

Reading section

My holiday disaster

Although I work in the centre of London now, I like going to the mountains when I can. Last winter I decided to spend a week in Scotland. I wanted to go skiing and walking in the mountains. I looked on the internet and booked a cottage (a small house) for a week. One Friday night last November, I packed my bags, went to Heathrow airport, and waited to get on a plane to Inverness.

Then the problems started. The plane didn't leave that night. There was a lot of snow in Scotland and they closed Inverness airport. So I spent the night in Heathrow. I drank a lot of tea and read a lot of newspapers. I tried to sleep but I wasn't comfortable. Next morning, Inverness airport opened again, and we arrived in Scotland. But my bags weren't there.

I hired a car and drove to the cottage. It was a twenty-minute drive from the airport. When I arrived, there was a family with two little children in the cottage! They booked on the internet, too – for the same week. The family was very kind. They said I could sleep in the lounge, and they cooked dinner for me.

Next day, I got my bags from the airport and decided to go skiing. But the mountain road was closed because of the snow. I didn't ski and I didn't go walking in the mountains. I spent the week in the cottage waiting to go home – it wasn't my favourite holiday!

Example: The writer works in a bank.

A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

1 The writer decided to spend a week in Scotland.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 He wanted to go walking near the river.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 He went to Heathrow airport on Wednesday night.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

4 The plane didn't leave Heathrow that night.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

5 The writer spent the night in the airport.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

6 He arrived at Inverness airport three days later.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 The cottage was in the mountains.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

8 The family at the cottage was very kind to the writer.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 How did the writer book the cottage?

2 What was the weather like in Scotland?

3 What did the writer read at the airport?

4 How did the writer go to the cottage?

5 How many children were at the cottage?
