

VOCABULARY **holidays**

1. In one minute, write down five things you like doing when you're on holiday.

2. Match the verbs and pictures.

Go abroad



Go swimming / sailing

Go sightseeing

Go camping

Go by car / bus / plane

Go to the beach

Go out at night

Go away for the weekend

Go for a walk

3. Complete the verb phrases.

BUY HAVE MEET RENT SPEND STAY SUNBATHE TAKE WALK

_____ in a hotel	_____ on the beach	_____ an apartment
_____ photos	_____ a good time	_____ in the mountains
_____ souvenirs	_____ money / time	_____ friends

4. In pairs, interview your partner with the holiday questionnaire. Ask *why*?

Which do you prefer...?

- Going abroad **or** going on holiday in your country?
- Going by car, bus, plane **or** train?
- Going to the beach **or** going to a city?
- Staying in a hotel (or apartment) **or** going camping?
- Sunbathing, sightseeing **or** going for walks?
- Hot, sunny weather **or** cool, cloudy weather?
- Going with friends **or** going with your family?

READING & SPEAKING

1. Work in pairs. **A** read about Joe's holiday. **B** read about Laura's holiday. Find the answers to questions a-e.
 - a. Where did he / she go on holiday?
 - b. Who did he / she go with?
 - c. Where did he / she stay?
 - d. What was the weather like?
 - e. Why didn't he / she enjoy the holiday?
2. Read your partner's text. In pairs, guess the meaning of the **highlighted** words and phrases. Whose holiday do you think was worse? Why?

The place is perfect, the weather is wonderful,

but if you are with the wrong person, a holiday can be a disaster...

Joe 28, a flight attendant

Last October I went on holiday to Thailand for two weeks with my girlfriend, Mia.

The holiday began well. We spent two days in Bangkok and saw the Floating Market and the Royal Palace. But things went wrong when we left Bangkok. I wanted to stay in **hostels**, which were basic but clean; but Mia said they were too uncomfortable and so we stayed in quite expensive hotels. I wanted to experience the local **atmosphere**, but Mia just wanted to go shopping. I thought I knew Mia very well, but you don't know a person until you travel with them. It was awful! We argued about everything.

For our last four days we went to Ko Chang, a beautiful island. It was like being in paradise. The weather was lovely, and the beaches were wonderful, but we just sunbathed without speaking. We spent our last night back in Bangkok and we went for a drink with some Australians. They were really friendly, and Mia started **flirting** with one of the boys. That was the end.

When we arrived at Heathrow airport the next day we decided to **break up**.

I took hundreds of photos, but when I got home, I didn't show them to anyone.

Laura 26, a nurse

Last spring my best friend Isabelle and I booked a holiday in Venice. We rented a small apartment for a week with a fantastic **view** of the **canals**. At the last moment, another friend, Linda, asked if she could come too. We **felt sorry** for her because she had problems with her boyfriend, so we said yes.

Venice was magical and the weather was perfect, but the holiday was a disaster for one simple reason: Linda was so mean! She has a good job, so she's not poor, but she just didn't want to pay for anything. When we went sightseeing, she didn't want to go to any museum or galleries that cost money. When we went on a gondola, she complained that it was very expensive. When we went to have lunch or dinner, she always wanted to go to cheap restaurants, or she bought pizzas and ate them in the flat. But the night I invited her and Isabella out on my birthday she chose the most expensive things on the menu! The worst thing was that, although Isabella and I paid for the apartment, Linda never once bought us a coffee or a drink.

I'd love to go back to Venice one day... but definitely without Linda.

LISTENING

1. You are going to listen to Mia and Linda talking about the holidays. First listen to Mia. Does she agree with Joe about the holiday?

2. Listen again. What does Mia say about...?
 - a. her relationship with Joe before they went
 - b. the places where they stayed?
 - c. Talking to other travellers?
 - d. Photos?
 - e. Going on holiday with a boyfriend

3. Now listen to Linda. What's her opinion of the holiday?

4. Listen again. What does Linda say about...?
 - a. Venice
 - b. What they did there
 - c. The cost of the holiday
 - d. Her next holiday

GRAMMAR PAST SIMPLE: regular & irregular verbs

1. What is the past simple of these verbs? Are they regular or irregular? Check your answers in Joe's text.

GO _____

BEGIN _____

SPEND _____

LEAVE _____

WANT _____

BE _____ / _____

STAY _____

THINK _____

KNOW _____

ARGUE _____

TAKE _____

SUNBATHE _____

2. Think about your answers to the questions below.

Where / go?

When / go?

Who / go with?

Where / stay?

What / the food like?

What / the weather like?

What / do during the day?

What / do at night?

/ have a good time?