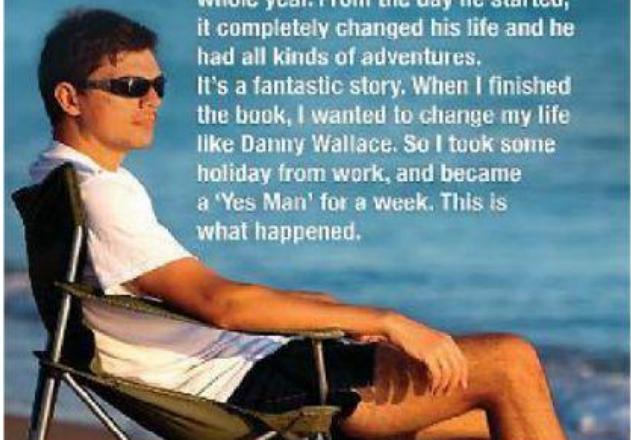


YES MAN CHANGED MY LIFE

by Richard Collins

Yes Man is the best book I've ever read. It's the true story of a year in the life of author, Danny Wallace. Before Danny Wallace became the 'Yes Man', his life was boring and he felt old. So he decided to make things more exciting. He started saying "yes" to every question people asked him. And he did it for a whole year. From the day he started, it completely changed his life and he had all kinds of adventures.

It's a fantastic story. When I finished the book, I wanted to change my life like Danny Wallace. So I took some holiday from work, and became a 'Yes Man' for a week. This is what happened.



Day One

I started on Saturday morning. At 10 am, I got my first question. I saw a poster in the window of a travel agent's. It said, "Tired?" (Yes – I slept badly the night before, so I was tired). Under this, it said, "Do you need a holiday?" (Yes, definitely.) So I went in. The travel agent asked me where I wanted to go. But before I could answer, she said, "Somewhere hot?"

I don't like hot weather, but I said, "Yes."

"A beach holiday? Maybe in Greece?"

I don't like the beach. I prefer cities. But I said, "Yes."

"What kind of accommodation? A hotel? Or a ..."

I hate hotels, but before she could continue, I said, "Yes."

Five minutes later everything was ready. My flight was the next day.

Day Two

I arrived at my hotel on the island of Zante at lunchtime. It was very, very hot. I just wanted to check in and unpack my suitcase, but the receptionist said, "We have a minibus to the beach in ten minutes. Do you want to go?"

You know the answer I gave her.

It was about 40°C at the beach. Luckily, I brought suntan lotion. A man came towards me: "Sunglasses? Do you want sunglasses?"

I had some in my bag, but I said, "Yes."

Five minutes later, another man came: "Beautiful hat, sir?" I tried not to look at him.

Three hours later, I had two pairs of sunglasses, three hats, a watch and a woman's necklace.

It was difficult to carry all my new things back to the minibus. I decided: no trips tomorrow, just rest. When I got back, the receptionist asked, "Did you like the beach?"

I didn't, but I said, "Yes."

"Oh, there's a water skiing course tomorrow. Do you want me to book a place for you?"

I can't swim very well and I don't like water sports. I said, "No."

LIVE WORKSHEETS

1. Read *Yes Man changed my life* and answer the questions.

- 1 What is Danny Wallace's book, *Yes Man* about?
- 2 What did Richard do after he read *Yes Man*?

2. Read *Day One* and *Day Two* and then answer the questions.

Day One

- 1 Why did Richard go into the travel agent's?
- 2 What holiday did he book?
- 3 Did he book the kind of holiday he usually likes?
- 4 When was his flight?

Day Two

- 1 Why did Richard go to the beach?
- 2 How was the weather?
- 3 What did he buy at the beach?
- 4 What is he going to do on Day Three? How does he feel about it?

3.  Listen to Richard describing day three. Are sentences 1–5 true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 The class began with a lesson before they went out to sea.
- 2 Richard felt fine when they went out on the boat.
- 3 He found it difficult to stand up on the water skis.
- 4 He hated water skiing.
- 5 When he got back to the hotel, he went to bed.