

Reading Practice

Read the text and choose the best answer to the questions.

- 1) How did the writer feel before going on vacation?
a) She was optimistic. b) She thought it would go wrong.
c) She was nervous about going on vacation with her boyfriend.
- 2) What was the first thing to go wrong?
a) Their bags were lost. b) Their flight was late. c) They missed their flight.
- 3) What was wrong with the hotel?
a) The people were unfriendly and the food was awful.
b) The hotel and the pool were dirty.
c) The beach was too far away and the pool was too small.
- 4) Why did they decide to go for a drive?
a) Because they wanted to see the mountains. b) Because they were bored.
c) Because they didn't like swimming.
- 5) Why did they have an argument?
a) Because her boyfriend wanted to buy a rug. b) Because her boyfriend blamed her for the car breaking down. c) Because she wanted to go to the rug store, and he didn't.

I have just had the worst vacation of my life. All the ingredients for a good time were there: boyfriend of three months, sunny weather, beautiful beaches...but everything that could go wrong, did!

It all started well enough. We met at the airport as planned, and, after checking in our bags, enjoyed a coffee together. But when we got to the departure gate, we found that our flight was delayed. We waited by the gate, and when we finally took off, five hours late – our bags didn't. When we arrived, they were nowhere to be seen.

Undeterred, we caught a taxi to the hotel. The "short walk to the beach" described on the hotel website was actually a thirty-minute walk in the scorching heat across a building site. What had looked like a huge blue swimming pool was actually a small concrete tank that a child wouldn't be able to swim in with no water in it. Maybe the hotel was better inside, we thought, but, no, the entire place was being cleaned after a bed-bug infestation, and we weren't allowed to go up to our rooms for four hours. At this point, we should have realized that the vacation was doomed, but we didn't.

Things improved slightly. Our bags arrived – two days late – the staff was friendly, and the food was good. One day, because it was too windy to sit on the beach and we couldn't swim because it was too cold, we decided to rent a car and drive into the mountains. But the car broke down. A helpful local took us to his village to find a garage and suggested we go to his cousin's rug store while we waited. I said yes, because I love shopping, but my boyfriend was more reluctant. They offered us some tea, so we stayed drinking tea for a while, but when we didn't want to buy a rug, they got angry, and we had to leave the store. My boyfriend blamed me for going to the store, and we had an argument and spent the rest of the vacation not speaking to each other. We should have stayed home.