

Warm-up: Holidays & Present Tense Contrast

Name: _____ Date: _____

Exercise 1 — Holiday collocations

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

visit go hire play lie on eat out buy souvenirs sunbathe

1. We didn't go abroad this year. We went _____ a museum and _____ on the beach instead.
2. We _____ a car and drove along the coast.
3. In the evening we usually _____ table tennis or board games.
4. On holiday I like to _____ in nice restaurants and _____ for my family.
5. I love lying on the beach — I always _____ for hours!

Exercise 2 — Past simple: a holiday story

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple.

Last summer, my family and I _____ (go) to London for a city break. We _____ (visit) the Tower of London and _____ (see) lots of museums. We also _____ (go) on a boat trip on the river. We _____ (not / go) on the London Eye because it _____ (be) too expensive. In the evenings we _____ (eat out) at small restaurants near our hotel. _____ you _____ (have) a good holiday this year?

Exercise 3 — Present simple or present continuous?

Choose the correct tense. Think about routines vs. right now / this weekend.

1. I usually _____ (travel) with my parents, but this year I _____ (travel) with my friends.
2. Look! Those tourists _____ (take) photos of the castle.
3. We _____ (visit) my grandmother every summer.
4. I can't talk now — I _____ (pack) my suitcase for the trip!
5. My sister _____ always _____ (forget) her passport at the airport!

Exercise 4 — State verbs

Underline the correct form. Remember: state verbs (like, want, know, believe, prefer) are not usually continuous.

1. I think / I'm thinking that beach holidays are boring.
2. What do you think / are you thinking about right now?
3. I want / I'm wanting to go on an excursion tomorrow.
4. She knows / is knowing this city very well — she's been here five times.

Speaking (2-3 minutes)

Answer your tutor:

1. What did you do last weekend?
2. What are you doing this coming weekend?
3. What's the most enjoyable holiday activity you usually do in summer?