

Hotel
Text, speech exercises

1. Text

SPEAKING ABOUT HOLIDAYS

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Holidays mean different things to different people. Some people like a quiet rest, while other people, especially young, enjoy active open-air holidays.

There are a lot of beautiful places in Great Britain. A lot of Londoners go to Brighton for a holiday or a weekend as it is close to London and it's easy to get there by train.

The British seaside with its beautiful villages has always been very popular with holidaymakers. There are a lot of small hotels, youth hostels and bed and breakfast places¹ there (the English call them "B&B").

But the accommodation at the seaside has become very expensive, that is why people who have got their own cars stay at caravan and camp sites.²

Many young people, especially teenagers, go on walking (or hiking) and cycling tours. There is another way of holiday-making, which is very popular not only in Great Britain, but in all countries: it's package tours of foreign countries.

Click where it is true

1. Holidays mean different things to different people.
2. The English seaside is very popular with holidaymakers.
3. At the seaside the English people usually rent rooms.
4. Camping holidays and package tours are very popular in Great Britain.
5. Teenagers stay at expensive hotels during their holidays.

2. Text

Mr Voronin and Mr Blake are speaking about their holidays.

Voronin: Oh, Mr Blake, I haven't seen you since last month. Have you been on holiday?

Blake: Yes, my wife and me were on a two-week tour of Spain. We rented a car and saw a lot of beautiful places there.

Voronin: What was the weather like during your holiday?

Blake: It was hot, sunny and dry all the time. We went to the beach early in the morning and swam a lot. We also sunbathed and got a good suntan. Have you had a holiday this year?

Voronin: Yes. In February I spent two weeks in the Caucasus where I skied in the mountains.

Blake: Do you enjoy skiing?

Voronin: Yes, very much. But I enjoy summer holidays too. In a week I'm planning to go to Yalta.

Blake: It's in the South, isn't it?

Voronin: Yes, it's a wonderful resort in the Crimea on the coast of the Black Sea.

You know the Crimea is popular with Russian holiday-makers because the climate there is very warm and dry. Our travel agencies offer different kinds of holidays in this place. My wife and I are going to stay in a five-star hotel which has a private beach.

Blake: Great!³

Click where it is true

1. Mr Blake didn't enjoy his holiday in Spain.
2. Mr Voronin spent his winter holiday in the Caucasus.
3. Mr Voronin thinks that the Crimea is not a very good place for a summer holiday.

3. Text

AT ... TRAVEL AGENCY

Julia is speaking to ... travel agent.

Julia: Good afternoon.

Travel agent: Good afternoon, madam.

Julia: I'd like to go on ... holiday to France. I've never been there before.

Travel agent: Certainly, madam. We offer ... good package holidays at ... seaside, close to Cannes [kæn]. It's easy to get there by ... plane. Our people meet ... holidaymakers at ... airport and take them to ... hotel. It's ... new five-star hotel with ... modern open-air swimming pool, ... private beach and ... discotheque. ... accommodation is comfortable and not very expensive. There is ... good restaurant there too.

Julia: You've recommended me ... very good place. Thank you.

Побережье –

Самолет

Отдыхающие

Частный пляж
Жилье
Дорогой

4. Text

DISCUSSING THE PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Harry is speaking to his friend Maggy about her plans for the coming holiday.

Harry: What are your plans for the summer, Maggy?
Maggy: I am planning to go on a package tour of Italy in June. The climate is very good there. It's always sunny and warm and there are a lot of historical places in Italy which I'd like to see.
Harry: I don't think it's a good idea.
Maggy: Why?
Harry: It's very hot in Italy at this time. There are a lot of holidaymakers and the beaches are full of people. Why don't you go there in September?
Maggy: Because the travel agencies have sold all tours for September and October. **Besides** I like hot weather and I enjoy swimming.
Harry: I don't recommend you to swim in the sea, it's **polluted**.
Maggy: What if I stay on the beach, relax and get a good sun-tan?
Harry: The hot sun is very bad for people.
Maggy: OK. Then I'm going to stay at home and **water** the flowers.
Harry: Beautiful! You know, I'm going to India in June.
Maggy: India? That's not a good idea.
Harry: Why?
Maggy: ...

True or False?

1. Maggy plans to go to Italy for her holidays.
2. Maggy likes that there a lot of historical places in Italy.
3. In September beaches are full of people in Italy.
4. Maggy hates swimming.
5. Harry doesn't recommend Maggy to swim much because the water is polluted.
6. Harry thinks that the hot sun is good for people.
7. Eventually Maggy agrees to stay at home and water flowers.

5. Text

Marion read an advertisement of a very good package tour:

Come to Sunny MANDANGA

Ten good reasons for a visit to the Hotel Superb:

1. The place is wonderful.
2. The weather is sunny.
3. People get a good suntan.
4. The food is great.
5. We meet our visitors at the airport.
6. At the hotel the people are friendly.
7. The hotel has got three bars and a restaurant.
8. Every room has got a bathroom.
9. The beach is very near the hotel.
10. There are excursions every day.



She went to see a tourist agent.

Marion: I'm interested in the holiday in Mandanga.

Agent: It's an excellent package holiday. If you come to Mandanga you are going to enjoy fine weather. Our people are going to drive you from the airport to the hotel. You are going to stay at a modern comfortable hotel which has got a restaurant, 3 bars, a disco and a swimming pool. There is a bathroom in every room. The beach is very near the hotel. Actually, it's a 2-minutes' walk to the sea. There are **excursions** every day.

Marion bought the package tour and spent her holiday in Mandanga. When she came back home she visited the travel agency.

Agent: Oh, Miss Ward! Have you had a good holiday?

Marion: No, I haven't.

Agent: I'm sorry to hear that. Have there been any problems?

Marion: When I arrived, your people didn't meet me at the airport. I went to the hotel by taxi.

Agent: You had a bad start. But the hotel was nice, wasn't it?

Marion: No, it wasn't. There wasn't a bathroom in my room. There was a swimming pool but there was no water in it. And the restaurant served fish every night.

Agent: Oh, really?

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Marion: And it was half an hour's walk to the beach.

Agent: I am very sorry. I think next year ...

Marion: Next year? Next year I am staying in England!

(Based on "Streamline English")

True or False?

1. Marion enjoyed her holiday.
2. Hotel people picked her up at the airport.
3. In the hotel Marion couldn't swim in the pool because it was shallow.
3. Marion ate a lot of fish.
4. The beach was close to the hotel.

6. Text

A HOLIDAY FOR TWO?

Helen and George are going to have a holiday from February the 10th to the 24th. They have a problem: Helen enjoys skiing in the mountains and George likes sunbathing on the beach.

They are speaking to the travel agent now. She recommends them to buy 2 different package tours: one in the ski resort in Colorado for Helen and the other one in Acapulco, Mexico ['meksilkou] on the coast of the Pacific Ocean for George. But then she has a different idea.

Travel agent: Why don't you buy a package holiday to Hawaii [hə'waii]? It means 10 days of swimming in the ocean and sunbathing on the sunny beach and 4 days of skiing in the mountain.

George: But is it expensive?

Travel agent: Well, not as expensive as 2 different tours.

Helen: Is the hotel on the beach?

Travel agent: Certainly. There's swimming and water skiing. They have diving lessons too.

Helen: Oh, it sounds great! We'd like to buy this tour. Thank you very much.

Travel agent: My pleasure. I think you are going to have a wonderful time.

True or False?

1. Helen and George are different: Helen like skiing, George likes sunbathing on the beach.
2. Helen and George bought two different package tours.
3. The hotel offered diving lessons.