

Dialogue: Deciding where to go

Jim wants to go on holiday. He's talking to a travel agent, who's helping him plan the trip. [Listen and complete with the correct prepositions.]

J=Jim

A=Agent

J: Morning!

A: Good morning! Can I help you?

J: Yes, erm, I've never been (1) _____ holiday before, but I've finally decided to take an overseas trip. The trip of a lifetime!

A: How exciting! How long would you like to go (2) _____?

J: Two weeks. During the Christmas holidays. Where do you suggest?

A: How about a luxury safari in Mozambique? The weather will be warm and you'll have a real adventure.

J: Erm, will there be mosquitoes?

A: I guess so. But you can take some insect repellent.

J: I'm allergic (3) _____ mosquitoes. What else have you got?

A: What about southern Spain? I can get you a package deal that includes flights, accommodation and meals.

J: Aren't the beaches there full of Brits? I'd rather go somewhere "off the beaten path", so to speak.

A: Well, British Airways have a great deal (4) _____ the moment on flights to the Solomon Islands. It's beautiful there this time of year. And the exchange rate is great.

J: How long is the flight?

A: About 20 hours.

J: Oh, that won't do. I get cramp if I sit too long. Anything closer to home?



A: Erm, Germany?

J: I'm not a big fan (5) _____ sausages.

A: There's more to Germany than just sausages! Mmm... well, you could always go somewhere closer to home. Maybe take the ferry (6) _____ Dublin?

J: I'd love to. But I get seasick. How about Brighton?

A: Well, it might be a bit cold and depressing in December.

J: Sounds perfect!

A: Erm, OK! And because it's low season I can get you a great deal (7) _____ a 5-star hotel. I'll book the train too. Window or aisle seat?

J: Train?

A: Yeah. Brighton is only 45-minutes from London by train.

J: Erm, I don't do trains. Long story. Maybe I'll just stay in London.

A: Not much of a holiday though. I mean, you already live (8) _____ London.

J: I'll go to the British Museum, visit Big Ben, walk across London Bridge. It'll be the holiday of my dreams! Thanks so much for your advice.

A: Erm, my pleasure.

J: I'll send you a postcard. Bye!



GLOSSARY

off the beaten path *exp*

if a place is "off the beaten path", it's in a remote area, often far away from the nearest town or city

cramp *n*

if you get "cramp", you have a sudden pain in a muscle in your body