

Holiday activities **V8.1**

1 a) Match the verbs and prepositions in A to the words in B.

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| A | B |
| 1 have | a) skiing |
| 2 go to | b) picnics |
| 3 go | c) friends/family |
| 4 stay with | d) the beach |
| 5 travel by | e) cycling |
| 6 go | f) public transport |
| 7 go | g) sightseeing |
| 8 rent | h) a car/a bike |
| 9 go on | i) shopping |
| 10 stay in | j) a hotel |
| 11 go for | k) walks |
| 12 go | l) boat trips |

b) Fill in the gaps in James's email with the correct form of the verbs in 1a) and a preposition if necessary.

Hi Rachel

I arrived in San Francisco ten days ago and I love it here. I ¹ *go*, sightseeing every day and ² *travel by* public transport – you're right, the cable cars are great. Two days ago I ³ a boat trip to Alcatraz – it was really interesting. Did you know Al Capone was a prisoner there? And yesterday I ⁴ shopping at Fisherman's Wharf and then I ⁵ the beach and sunbathed all afternoon.

Last weekend I ⁶ a car and went to the Wine Country, in the mountains near San Francisco. I ⁷ a small hotel in the Napa Valley and on Saturday I ⁸ a long walk to the top of Mount St Helena. The views were fantastic! On Sunday I ⁹ a bike and ¹⁰ cycling with two very nice people I met at the hotel. We ¹¹ a picnic at Lake Hennessey – it's beautiful there. And did you know you can ¹² skiing in California in the winter?

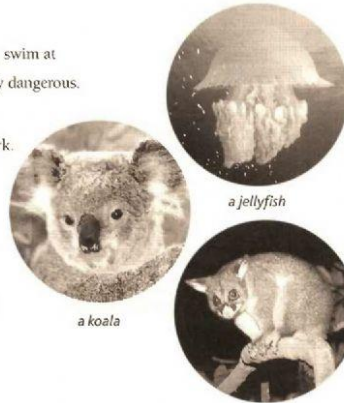
See you next week!

James

can/can't for possibility **G8.1**

2 Roger is British. He's got a new job in Queensland, Australia. Fill in the gaps with *can* or *can't*.

- ROGER Karen, what ¹ *can* I do at the weekend near here?
- KAREN Well, you ² go to the beach, of course. But you ³ swim at some beaches because there are lots of jellyfish and they're very dangerous.
- ROGER That's OK. I ⁴ swim very well anyway!
- KAREN Or you ⁵ go to the rainforest and stay in a national park.
- ROGER ⁶ I camp there?
- KAREN Yes, you ⁷ And it's usually free.
- ROGER That sounds good.
- KAREN Yes, it's beautiful. You ⁸ go for walks by the river, but you ⁹ go fishing there because it's a national park. There are also lots of animals, like koalas and possums.
- ROGER That's a great idea. Er, would you like to come with me?
- KAREN I'm sorry, I ¹⁰ Next time, maybe.



Comparatives **G8.2**

3 Luke and Monica are at the airport after their holiday in Thailand. Compare them and write sentences.



- Luke is / tall / Monica.
Luke is taller than Monica.
- Monica looks / young / Luke.
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- Luke is / hot / Monica.
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- Luke's suitcase is / big / Monica's.
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- Monica looks / happy / Luke.
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- Luke had a / bad / time / Monica.
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- Monica had a / good / time / Luke.
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THE RITZ HOTEL

London
opened: 1906
number of rooms: 133
price per night: £310–£1,950
facilities: beauty and fitness room, babysitting, conference room, 24-hour room service
airport: Heathrow 29 km
number of restaurants and bars: 2
dinner: 18.00–23.00
don't miss: traditional English afternoon tea at 1.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.



RAFFLES HOTEL

Singapore
opened: 1887
number of rooms: 103
price per night: £225–£1,280
facilities: 24-hour gym and swimming pool, more than 50 shops, business centre
airport: Changi 25 km
number of restaurants and bars: 19
dinner: 19.00–22.00 in the Tiffin Room
don't miss: the story of the hotel in the Raffles Museum

4 Read about two famous hotels. Then fill in the gaps with the comparative form of the adjectives and *The Ritz* or *Raffles*. Use *than* if necessary.

- Raffles* is *older than* (old) *The Ritz*.
- is (big)
- is (small)
- Rooms at are (cheap) rooms at
- is (expensive)
- is (near) to the airport.
- It's (easy) to decide where to eat at
- It's (difficult) to decide where to eat at
- You can have dinner (early) at
- I think looks (beautiful) than