

Holiday activities 68.1

1 a) Match the verbs and prepositions in A to the words in B.

A	B
1 have	a) skiing
2 go to	b) picnics
3 go	c) friends/family
4 stay with	d) the beach
5 travel by	e) cycling
6 go	f) public transport
7 go	g) sightseeing
8 rent	h) a car/a bike
9 go on	i) shopping
10 stay in	j) a hotel
11 go for	k) walks
12 go	l) boat trips

b) Fill in the gaps in James's email with the correct form of the verbs in 1a) and a preposition if necessary.

Hi Rachel

I arrived in San Francisco ten days ago and I love it here. I ¹ go sightseeing every day and ² travel by public transport – you're right, the cable cars are great. Two days ago I ³ a boat trip to Alcatraz – it was really interesting. Did you know Al Capone was a prisoner there? And yesterday I ⁴ shopping at Fisherman's Wharf and then I ⁵ the beach and sunbathed all afternoon.

Last weekend I ⁶ a car and went to the Wine Country, in the mountains near San Francisco. I ⁷ a small hotel in the Napa Valley and on Saturday I ⁸ a long walk to the top of Mount St Helena. The views were fantastic! On Sunday I ⁹ a bike and ¹⁰ cycling with two very nice people I met at the hotel. We ¹¹ a picnic at Lake Hennessey – it's beautiful there. And did you know you can ¹² skiing in California in the winter?

See you next week!

James

can/can't for possibility 68.1

2 Roger is British. He's got a new job in Queensland, Australia. Fill in the gaps with *can* or *can't*.

ROGER Karen, what ¹ *can*, I do at the weekend near here?

KAREN Well, you ² go to the beach, of course. But you ³ swim at some beaches because there are lots of jellyfish and they're very dangerous.

ROGER That's OK. I ⁴ swim very well anyway!

KAREN Or you ⁵ go to the rainforest and stay in a national park.

ROGER ⁶ I camp there?

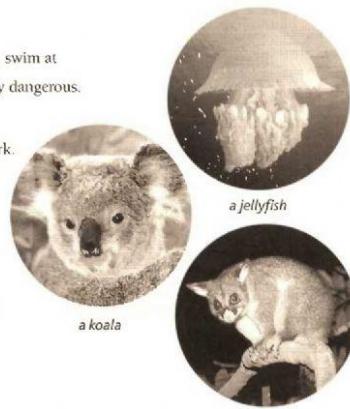
KAREN Yes, you ⁷ And it's usually free.

ROGER That sounds good.

KAREN Yes, it's beautiful. You ⁸ go for walks by the river, but you ⁹ go fishing there because it's a national park. There are also lots of animals, like koalas and possums.

ROGER That's a great idea. Er, would you like to come with me?

KAREN I'm sorry, I ¹⁰ Next time, maybe.



Comparatives 68.2

3 Luke and Monica are at the airport after their holiday in Thailand. Compare them and write sentences.



1 Luke is / tall / Monica.

Luke is taller than Monica.

2 Monica looks / young / Luke.

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3 Luke is / hot / Monica.

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4 Luke's suitcase is / big / Monica's.

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5 Monica looks / happy / Luke.

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6 Luke had a / bad / time / Monica.

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7 Monica had a / good / time / Luke.

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THE RITZ HOTEL

London

opened: 1906
number of rooms: 133
price per night: £310–£1,950
facilities: beauty and fitness room, babysitting, conference room, 24-hour room service
airport: Heathrow 29 km
number of restaurants and bars: 2
dinner: 18.00–23.00
don't miss: traditional English afternoon tea at 1.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.



RAFFLES HOTEL

Singapore

opened: 1887
number of rooms: 103
price per night: £225–£1,280
facilities: 24-hour gym and swimming pool, more than 50 shops, business centre
airport: Changi 25 km
number of restaurants and bars: 19
dinner: 19.00–22.00 in the Tiffin Room
don't miss: the story of the hotel in the Raffles Museum

4 Read about two famous hotels. Then fill in the gaps with the comparative form of the adjectives and *The Ritz* or *Raffles*. Use *than* if necessary.

1 *Raffles* is *older than* (*old*) *The Ritz*.

2 is (*big*)

3 is (*small*)

4 Rooms at are (*cheap*) rooms at

5 is (*expensive*)

6 is (*near*) to the airport.

7 It's (*easy*) to decide where to eat at

8 It's (*difficult*) to decide where to eat at

9 You can have dinner (*early*) at

10 I think looks (*beautiful*) than