

Vacations

VOCABULARY Look at the pictures and complete the phrases.



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| 1. Go _____. | 6. go _____ at night. |
| 2. Go _____ a
_____. | 7. _____ in a hotel. |
| 3. _____ flights on the
internet. | 8. go _____. |
| 4. go _____. | 9. _____ on the beach. |
| 5. _____ skis. | 10. go _____ for the
weekend. |

Complete the sentences with and adjective.

- We loved our room. It was very c_____.
- The weather was warm and s_____ every day.
- There were a lot of people everywhere. It was very cr_____.
- We ate very well. The food was d_____.
- They were very unh_____, and sometimes very rude.
- There wasn't much in the apartment. It was very b_____. It didn't even have a refrigerator.
- The other people on the trip were very fr_____. We hope to meet some of them again in the future.
- The town was n_____. All the houses had flowers on the balcony and were painted different colors.
- It was cl_____, and we didn't see the sun at all.
- Our first meal was d_____, so we didn't eat at the hotel again.

READING Read the text and answer the questions.

**The place is perfect,
the weather is wonderful,** but if you're with the wrong person, a vacation can be a disaster...

Joe 28, a flight attendant

Last October, I went on vacation to Thailand for two weeks with my girlfriend, Mia. The vacation 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. So we stayed in very expensive hotels. I wanted to experience the local atmosphere, but Mia just wanted to go shopping. I thought I knew Mia well, but you don't know a person until you travel with him or her. 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 beautiful and the beaches were wonderful, but we just sunbathed without speaking. We spent our last night back in Bangkok, and we met some travelers from Australia. They were really friendly, and Mia started flirting with one of the boys. That was the end. When we arrived at O'Hare International 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 vacation in Costa Rica. We rented a small house for a week with a fantastic view of the ocean. At the last minute 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.

Costa Rica was magical and the weather was perfect, but the vacation was a disaster for one simple reason : Linda was so cheap ! 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 on any cruises or do or do any nature activities that cost money. When we went on a zipline tour, she complained that it was too expensive. When we went to have lunch or dinner, she always wanted to go to cheap restaurants or she bought a sandwich and ate it in the house. But the night I invited her and Isabelle out on my birthday, she chose the most expensive things on the menu ! The worst thing was that although Isabelle and I paid for the house, Linda never once bought us a coffee or a snack.

I'd love to go back to Costa Rica one day... but without Linda.

1. Where did they do on vacation?

2. Who did they go with?

3. Where did they stay?

4. What was the weather like?

5. Why didn't they enjoy the vacation ?

LISTENING Listen to five speaker talking about vacations they didn't enjoy. Which speaker... ?

Match the phrases with the speakers.

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| a) didn't have a very exciting weekend. | Speaker 1 |
| b) wasn't with the people he / she wanted to be with | Speaker 2 |
| c) Chose a vacation destination because of the weather there | Speaker 3 |
| d) went on vacation after a relationship ended | Speaker 4 |
| e) didn't feel well when he / she was on vacation | Speaker 5 |