

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.

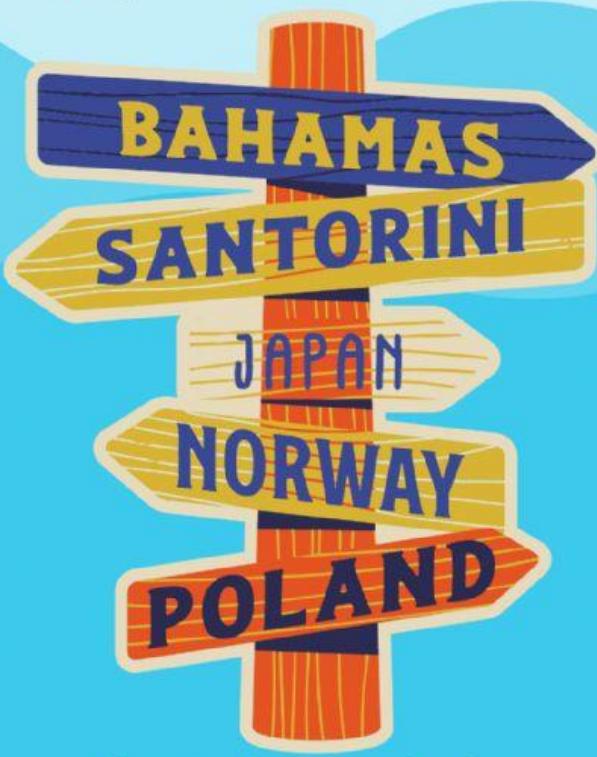
2. Grammar:

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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