VACATIONS

READING

A) Read the text about Laura's vacations.

Laura 26, a nurse

"I'd love to go back to Costa Rica one day...but without Linda."

Last spring, my best friend Isabelle and I booked a vacation in Costa Rica. We rented a small house for a week with a fantastic view of the ocean. At the last minute another friend, Linda, asked if she could come, too. We felt sorry for her because she had problems with her boyfriend, so we said yes.

Costa Rica was magical and the weather was perfect, but the vacation was a disaster for one simple reason: Linda was so cheap! She has a good job so she's not poor, but she just didn't want to pay for anything. When we went sightseeing, she didn't want to go on any cruises or do any nature activities that cost money. When we went on a zipline tour, she complained that it was too expensive. When we went to have lunch or dinner, she always wanted to go to cheap restaurants or she bought a sandwich and ate it in the house. But the night I invited her and Isabelle out on my birthday, she chose the most expensive things on the menu! The worst thing was that although Isabelle and I paid for the house, Linda never once bought us a coffee or a snack.



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B) Use the prompts to ask questions about the text. Then answer the questions.

1. Where / she / go / on vacation ? _____
2. Who / she / go / with ? _____
3. Where / she / stay ? _____
4. What / be / the weather / like ? _____
5. Why / not / she / enjoy / her vacations ? _____

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LISTENING

C) Listen to Linda. What's her opinion about the vacations? What does she say about:?

- Costa Rica:

  _____

- what they did there:

  _____

- the cost of her vacation:

  _____

- her next vacation:

  _____

GRAMMAR

D) Complete the sentences with an adjective from the list.

friendly – sunny – boring – nice – cloudy – delicious – disgusting – crowded - unhelpful

1 We loved our room. It was very *comfortable* .
2 The weather was warm and _____ every day.
3 There were a lot of people everywhere. It was very _____.
4 We ate very well. The food was _____.
5 The staff at the hotel was horrible. They were very _____, and sometimes very rude.
6 There wasn't much in the apartment. It was very _____. It didn't even have a refrigerator.
7 The other people on the trip were very _____.We hope to meet some of them again in the future.
8 The town was _____. All the houses had flowers on the balcony and were painted different colors.
9 It was _____, and we didn't see the sun at all.
10 Our first meal was _____, so we didn't eat at the hotel again.

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E) Complete the text with the simple past form of the verbs in the box.

arrive ask book cannot ~~decide~~ go (x2) look take want

The vacation that wasn't

Four years ago, we [1] *decided* to go away for the weekend. We [2] _____ to go to Mexico, so we [3] _____ a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we [4] _____ a taxi to the airport. We [5] _____ at the airport at two o'clock, and we [6] _____ to check in. The woman at the desk [7] _____ us for our passports. We [8] _____ in our bags, but we [9] _____ find them. So we [10] _____ home!

F) Read the precious text again, and complete the questions.

1 When *did they decide* to go away for the weekend? Four years ago.
2 Where _____ to go? Mexico.
3 How _____ the apartment? They booked it online.
4 When _____ at the airport? At two o'clock.
5 What _____ ask for? She asked for their passports.
6 Where _____ in the end? They went back home.

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