez, Okinawa) where they can spend most of their time on the beach. Some people enjoy swimming, others love **sunbathing** (= **lying on the beach** in order to get a **suntan**). If you like sunbathing, you should use **suntan lotion** to help you get a tan **and** **protect your skin**. If you don't have any protection, you may get **sunburn**, which is painful and can be dangerous. And if you want total protection you should use **sunblock**, or sit under a **beach umbrella**.

Swimming can also be dangerous if there are rocks under the water or if the sea is rough, e.g. with big waves.



C In the country

People who live in large towns often like to **get away** (= leave the place where they live) at weekends or in the summer, and enjoy the **peace and quiet** (= calm and tranquillity) of the **country** (also called the **countryside**). Some people just like to **put their feet up** (= relax and do nothing) and occasionally go for a **stroll** (= a slow casual walk); while others enjoy **hiking** (= long walks, often hill walking) across hills and valleys. And the countryside is a great place to have a **picnic** (= eating a prepared meal of cold food outside).

Note: Learners sometimes say 'I love to be in the nature'. This is usually a translation from their first language and it is not correct in English. The nearest we can say is probably 'I love being in the countryside'.

Exercises

- 89.1** Write down at least five words beginning with 'sun'. You can check your answers on the opposite page and in the index.

sun..... sun..... sun.....
sun..... sun.....

- 89.2** Match a word from the left with a word from the right to form eight words or phrases.

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| 1 sandy | waves |
| 2 suntan | bathe |
| 3 beach | beach |
| 4 rough | lotion |
| 5 sun | sea |
| 6 sea | cliff |
| 7 big | side |
| 8 steep | umbrella |

Now write answers to these questions.

- 1 Why do most people go to seaside resorts?
- 2 Why do people sunbathe?
- 3 Why do they use sunblock?
- 4 Why do they use suntan lotion?
- 5 How does it feel if you get sunburn?
- 6 What sport requires big waves?
- 7 Have you been in a boat when the sea was very rough? Were you seasick?

- 89.3** Complete this short text with a suitable word or phrase in each gap.

I live and work in Milan but I like to (1)..... at the weekend if possible. My parents have a small house in the (2)....., about 100 kilometres from Milan, and it's a great place to go if you want a bit of peace and (3)..... In the summer you can just (4)..... by the pool during the hottest part of the day, then in the evening go for a (5)..... through the village or over the fields. Sometimes we go out for the whole day and have a (6)..... somewhere, by the lake or next to one of the many vineyards.

- 89.4** Fill the gaps with a suitable word. (One word only for each gap.)

- 1 Would you prefer a holiday in a seaside or a holiday in the country?
- 2 Would you prefer to stay in one place, or would you rather (= prefer to) go to places?
- 3 Would you prefer to spend your time on a beach or would you rather go for long walks?
- 4 Would you prefer to stay in a hotel or an apartment?
- 5 Would you prefer to eat in a restaurant or have a in the open air?
- 6 Would you prefer somewhere that was quite lively, or would you rather go to a place where there was peace and?

Look at the questions again. Which would you prefer? If possible, discuss your answers with someone else.