Reading

Britain is different!

1 The British Tourist Board is, at the moment, trying to sell one big idea to British people: *Don't go abroad for your holiday this summer.* To make **its** message clear, it has come up with a slogan that is simple and effective: *No passport, no visa, no euros.* There is even a new word in the English language to describe staying at home for your holidays – *staycation* – which combines the verb *stay* and the American word for holidays, *vacation*. The Tourist Board sincerely hopes that staycation will become the word of the summer.

2 2012, for example, was an especially good year to holiday in Britain. On the one hand, it was the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, and on the other hand, the Olympic Games were taking place in London. Many stars are working with the tourist board to push Britain as a holiday destination. One of **them** is Rupert Grint, the red-haired boy from the Harry Potter films. As he says in an advert, *Why go surfing on Bondi beach (in Australia), when* ***you*** *can do the same thing at Bridlington Beach (in the north of England).*

3 The country's hotel and restaurant industry, and the government, are all crossing their fingers that people will respond to the message, as they all desperately need the money. However, there is no guarantee that British people will in the end decide to take a *staycation*. After all, a week in Spain is much cheaper than **one** in Britain, even after you've paid for the flight; and the weather will almost certainly be better, too.

1 Read the text. Answer the questions in your own words.

1 What is the message of the slogan '*No passport, no visa, no euros*'?
2 What do Rupert Grint and the government have in common?
3 Why is a *staycation* in Britain not necessarily an attractive option?

2 What do these words refer to?

1 its (paragraph 1) .....
2 them (paragraph 2) .....
3 you (paragraph 2) .....
4 one (paragraph 3) .....

3 Find words and phrases in the text which mean the same as:

1 invent (paragraph1) .....
2 popular expression (paragraph 1) .....
3 sell, promote (paragraph 2) .....
4 hoping (paragraph 3) .....

4 Work in groups. Invent a slogan to sell your own town or country as a holiday destination.

Listening

1 5 **You are going to listen to an interview with a travel journalist. He talks about three places where he has stayed. Listen, look at the table and complete the notes with a word or short phrase.**

Country	Where he stayed	Characteristics of the place
1.....	2.....	3 25 metres .....
		4 You can ..... and give them food
5.....	6.....	7 Each room is a .....
		8 There is a bed, a TV, a radio and .....
9.....	10.....	11 It was .....

2 Which of the three places would you like to stay in? Why?

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5 **Complete the sentences. Then, work in pairs and complete the questionnaire.**

✦ *My holiday habits* ✦

1 Can you put ..... a .....?

2 Have you ever been .....? If your answer is yes, say which country or countries you have visited.

3 How often do you ....?

4 Do you normally ..... in a ..... when you go on holiday?

5 Did you buy any ..... on your last holiday? If your answer is yes, say what they were.

6 Do you think it's important to ..... a ..... in the summer? Why/Why not?

7 Have you ....? If your answer is yes, talk about it.

8 How long does it take you to ..... your ..... when you go on holiday?

6 **Read the story. Replace the underlined words with *get* in the correct form. Sometimes you need to add a preposition.**

The strange telegram

It was dark when the famous detective Sherlock Holmes [1] arrived at ..... Trafalgar Square with Dr Watson.

'Why have we come here, Holmes?' asked Watson.

'Because I [2] received ..... a telegram this morning,' said Homes. 'It said, "Come to Trafalgar Square at midnight. You will see something interesting." Watson, can you [3] fetch ..... my gun? It's in my bag.'

Watson was surprised, 'But why do you want your gun, Holmes?' And he was worried, 'This is [4] becoming ..... dangerous!'

'Watson, are you a man or a mouse?' said Holmes angrily.

'I'm sorry, Holmes,' said Watson nervously. 'Here's your gun. Is it new?'

'Yes, I [5] bought ..... it at Samson's yesterday,' Holmes replied.

'Look, Holmes! There's a man with a mask. He's [6] entering ..... that bus!' shouted Watson.

'And he's got a bomb in his hand.'

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7 Rewrite the sentences with the words in the box.

arrive	become	buy	fetch	receive	walk

1 Our parents hardly ever get angry.

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2 What time will we get to our hotel?

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3 Please get the car keys for me.

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4 What time did they get on the plane?

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5 I get a lot of texts every day.

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6 Where did you get your new T-shirt?

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8 Match the beginnings of the sentences 1–8 with the endings a–h.

1	This year we booked	a	a tan in Cyprus.
2	I have never lost	b	lots of souvenirs on her holiday.
3	Adam and Lucy Smith stayed	c	into our hotel late at night.
4	They look forward to getting	d	in a good hotel.
5	Amanda bought	e	lost.
6	We checked	f	abroad on holiday.
7	Take a map with you, or you'll get	g	my luggage on holiday.
8	I love going	h	our holiday online.

9 Correct sentences. Rewrite the incorrect sentences.If the sentence is correct write OK

1 He's been in Brighton for ten days.

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2 Paco and Jorge have been friends since a long time.

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3 How long your father has worked for the newspaper?

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4 We are on holiday in Portugal since 5th August.

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5 It hasn't rained for almost a month!

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6 I haven't written any emails for last weekend.

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7 She just finished her homework.

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