

## VACATIONS

### READING

A) Read the text about Laura's vacations.

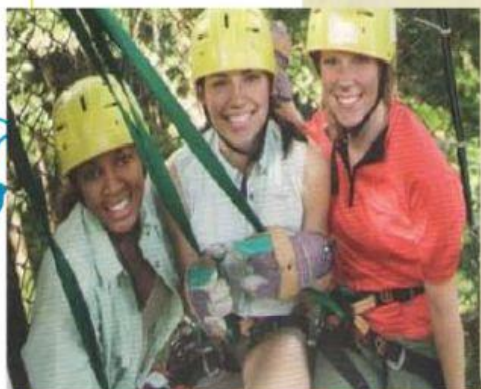
#### Laura 26, a nurse

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 ? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



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

F) Read the previous 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.