

My Favourite Holiday

ESL Writing



Warm-up Activity

Ask and answer these questions with a partner:

- Do you like holidays?
- Where do you usually go on holiday?

Vocabulary Focus

Match the activities with the pictures.

visit museums

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go sightseeing

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play games

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eat at restaurants

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go for hikes

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swim in the swimming pool

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relax on the beach

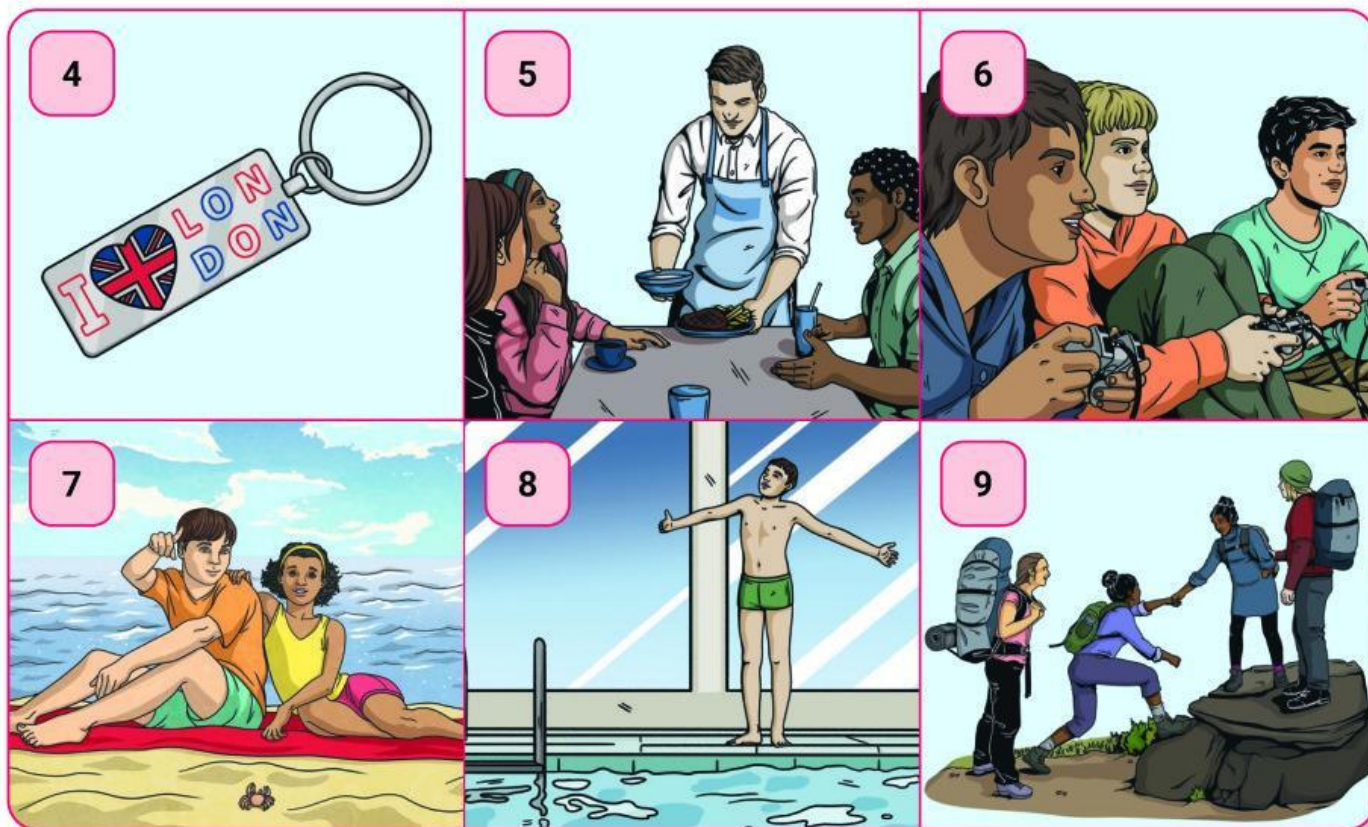
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take photos

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buy souvenirs

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Discuss: Which activities did you do on your last holiday?

Pre-Reading Activity

Tick the things you can write about in an email about a holiday:

- ☐ what you did on your holiday
- ☐ what food you ate
- ☐ your homework
- ☐ how you felt
- ☐ your daily routine
- ☐ your school schedule
- ☐ what the weather was like
- ☐ your pets

E-MAIL

Hi Celia,

I went to Italy on holiday! We arrived last week.

The weather was very hot and sunny.

I went to the beach with my family every day.

We swam in the sea and played beach volleyball.

In the afternoons, we often ate ice cream and relaxed.

In the evenings, we loved walking around the city.

We ate pasta in so many restaurants!

I really enjoyed my holiday. How was yours?

See you soon!

Greta

Activity 1

Find six verbs in the simple past. Write them below.

One example is done for you.

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| 1. went | 3. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ | 6. _____ |

Activity 2

Find the information in the text. Answer using full sentences.

1. Where did Greta go on holiday?

2. Who did she go with?

3. What did she do at the beach?

4. What did she eat in the evenings?

Activity 3

Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in the word bank.

go

eat

be

play

E-MAIL

Hi Kylan!

Last weekend, I _____ to Portugal with my cousins.

The weather _____ hot and sunny.

Every day, we _____ volleyball on the beach.

In the evening, we _____ at nice restaurants in the town.

See you soon!

Aldolfo

Activity 4

Complete your own email.

E-MAIL
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Hi _____.

I went to _____ on holiday.

I stayed in _____.

I went there with _____.

Every day, I _____.

In the afternoons, we _____.

_____.

In the evenings, we _____.

_____.

The weather was _____.

Writing

Now imagine you went on the holiday of your dreams.

Write 6-10 sentences about it.

Use the ideas and examples in the activities to help you.

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Handwriting practice area with 20 horizontal lines.

Additional Information: This resource has been made for the purpose of teaching English language learners. We know that students can be learning English in many different places, in many different ways and at any age, so we try to keep these resources as general as possible.

There are many acronyms associated with English language teaching. These include (but are not limited to) ELT, TEFL, EFL, ELL, EAL and ESOL. While the term ESL may not fully represent the linguistic backgrounds of all students, it is the most widely recognised term for English language teaching globally. Therefore, we use the term 'ESL' in the names of our resources to make them easy to find but they are suitable for any student learning to speak English.

Answers

Vocabulary Focus

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| 1. go sightseeing | 6. play games |
| 2. take photos | 7. relax on the beach |
| 3. visit museums | 8. swim in the swimming pool |
| 4. buy souvenirs | 9. go for hikes |
| 5. eat at restaurants | |

Activity 1

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| 1. arrived | 4. ate |
| 2. swam | 5. loved |
| 3. played | 6. enjoyed |

Activity 2

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| 1. Greta went to Italy on holiday. | 3. She swam in the sea and played beach volleyball. |
| 2. She went with her family. | 4. She ate pasta in the evenings. |

Activity 3

Hi Kylan!

Last weekend, I **went** to Portugal with my cousins.

The weather **was** hot and sunny.

Every day, we **played** volleyball on the beach.

In the evening, we **ate** at nice restaurants in the town.

See you soon!

Aldolfo