

Homework

Pre- Intermediate - 2B

1. Reading:

Right place, wrong time...

Last week we asked you to tell us about a holiday when the destination was perfect but, for some reason, the time wasn't right...Here are some of your replies.

1. Tim, 20, student from Manchester



When I was a teenager I *went* on holiday with my parents to Brittany in France. My parents *rented* a lovely house on the beach, and the weather was great. But I was 17, and I *didn't want* to be on holiday with my mum and dad and my little brother. I *wanted* to be with my friends.

We *went* to the beach every day and *sunbathed* and we *went* to a fantastic seafood restaurant for my birthday. But I *was* miserable and I *hated* every minute of it. I *didn't smile* once in two weeks. What really *made* me furious was that my parents let my older sister, who *was* 19, go to Spain with her friends.

2. Gabriela, 28, marketing manager from Rome

I'm from Rome and the summer here is really hot. So last year my husband and I *decided* to go to Sweden, to escape from the heat. We *booked* a 10-day holiday in Stockholm, where the temperature in the summer is normally about 20 degrees.



But when we *got* to Stockholm there *was* a heatwave and it *was* 35 degrees every day. It *was* awful because there *was* no air-conditioning anywhere. We *couldn't sleep* at night - it *was* boiling in the hotel, and in the shops and museums too. We *didn't want* to go shopping or go sightseeing or do anything - we *were* too hot. We just *sat* in cafes and *argued* all day. We *didn't need* to go to Sweden to do that!

3. Kelly, 26, TV journalist from Belfast



Three years ago I *broke up* with my boyfriend and I *decided* to go on holiday on my own to the Seychelles. My travel agent *told* me that it *was* a wonderful place. But he *didn't tell* me that it *was* also a very popular place for people on their honeymoon. Everywhere I *looked* I *saw* couples holding hands and looking romantically into each other's eyes!

The travel agent also *said* it *was* always sunny there - but the weather *was* terrible - it *was* cloudy and very windy. To pass the time I *decided* to do a diving course (one of my lifetime ambitions). But it *was* a complete disaster because the first time I *went* under the water I *had* a panic attack. I *couldn't escape* from the island so I *spent* an incredibly boring (and expensive) two weeks in 'paradise'.

Complete the sentences with Tim, Gabriela, or Kelly.

- 1 _____ wanted to go somewhere hot.
- 2 _____ wanted to go somewhere cool.
- 3 _____ had great food.
- 4 _____ wanted to forget somebody.
- 5 _____ had problems sleeping.
- 6 _____ wanted to go on holiday with different people.

2. Listening:

1.20 Listen to Martha showing Jim some photos. Complete the sentences with a name.

Martin Alice Bill Serena Gary

- 1 _____ is at university.
- 2 _____ doesn't live in Britain.
- 3 _____ wears glasses.
- 4 _____ doesn't like sport.
- 5 _____ isn't very hard-working.

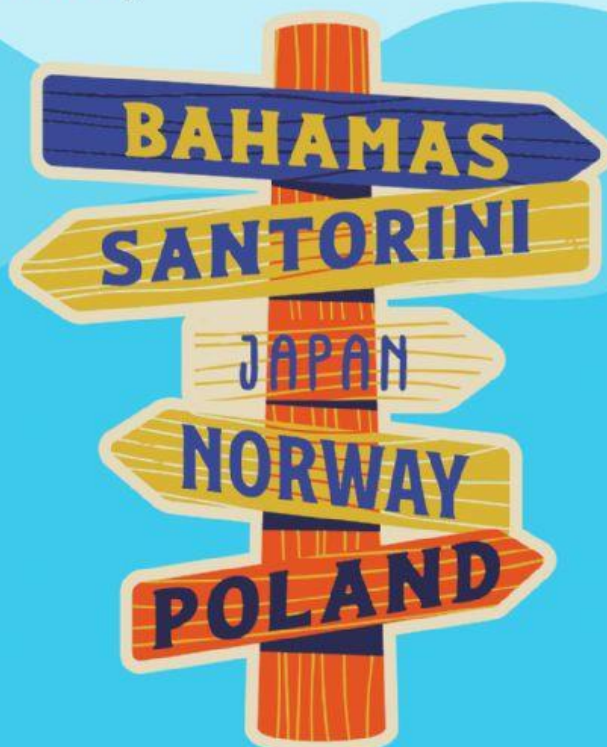
2. Grammar:

Complete the questions with *is*, *are*, *do*, or *does*.

- 1 What kind of books _____ you read?
- 2 _____ there an art gallery in your town? Where?
- 3 What _____ your friends usually do at weekends?
- 4 _____ your town have a local festival? When?
- 5 What do you think your parents _____ doing at the moment?

4. Speaking:

Recording an audio, and submit it to your Homework Drive Link.
Talk about your last holiday



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