SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Reading • Grammar • Speaking

Level: A2 | Age: 12 | Grade 7

1 READING

WHAT A HOLIDAY!

Alice, 13

When I was a child, my family and I used to spend our summer holidays on my grandparents' farm. I used to have a lot of fun.

However, my best holiday was last summer, when my family and I went to Marbella in Spain. It was the first time I had visited a foreign country and the first time I had travelled by plane.

I have visited Spain only once, but I have never forgotten this holiday.

At first I felt excited but also a bit scared about the flight, but then it was OK. We stayed in a fantastic hotel near the beach. It had a big swimming pool and the food was great.

I had lots of fun and made some new friends. They spoke French, Spanish and English. I have made friends from different countries, and we still sometimes send messages to each other. Sometimes it was difficult to understand everything they said.

The weather was very hot. Some days it was too hot for me. I stayed on the beach most of the time. I swam, played with my friends and lay in the sun. I got a nice tan.

My friends and I decided to go camping nearby. We cycled there, and it was a big adventure.

I love theme parks, and my parents took me to a brilliant one. I have been to a few theme parks, but this one was my favourite. Every night there was loud music and colourful lights.

I loved everything about this holiday. I have had many holidays, but this has been my favourite one.

2 Read the text and answer the questions.

1. Where did Alice use to spend her summer holidays when she was a child? _____
2. Where did Alice go last summer? _____
3. How did Alice travel to Spain? _____
4. What did Alice think of the hotel? _____
5. What languages did Alice's new friends speak? _____
6. What did Alice and her friends do to get to the campsite? _____
7. What was Alice's favourite part of the holiday? _____

3 Are these sentences True (T) or False (F)? Write T or F.

	T	F
1. Alice had never travelled by plane before.	☐	☐
2. The hotel was far from the beach.	☐	☐
3. Alice found the weather too hot every day.	☐	☐
4. Alice and her friends walked to the campsite.	☐	☐
5. Alice has visited Spain many times.	☐	☐
6. Alice went to a theme park with her friends.	☐	☐
7. Alice has had better holidays than this one.	☐	☐

4 Find words in the text that mean:

1. very good _____
2. a place to sleep in when you are on holiday _____
3. a person you know and like _____
4. not easy _____
5. a place with rides and attractions _____
6. bright and with many colours _____

5 Vocabulary: Match the words (1–6) with the definitions (a–f).

1. excited	☐	a.	to ride a bike
2. adventure	☐	b.	to become brown from the sun
3. tan	☐	c.	to feel very happy and full of energy
4. campsite	☐	d.	a place where people stay in tents
5. lay	☐	e.	a new and exciting experience
6. cycle	☐	f.	to put your body down and rest

6 Complete the sentences. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect.

1. Alice _____ (go) to Spain last summer.
2. She _____ never _____ (travel) by plane before that holiday.
3. She _____ (stay) in a hotel near the beach.
4. She _____ already _____ (make) friends from different countries.
5. Alice _____ (swim) every day.
6. She _____ never _____ (forget) this holiday.
7. Her parents _____ (take) her to a theme park.
8. She _____ (have) many holidays, but this one is her favourite.

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