

STEP BY STEP TO WRITE AN ESSAY: MY LAST HOLIDAY



Task 1: Look at this SAMPLE essay and check how the information is organised in paragraphs. Use the correct tense of the verbs in bracket.

Last summer I _____ (go) on holiday to New York with my girlfriend. We _____ (travel) by plane, **and** the journey _____ (be) very tiring. We _____ (be) really excited about visiting The Big Apple for the first time, **so** 14 hours _____ (seem) a long time.

We _____ (stay) in a hotel in Manhattan. We _____ (book) a room that _____ (be, not) very big or bright, **but** it _____ (be, not) expensive, **and** the best part is that the hotel _____ (be) very close to Central Park. It _____ (be) fantastic to get up in the morning **because** we _____ (can) go running in the park before breakfast.

We _____ (do) a lot of sightseeing. **First**, we _____ (visit) all the most important buildings and museums in the city. **Then**, we also went on a helicopter tour. It _____ (be) amazing! **But** the best thing for us _____ (be) to walk around and watch the people, the cars, and the buildings. It _____ (be) like being in a film!

Task 2: Fill in the gaps with **and**, **but**, **because**, **so**.

1 It was very hot, _____ we decided to go to the beach.

2 We did some sightseeing _____ bought some souvenirs.

3 We arrived at the hotel very late _____ our flight was delayed.

4 Our room didn't have good views, _____ the hotel was really nice.

5 We were very tired from the journey, _____ we stayed in the hotel to rest.

6 I couldn't take any pictures _____ my camera was broken.

7 In the morning we went on a river safari, _____ in the afternoon we went on a car tour of the lion reserve.

8 We wanted to do some shopping _____ all the shops were closed.

9 The taxis were very expensive, _____ we took a bus.

10 We rented an apartment _____ we didn't want to go to a hotel.



Task 3: Write an essay about your last holiday. (no less than 100 words)

Organisation:

- *Paragraph 1: Where, when and how you travelled. Who you went with.*
- *Paragraph 2: Where you stayed.*
- *Paragraph 3: What you visited/saw, what activities you did.*



CHECK LIST FOR WRITING:

- 1. Use simple past tense: was/were; V2/ed**
- 2. Use connectors:** Use **and, but, because, so**, and other linking words (**first, then, finally**) to connect the sentences.
- 3. Use a variety of vocabulary related to the topic of holiday:** go on holiday/ vacation/ a tour/ a safari, travel by, stay in, book a hotel/ room, rent an apartment, close to the park/ beach/ mountain, go/ do sightseeing, buy souvenirs, take photos/ pictures, have good views/ do shopping ...

THE END!