

## 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.

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**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!*