

Reading

Hi Sofia,

We're on holiday in Malta at the moment. We're staying on the island of Gozo for a week! Mum booked the flights ten days ago so it was a total surprise. I can't believe we're here. We flew from Manchester airport. We aren't on a package holiday but Dad booked a fantastic hotel near the beach. Tomorrow is our last day. ☺

The first day we went to the beach and we all went swimming and I went surfing too. I wasn't very good so I fell into the water a lot!! The following day, we found a bike shop and got bikes for the day and rode for hours. My legs hurt after that, but it was fun.

The next day we went on an excursion by coach. First, we went to the Cittadella – it's the beautiful old town in Victoria. We walked round the streets and went to a museum. The tour guide there was fantastic. I learned all about the history of the town. Then we went shopping and I bought some souvenirs for my friends and for me. I got one for you! We ate lunch in a lovely restaurant and then in the afternoon we visited the Ggantija Temple. I took some amazing photos so you can see them when we get back.

This morning we went out on a boat trip and Mum and I went diving. Dad stayed with Rob on the boat because he couldn't go diving – he's only seven. We saw hundreds of fish of all different colours. It was really cool.

See you soon!

Sam

1 Read the text and put the events (a–f) in the correct order from 1 to 6.

- _____ a Sam visited a museum.
- _____ b Sam went surfing.
- _____ c Sam and his mum went diving.
- _____ d Sam and his family flew to Gozo.
- _____ e Sam bought some presents for friends.
- _____ f Sam went cycling with his family.

2 Read the text again and complete the sentences. Write one to two words.

- 1 Sam's _____ booked the flights to Gozo.
- 2 Sam enjoyed cycling, but his _____ hurt afterwards.
- 3 The _____ told them about Victoria's history.
- 4 After lunch, Sam visited a temple and took _____.
- 5 Rob wasn't old enough to _____.
- 6 Sam saw a big variety of _____ on the boat trip.

3 Can You Tell which Sentences are True and which are False?

1. The family is currently on holiday in Malta.
2. They are staying on the island of Malta for a week.
3. The flights were booked by Sam's dad.
4. They flew from London airport.
5. They are on a package holiday.
6. Sam went surfing on the first day.
7. Sam fell into the water a lot while surfing.
8. They rented bikes for a day and rode for hours.
9. Sam's legs hurt after riding the bikes.
10. They went on an excursion by boat.
11. They visited the Cittadella in Victoria.
12. Sam bought souvenirs for her friends.
13. They had lunch in a restaurant.
14. They visited the Ggantija Temple in the morning.
15. Sam and her mom went diving.
16. Sam's brother, Rob, went diving as well.
17. They saw hundreds of fish during the dive.