



Holidays are about experiences and people, and tuning into what you feel like doing at the moment. Enjoy not having a watch.

Evelyn Glennie, British musician

2A Pack and go!

1 VOCABULARY holidays

a Complete the sentences.

- 1 I'll have to wear a T-shirt in bed because I've forgotten my *pyjamas*.
- 2 There are a lot of mosquitoes in our apartment. Let's buy some i_____r_____.
- 3 I can't plug in my charger. I didn't bring an a_____.
- 4 I need to transfer some photos to my computer. The m_____c_____ is full.
- 5 Please shave before we go out. Did you remember your r_____?
- 6 Put on some s_____ before we go to the beach. You don't want to burn.
- 7 Do you prefer to wear a bikini or a sw_____ on the beach?
- 8 My hair is a mess. Can I borrow a b_____?
- 9 I think you should put on some other shoes. Fl_____ -fl_____ are fine for the pool, but not for hiking.
- 10 If you need to borrow some toothpaste, there's some in my w_____ b_____.

- b** Complete the sentences with the correct form of verb + - *ing* or *on* + noun. Use the words below.

a boat trip camp a cruise hike package holidays
a safari sail sightsee surf a tour

- 1 They went on a boat trip along the Seine while they were in Paris.
- 2 I need to buy some strong boots. I'm going _____ at the weekend.
- 3 My parents have got a boat, so they go _____ every summer.
- 4 Have you ever been _____ around the Mediterranean?
- 5 He kept on falling off the board when he went _____ yesterday.
- 6 I hate going _____. I don't like tents.
- 7 Did you go _____ of the Coliseum when you were in Rome?
- 8 We bought a guidebook so that we could go _____ on our own.
- 9 One day, I'd like to go _____. I'd love to see lions in the wild.
- 10 I don't like going _____. Everything is much too organized.

- c Complete the postcard with the past simple form of a suitable verb.



Dear Debbie

Sorry I haven't called. When I ¹ unpacked my bag I realized that I'd forgotten my phone charger! We're having a great time here in Greece. We spent the first three days in Athens, where we ² saw all the sights. The best day was when we ³ climbed the hill to see the Acropolis. It was amazing! While we were in the capital, we went to a spa and I ⁴ had a massage. I loved it! Now we're here in Santorini, and it's beautiful. On our first day, we ⁵ did a diving course, which was exhausting. In the evening, we were so tired that we just sat in a café and ⁶ watched the sunset. Yesterday, we ⁷ spent on the beach all day and we ⁸ got very sunburnt. My back really hurts!

See you when we get back on Friday.

Love

Anna & Thomas

3 GRAMMAR present tenses

a Circle the correct form.

- 1 Be quiet! *I try* / *I'm trying* to read.
- 2 Ben *uses* / *is using* sunscreen all year round, not just in the summer.
- 3 His wife *always packs* / *packs always* his suitcase for him.
- 4 Pay attention! You *don't listen* / *aren't listening* to me.
- 5 Elizabeth *doesn't usually wear* / *don't usually wear* make-up on the beach.
- 6 My boyfriend *never is* / *is never* in a hurry.
- 7 Sam and Richard *go* / *are going* hiking every weekend.
- 8 Who *your girlfriend is talking to* / *is your girlfriend talking to*?
- 9 My brother *speaks* / *is speaking* good French because he has lived in France.
- 10 *You go* / *Do you go* to the same place on holiday every year?

b Complete the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

A What ¹ are you doing next weekend? (do)

B I ² _____ to a concert. (go)

A Where?

B In Glasgow.

A That's a long way to go for a concert! How

³ _____ you _____ there? (get)

B I ⁴ _____ on Friday morning. (fly) My flight

⁵ _____ at 14.25. (leave)

A What time ⁶ _____ the plane _____
in Glasgow? (arrive)

B We ⁷ _____ at 15.15 and then my sister

⁸ _____. (land / pick me up)

A When is the concert?

B On Friday evening. It ⁹ _____ at 8.30. (start)

We ¹⁰ _____ some friends at 7 o'clock because

we ¹¹ _____ to be late. (meet / not want)

A Well, I hope you have a great time.

B Thanks. I ¹² _____ really _____ to it!
(look forward)

- c Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of a verb from the list.

not agree	belong	depend	have	not matter
recognize	not see	taste	think	not want

- 1 We might go camping, but it depends on the weather.
- 2 I _____ that man. I've seen him before.
- 3 Josh isn't sure about the summer. He _____ about doing voluntary work.
- 4 Whose bag is this? _____ to you?
- 5 I _____ to buy anything. I'm just looking.
- 6 Can you call back later? We _____ dinner.
- 7 That isn't right. I _____ with you at all.
- 8 I _____ why we have to get up early. We're on holiday!
- 9 This soup _____ horrible. I'm not going to eat it.
- 10 She needs a holiday. It _____ where.

4 READING

- a Read the text quickly and answer the questions.
- 1 What was Paul Smith's destination?
 - 2 Did he manage to get there?

Have Twitter, Will Travel



No matter what you think of Twitter, you have to admit that connecting over 200 million people worldwide is a pretty big **achievement**. One of the site's greatest fans is ex-radio DJ Paul Smith, also known as 'The Twitchhiker'. Thanks to Twitter, Paul succeeded in going on a 30-day free journey, which took him half-way around the world. He didn't actually hitchhike as such, but he did rely on the kindness of other people to get him there.

The idea came to him in his local supermarket in Gateshead, northern England. The crowded store and inconsiderate customers made him wish he was in another country. By the time he reached the checkout, he had made a plan. He would use Twitter to help him travel to the point in the world that was furthest from his own home: a **remote** place called Campbell Island to the south of New Zealand. But first he had to convince Jane, his wife of only four days, to let him go.

Once Jane agreed (as he knew she would) Paul announced his plan online. Twitter users sent messages to British actor and journalist Stephen Fry, an enthusiastic supporter of the site, to tell him about Paul's journey. He in turn asked his tens of thousands of **followers** to help Paul on his travels. Five days later, Paul was ready to go. He **tweeted** his first message and waited for a response. It came from a local Twitter user called Leanne, who offered him an overnight ferry trip to Amsterdam. He was off!

After Amsterdam, two Parisian Twitter users paid for Paul to travel by rail to Paris. While he was there, a middle-aged German businesswoman sent him a **high-speed train** ticket from Paris to Saarbrücken and then drove him to Frankfurt. Shortly after that, a company director bought Paul a **one-way flight** from Frankfurt to New York. Within five days of leaving home, Paul had crossed the Atlantic! From New York, he was offered various lifts and bus rides – and even a flight on one occasion – until he reached Los Angeles. There, he received a message from a New Zealand airline offering to fly him to the capital. During his final week, he travelled the length of the country by plane, ferry, car, and camper van, before arriving at Stewart Island, just off the south coast. All he had to do now was to find the captain of a boat that would take him on **the final leg** of his journey – a six-day trip to Campbell Island, 900 km to the south.

But this was where Paul's luck ran out. Or did it? Paul never actually **made it** to Campbell Island, because he didn't get a ride. But he did receive another message from the airline offering to fly him home. Paul was delighted to have travelled so far, and decided that it was time to go home. When he got home, 30 hours later, Jane was waiting for him with an enormous smile and **a big hug**. Although Paul didn't actually reach his destination, he succeeded in travelling over 18,325 km around the world absolutely free. Eighteen months on, he is still in touch with the people who helped him on his journey; and through him, they have become friends with one another. Which just goes to show the power of Twitter.

b Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 Paul Smith is known as 'The Twitchhiker' because...
 - a he tweeted about his hitchhiking adventures when he got back.
 - b he has accepted help from Twitter users to travel.
 - c he always tweets when he goes hiking in the country.
- 2 Paul thought up his plan while...
 - a he was walking around the supermarket.
 - b he was paying for his shopping.
 - c he was driving home to his wife.
- 3 Thousands of Twitter users knew about Paul's plan because...
 - a he sent a message to everyone he knew.
 - b he gave an interview to a national newspaper.
 - c he had the support of a famous person.
- 4 Paul completed the first part of his journey...
 - a by sea.
 - b by rail.
 - c by road.
- 5 After Paul had been travelling for a week, he was...
 - a in Europe.
 - b in the USA.
 - c in New Zealand.
- 6 When he reached the end of his trip, Paul felt ...
 - a disappointed that he couldn't get to Campbell Island.
 - b worried about how he was going to get home.
 - c grateful to the people who had helped him.

5 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to five speakers talking about their experiences at airport security. Match Speakers 1–5 with photos A–E.



b Listen again and match the speakers to the sentences.

- ☐ A I was very annoyed because I was going to have it for dinner.
- ☐ B As you can imagine, he wasn't at all amused.
- ☐ C It's a good job I found it and not the security scanner!
- ☐ D I was lucky to have found such a kind man.
- ☐ E Honestly, I don't know what I'd do without her!