

READING

4 A Read the emails. Are Tim and Mike good travel partners?

Hi Dan,

Mike and I arrived in Barcelona on Saturday. The first night we were in a self-catering apartment near the beach. I didn't sleep well because it was too noisy, so yesterday I moved to a hotel in the city centre. Mike stayed at the apartment because it's quite cheap. My hotel's very comfortable and quiet and it's got Spanish TV, so I can practise my Spanish in the evenings.

Yesterday Mike came with me to the Picasso Museum. I thought it was fantastic, but he wanted to leave after an hour. He said it was boring, so we went to the beach and met some local people and he talked to them for almost three hours – that was boring! Of course, he spoke in English because he doesn't know much Spanish.

Last night I wanted to go to a restaurant to try the local food, but Mike said it was too expensive. We went to a cheap snack bar and the food was awful.

Hope you're well.

Tim

Hi Lucy,

Tim and I are here in beautiful Barcelona. I'm in a self-catering apartment near the beach. It's not very comfortable, but I only go there to sleep. The first night there was a party next door and I danced until 3a.m. Tim said it was too noisy and he moved into a hotel in the city centre. He stays in his room in the evenings and watches TV! Can you believe it – watching TV on holiday?

Yesterday we went to the Picasso Museum. Well, it was OK for about an hour but Tim wanted to stay there all day! You know me – I like relaxing on the beach and meeting people. Yesterday I met some great people from Madrid and we chatted all afternoon.

Tim always wants to eat in expensive places, but I like buying food from shops and eating it on the beach. Last night we went to a snack bar. The food was terrible.

Mike

B Who says these things? Tim (T), Mike (M) or both (TM)?

- 1 I haven't got much money. M
- 2 A good night's sleep is important for me.
- 3 When I visit another country, I try to learn some of the language.
- 4 We don't enjoy the same things.
- 5 I love going to art galleries and museums.
- 6 I talked to some Spanish people on the beach yesterday.
- 7 I don't like eating expensive food.
- 8 The food in the snack bar wasn't good.

C Read the emails again and answer the questions.

- 1 Which is more expensive: the apartment or the hotel?
the hotel
- 2 Which is further from the city centre: the apartment or the hotel?
- 3 Which is noisier in the evenings: the apartment or the hotel?
- 4 Which is more comfortable: the apartment or the hotel?
- 5 Who is more talkative: Tim or Mike?
- 6 Who is more serious: Tim or Mike?
- 7 Who is better at speaking Spanish: Tim or Mike?
- 8 Who is more laid back: Tim or Mike?

