

## A

## Places to stay and types of holiday

**campsite:** a place where you can **pitch a tent** or park a **caravan**

**self-catering flat/apartment:** a flat which you rent; you cook for yourself

**guesthouse:** accommodation like a hotel but cheaper and with fewer services

**youth hostel:** cheap accommodation, mainly for young people, with, perhaps, ten or more people sleeping in **bunk beds** in one room

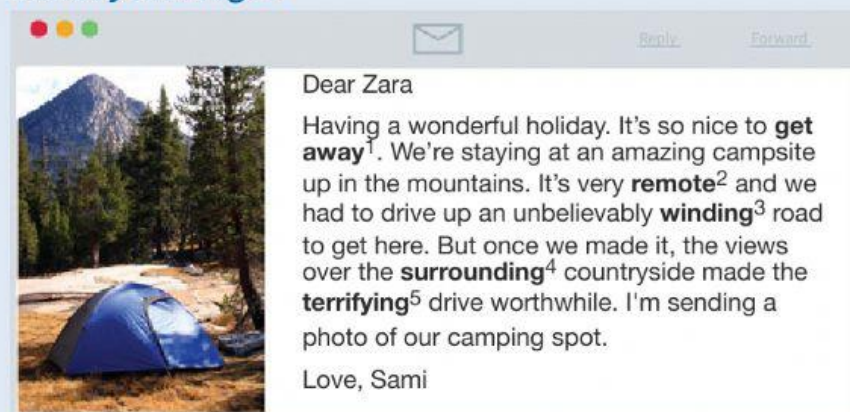
**package holiday:** a holiday in which you pay for travel, accommodation and food (even occasionally **excursions**) in advance

**cruise:** a holiday spent touring (or **cruising**) on a boat, stopping off to go sightseeing at different ports

an **adventure holiday:** a holiday involving unusual, exciting and possibly dangerous activities - suitable for **adventurous** people

## B

## Holiday messages



Dear Zara

Having a wonderful holiday. It's so nice to **get away**<sup>1</sup>. We're staying at an amazing campsite up in the mountains. It's very **remote**<sup>2</sup> and we had to drive up an unbelievably **winding**<sup>3</sup> road to get here. But once we made it, the views over the **surrounding**<sup>4</sup> countryside made the **terrifying**<sup>5</sup> drive worthwhile. I'm sending a photo of our camping spot.

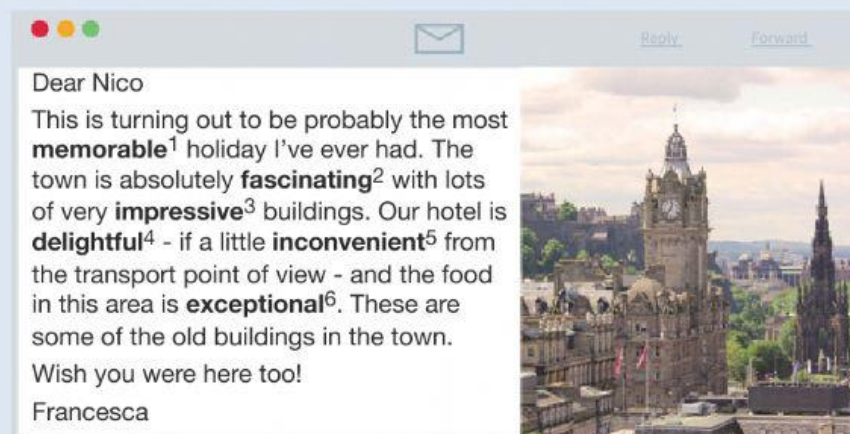
Love, Sami

<sup>1</sup> go somewhere different

<sup>2</sup> far from other places

<sup>3</sup> with lots of bends, not at all straight    <sup>4</sup> all around

<sup>5</sup> very frightening



Dear Nico

This is turning out to be probably the most **memorable**<sup>1</sup> holiday I've ever had. The town is absolutely **fascinating**<sup>2</sup> with lots of very **impressive**<sup>3</sup> buildings. Our hotel is **delightful**<sup>4</sup> - if a little **inconvenient**<sup>5</sup> from the transport point of view - and the food in this area is **exceptional**<sup>6</sup>. These are some of the old buildings in the town.

Wish you were here too!

Francesca

<sup>1</sup> one that will always be remembered (*a memorable holiday* is a strong collocation)    <sup>2</sup> extremely

interesting    <sup>3</sup> grand, making an impact

<sup>4</sup> charming    <sup>5</sup> hard to get to    <sup>6</sup> unusually good

## C

## Holiday brochures

These are often written in quite exaggerated language. Here are some typical adjectives with nouns that they collocate with.

**brehtaking** views / scenery / pistes (ski slopes) [breathtaking (like **stunning**) suggests that something is so magnificent that it takes your breath away]

**exclusive** access / club / shops [only the most special people can use the facilities]

**exhilarating** feeling / ride / walk [makes you feel excited and full of energy]

**exotic** beauty / charm / location [unusual and more exciting than your everyday reality]

**glamorous** surroundings / film star / hotel [especially exciting and attractive]

**luxurious** cruise ship / accommodation / lifestyle [provides great comfort]

**picturesque** streets / villages / cottage [very pretty; attractive to look at - **as pretty as a picture**]

**unspoilt** charm / village / woodland [still in a beautiful and natural state]

**unique** opportunity / charm / facilities [so special it does not exist anywhere else]

# Exercises

## 32.1 Complete this table. Use a dictionary to help you, if necessary.

adjective	noun	verb
fascinating	<i>fascination</i>	
delightful		
exhilarating		
glamorous		
luxurious		

## 32.2 Fill in the gaps in this holiday message with appropriate adjectives from the opposite page.

Hi,

Am having a wonderful holiday here. The town here is very old and quite <sup>1</sup> *fascinating*. The guidebook says it is remarkable for its <sup>2</sup> ..... charm and it is right! It is surrounded by magnificent mountains and yesterday I went for an <sup>3</sup> ..... climb. Even though it isn't too expensive, the hotel is quite <sup>4</sup> ..... and the view from my balcony is <sup>5</sup> .....

Wish you were here!

Love, P

## 32.3 Complete these sentences with a word from the opposite page.

- At the youth hostel Anya insisted on sleeping in the top *bunk* .....
- As soon as we got to the campsite we ..... our tent.
- Visitors to our hotel have ..... access to our own private beach.
- It's often cheaper to go on a ..... holiday, where everything is paid for in advance.
- I'd love to hire a boat and spend a month ..... round the Mediterranean, wouldn't you?
- I wouldn't recommend that hotel. It's extremely ..... ; it's seven miles to the nearest beach and ten miles to the town.
- Our trip to South Africa was undoubtedly the most ..... holiday I've ever had.
- A narrow ..... road led up the mountain to the cottage we'd rented.

## 32.4 Which of the adjectives from C could describe each of these?

- a club which only a select group of members can go to *an exclusive club* .....
- a hotel with very expensive facilities and very attentive staff .....
- a village with very pretty buildings and lots of flowers .....
- a view from the top of a mountain over a magnificent landscape .....
- the opportunity to go on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday .....
- a walk along a windswept beach .....

## 32.5 Over to you

Answer these questions. Write sentences.

- Which of the holiday places and types of holiday in A have you or your friends experienced?
- Which would you prefer and why - a holiday in the centre of a historic city or one in a remote village with spectacular surrounding countryside?
- What's the most memorable holiday you've ever had?
- Which would you say is the most impressive city you've visited?
- What would you say is the most fascinating place you've been to?
- Have you ever had a holiday experience you'd describe as terrifying?