THE BEST AND WORST HOLIDAYS



Warm up

Look at the images below and match them to the types of holidays.

adventure holiday | beach holiday | camping holiday
city break | cruise | theme park holiday



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

Answer the following questions.

1. What are the good things and bad things about each holiday?
2. What type of holiday do you prefer? Why?

Write down five words connected to one holiday type. Can the rest of the class guess the holiday?

2 Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match each word or phrase to its correct definition.

Group 1

excel (v) | cabin (n) | stimulate (v) | unbeatable (adj.) | unique (adj.)

1. _____ a small house, usually made of wood
2. _____ impossible to defeat
3. _____ make someone interested or excited about something
4. _____ be very good at something
5. _____ being the only one of its kind

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Group 2

horizontal (adj.) literally (adv.) sandy (adj.) tropical (adj.) vertical (adj.)

1. _____ covered with sand
2. _____ coming from, found in or typical of a hot, sunny place
3. _____ going straight up or down
4. _____ flat and level and going across
5. _____ in the most exact, obvious way



Part B: Write the correct word or phrase from Part A in each sentence. Do you find any of the sentences surprising?

1. This place is a _____ paradise. I'd love to stay forever.
2. There are _____ millions of people on Facebook right now.
3. Young children should be given toys that _____ their senses.
4. He was laid _____ on the floor. I asked him what he was doing, and he said, 'sleeping'!
5. You will be given a _____ code. Don't share it with anyone.
6. We stayed in a little _____ in the mountains when we went skiing last winter.
7. The team look _____ at the moment. They haven't lost all year.
8. All children _____ at something whether it is maths, science, sports or music.
9. There was a _____ drop from the top of the cliff to the beach below.
10. I much prefer _____ beaches to those with lots of stones.

Discuss these questions with a classmate and use the word in bold in your answers.

1. What do you **excel at**?
2. Would you like to go to a **tropical** island for your holidays? Why/Why not?

3 Reading: general comprehension

You're going to read about four types of holidays for teenagers. What's important for teenagers when they go on holiday? Rank these ideas from most to least important.

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☐ pool and beach activities

☐ shopping

☐ sightseeing

☐ discos, music, nighttime entertainment

☐ spending time with family

☐ computer games, pool or table tennis tables

☐ food

☐ adventure sports (canoeing, climbing, go-karting)

Read the article from a travel magazine and write the holiday type each text is about: beach holiday, theme park stay, city break, adventure holiday.

Exciting holidays for teenagers

You've finished your exams and you're ready for a break, right? Well, we've been looking at thousands of UK holiday destinations for teenagers and chosen four that we think you will love. Take your pick!

A. _____

Teens in search of excitement and extreme sport will have an unforgettable time at Wales' newest adventure centre. Deep below the Snowdonia National Park, The Llechwedd Slate Caverns hide a strange underground world of trampoline nets and zip lines where you can fly and jump through an old mine.

Above ground, there are 4x4 drives and a tourist train for those who want something more relaxing, but others need to prepare themselves for a truly unique and breathtaking experience: the fastest zip line in the world! Fly over the Welsh countryside for nearly two kilometres, where you can travel at speeds of up over 100 mph while taking in unbeatable mountain views. Cabins are available from £120 per night. Book now!

B. _____

England's capital is full of entertainment. This is especially the case if you are keen on history and culture. You can walk past the UK Parliament and the guards at Buckingham Palace or enjoy many of London's city parks where there is always something going on. But, where London excels, is its museums. You can spend hours in the Natural History Museum, the British Museum or the Science Museum with their amazing permanent exhibitions. One thing is for sure, you will never be short of activities to stimulate your mind in this city. Double rooms are available from £167 but there are plenty of youth hostels that can be much cheaper. Book now!

C. _____

If you're a fan of waves or bodyboarding, Cornwall is where you want to be. It's a great place to learn to surf, and everyone who comes here can easily see why. The long sandy beaches are truly awesome, and the waves are perfect for all levels of surfer.

Another reason to come to Cornwall is the Eden Project which hosts the largest indoor rainforest in the world. Walk through thousands of plants from South East Asia, and West Africa to tropical South America. It's like stepping into a different world. Family rooms in luxury hotels with a pool from £260. Book now!

D. _____

Alton Towers is the UK's biggest theme park. Get your adrenaline rush from rides such as Rita (0-60mph in 2.5 seconds), Oblivion (the world's first vertical drop rollercoaster) and Galactica (a "flying" rollercoaster with riders in a horizontal flight position). New for this year is the Alton Towers Dungeon, a 45-minute hi-tech journey through dark history with real actors. There's plenty of places to stay, including hotels, forest lodges and stargazing pods – wooden houses with glass roofs so you sleep under the stars. We also love the Rollercoaster restaurant, in which food literally flies through the air to your table. Holiday homes from £120. Book now!

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Sources: The Independent, The Guardian

Glossary:
zip lines - a cable or rope stretched between two points at different heights that people slide down for fun
bodyboarding - the sport or activity of riding on a surfboard or bodyboard lying on your front
adrenaline rush - a physical feeling of intense excitement and stimulation

Read the article again and choose the correct holiday (A-D) for each statement.

1. The most expensive holiday. _____
2. Spend a lot of time inside. _____
3. Watch a live performance. _____
4. Learn how to do something. _____
5. A place that opened recently. _____
6. The cheapest holiday. _____
7. Learn about the past. _____
8. See a lot of countryside. _____

Which of these holidays would you choose to go on? Why?

Listening: holiday disasters

You are going to watch a video (00:00 - 03:28) called *Are These the Worst Vacation Disasters?* Look at the images below. How can you connect them to a holiday disaster?



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4

Write down three things that can go wrong on a holiday.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Watch the video and write where each holiday was and what went wrong.

holiday	where?	what went wrong?	vocabulary
1.	1	2	3
2.	4	5	6
3.	7	8	9
4.	10	11	12
5.	13	14	15

Which holiday would be the worst for you?

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Look at the words below and connect them to one of the holidays in the video in the table.

mattress / erupted / lava / aisles / trash /exclusive

refugee camp / bite / behaviour problems / stranger



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