# 46 Travel bookings

## A Types of holidays



adventure holiday



skiing holiday



family holiday



beach holiday



go on a cruise



city break

## B Online booking

Many people book their holiday **accommodation**[1] on the Internet. To **book online**[2], you need to search for your **destination**[3] and the dates when you plan to travel. You can look for hotels or **B&Bs**[4]. Often websites have low prices, especially in winter. It is helpful to read the online **reviews**[5] before you book the accommodation. A popular option for a **weekend break**[6] is to rent an apartment in an interesting city. But if you want to make life easy, you might like a **package holiday,** which includes the flight, hotel room and sometimes meals.

[1] a place where you stay
[2] to make a reservation using the Internet
[3] a place where you plan to travel
[4] bed and breakfast: a small hotel where breakfast is included in the price
[5] a description of a hotel, restaurant, etc, written by people who've been there
[6] a short holiday during a weekend

## C Renting a private apartment

Reply Forward

To Irene Sanders x CC BCC
From Oliver Weiss x 11:02 AM (2 hours ago)

Subject Re: Apartment with mountain view

Dear Irene,

We have arrived at your apartment. We **picked up**[1] the keys from the neighbours without any problems. We like the apartment a lot, but we have a few questions. We can't find the **wi-fi password**[2]. Could you send it to us? Also, the **listing**[3] said that there was an **iron**[4] in the kitchen, but we can't see it. Can you let us know where it is? Finally, it's very cold and we can't find the instructions for the **central heating**[5]. Where do we **switch it on**[6]?

Where's the **nearest** supermarket? And can you **recommend**[7] a **nearby**[8] restaurant for dinner? Somewhere cheap would be great!

All the best,
Oliver and Jo

[1] collect
[2] a secret group of letters and numbers, for connecting to wireless Internet
[3] written description of something to buy or rent
[4] a small machine that makes clothes smooth and flat
[5] a system that keeps a building warm
[6] make it start working
[7] say something is good
[8] not far



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# Exercises

**46.1** **Match the holiday types on the left with their descriptions on the right.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 a cruise | [c] | a | a holiday where there are activities for children as well as adults |
| 2 beach holiday | [ ] | b | a winter holiday in the mountains |
| 3 skiing holiday | [ ] | c | a holiday where you sleep on a boat and travel from one place to another |
| 4 adventure holiday | [ ] | d | a short holiday where you visit a city |
| 5 family holiday | [ ] | e | a holiday where you stay near the sea |
| 6 city break | [ ] | f | an unusual, exciting holiday, possibly with some danger, e.g. rock climbing or walking in the jungle |

**46.2** **Complete the dialogues with words from B.**

RUTH: Shall we book somewhere for our [1] *weekend* break?

HARRY: What about this hotel? It has great [2] ..... online. Five stars!

RUTH: I'd prefer somewhere a bit smaller, with breakfast included.

HARRY: OK, here's a nice [3] ..... in the countryside.

HANS: Have you found any [4] ..... yet?

PAULA: Yes, I've booked a four-star hotel in the city centre.

HANS: Was it very expensive?

PAULA: No, it was part of a [5] ....., so the hotel was included in the price.

**46.3** **Circle the words from B and C to complete each sentence.**

1 Many travellers prefer to (*book*) / *take* their holiday online, rather than on the phone.
2 Spain is a popular holiday *accommodation* / *destination* among British holiday-makers.
3 If you book a package *holiday* / *weekend break*, you don't have to book flights separately.
4 The apartment *listing* / *password* doesn't say if it has wi-fi or not. We'll have to email them.
5 The *central heating* / *iron* is broken and Sara's clothes are all creased.
6 The house has *listing* / *central heating*, so it is warm all through the winter months.

**46.4** **Look at C opposite. Correct the mistakes.**

1 When you arrive, you can pick ~~out~~ the keys from the reception desk. *up*
2 I recommence renting a car, as public transport is not very good. .....
3 The nearer train station is a five minute walk away. .....
4 The wi-fi passport is written on a piece of paper next to the computer. .....
5 I like staying in this area. There are quite a few nice cafés nearly. .....
6 To switch out the air conditioning, press this button. .....

**46.5** Over to you

**Answer these questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.**

**1** What type of holiday from A do you prefer?

**2** Do you read hotel reviews before you book online?

**3** Where do you like to stay when you travel: in a hotel, in a B&B or in a private apartment?



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