

3e Speaking skills

2 a) Complete the dialogue with the sentences below.

- A Did you have a good time on holiday?
- B I'm very sorry to hear that.
- C That's terrible!
- D We certainly did.
- E What went wrong?
- F I hope your next holiday isn't such a bad experience.
- G I wasn't happy with the food.

Ann: **1** 

Ben: Not really.

Ann: Why not? **2** 

Ben: Well, to start with, our car broke down and we had to wait for several hours before anyone came to help. Then we got to the hotel and found out that our room was far too cramped.

Ann: **3** 

Did you make a complaint to the hotel management? Ben: **4** 

But the hotel was already fully booked. Anyway, we unpacked our bags and went down to the beach. But it was so dirty and smelly that we had to spend the entire holiday round the hotel pool!

Ann: **5** 

Ben: It is. Then, to make matters worse, **6** 

It was so bad, in fact, that we ended up spending a lot of money eating out every night, even though our meals were included in the price of the holiday!

Ann: No way! Did you make a complaint to the travel agency?

Ben: As soon as we got back! They offered to compensate us, but still, our holiday had already been ruined.

Ann: **7** 

Speaking skills

Describing pictures

Look at the picture and complete the description. **CHECK** 

STUDY SKILLS

Describing pictures

Describe the people and activities as fully as possible. Imagine you are describing the picture to a person who can't see it, so be as detailed as possible.

I can see 1)  children in the picture.

There is a young girl and a young 2) 

They are at the 3)  I can see the sea in the background. I think it's noon because the

4)  is very bright. It's a beautiful day and it is probably quite hot. The children are smiling.

It's hard to see what they are wearing, but I guess they are wearing their swimsuits or T-shirts and shorts. The girl is wearing

a straw 5)  with a large yellow 6)  on it. The boy

is wearing a red baseball 7)  and is holding a 8) 

Both children are wearing colourful swimming goggles. I'm sure they are





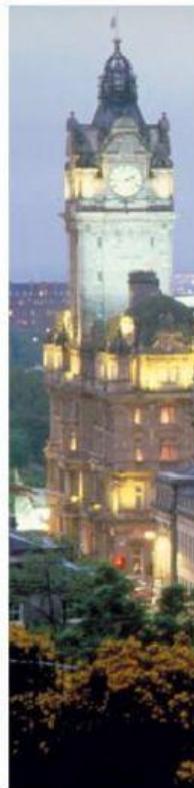
Model analysis

1 Read the rubric, then the model.

Your teacher has asked you to write a description about a place you visited on holiday last year. Describe the place and say what you saw and did there (120-180 words).

Which paragraph mentions: ...

- ... A the writer's comments about the place?
- ... B what the writer saw and did there?
- ... C the name of the place and the reason for going there?
- ... D what the place was like?



A Perfect City Break

1 Last October my best friend and I booked a short break in the famous city of Edinburgh on Scotland's east coast. We stayed at a small hotel near the city centre. When we arrived, a cold wind was blowing and there was a thick mist, but that just made the atmosphere more exciting and mysterious!

2 Edinburgh is an amazing city. Apart from the modern areas, it is full of beautiful historic buildings and narrow cobbled streets which add to its magic.

3 We didn't have time to see and do everything. We visited Edinburgh Castle and saw the Scottish Crown Jewels. Then, we explored Mary King's Close with its creepy hidden underground streets and houses. The city's poor lived there in the 17th century. There were also several traditional restaurants where they served the Scottish speciality, haggis. It looked weird but was surprisingly tasty.

4 We enjoyed every minute of our visit. Edinburgh is so fascinating that I definitely plan to go back one day.



4 Fill in the appropriate adverbs. ...

increasingly

gracefully

comfortably

luxuriously

lazily

aimlessly

1 We sunbathed ... on the beach every day. ...

2 I sat ... in a café and enjoyed the amazing view across the city. ...

3 The city is becoming ... popular with young people. ...

4 She danced ... to the music with the other festival-goers. ...

5 The palace was ... decorated. ...

6 I wandered ... through the cobbled streets looking in the shop windows. ...