

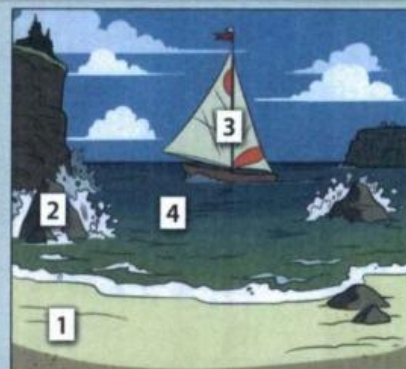
90 Types of holiday

A A beach holiday

For many years, we **used to** go to Hyères – a **typical** little town by the sea in the south of France. We used to **fly** to Nice, then get a bus to Hyères, where we stayed in an apartment. In the mornings, I was happy to sit on the **beach**¹ near the **rocks**² and read and write **postcards**, **while** my husband used to go out on a **boat**³ or go swimming – the **sea**⁴ was lovely and warm. We usually had lunch in the apartment, then **relaxed** for a **couple of** hours. In the evening, there were nice restaurants near the beach where we could have dinner.

GLOSSARY

typical	Something that is typical is a good example of its kind.
fly <i>pt flew pp flown</i>	travel by plane
postcard	a card with a picture on one side. You write on the other side and then send it by post.
while	at the same time as: Max watched TV while I cooked dinner.
relax	do nothing and enjoy yourself
a couple of (hours/days, etc.)	two or maybe three (hours/days, etc.)



SPOTLIGHT **used to + verb**

We use **used to + verb** to talk about something that happened often or was true in the past, but not now.

- I **used to live** in New York, but now I live in London.
- My father **used to be** a police officer; now he works in a bank.

1 Write five more things that the wife, the husband, or both of them used to do on their holiday.

- They used to fly to Nice. 3 _____
 1 _____ 4 _____
 2 _____ 5 _____

2 Complete the sentences.

- Bournemouth is a typical place for a beach holiday in England.
 1 We stayed there for a _____ of weeks.
 2 We just sat on the _____ and looked at the sea.
 3 I would like to go on a _____ on the river.
 4 We sat on the _____ at the back of the beach. You could see more from there.
 5 My idea of a perfect holiday is to _____ and do nothing.
 6 We _____ from London to Rome, then took a train for the rest of the journey.
 7 My cousin didn't like beach holidays. He _____ to go to the mountains every year.

3 One word is missing in each line of the text. What is it and where does it go?

- We had lovely / in France when holidays
 I was a child. We to stay in Cassis 1 _____
 usually for a couple weeks. Every 2 _____
 morning I to swim a lot, but I also 3 _____
 played with my dad, my mum 4 _____
 wrote lots of to family and friends. 5 _____
 That was a day. 6 _____

4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- Where did you go for holidays as a child? We used to have beach holidays in England or Spain.
 1 Did you go to several places or the same place? _____
 2 How long did you usually go for? _____
 3 Did you ever go on a boat? _____
 4 Do you enjoy relaxing on holiday, or do you do many things? _____



B A sightseeing holiday

Tourist questionnaire

When you **go sightseeing** on holiday do you:

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| * buy a map ¹ of the town? | Yes / No |
| * buy a guidebook ? | Yes / No |
| * go on a guided tour with a guide ? | Yes / No |
| * prefer to go sightseeing on your own? | Yes / No |
| * visit museums and art galleries? | Yes / No |
| * like to look round ? | Yes / No |
| * take lots of photos ² ? | Yes / No |
| * often get lost ? | Yes / No |

What is your **ideal** place for a sightseeing holiday?



GLOSSARY

go sightseeing	go as a tourist to look at interesting buildings and places	prefer to do sth	like to do one thing more than another
guidebook	a book that describes a place for tourists	visit	go to see a person or place for a short time
tour	a short visit around a town or building; go on a guided tour visit a place with a person who tells you about it	look round	visit a place
guide	a person who gives a guided tour and tells tourists about places	get lost	If you get lost or are lost , you don't know where you are.
		ideal	the best or exactly right SYN perfect

5 Circle the correct word.

▶ prefer (to go) / go

1 go / have sightseeing

2 a guide map / guidebook

3 go on / make a tour

4 visit / go a museum

5 guide / guided tour

6 make / take photos

7 look round / about a place

8 a guide / an ideal holiday

6 Complete the sentences with one word.

▶ We went on a guided tour.

1 She took a lot of _____ of old buildings in the town centre.

2 We _____ on a tour of the town, and the _____ was interesting and very funny.

3 I _____ lost because I didn't have a _____.

4 We went _____ the day after we arrived. It was quite tiring.

5 I don't like _____ tours of places – I _____ to visit places on my own.

6 You get a lot of useful information in a _____.

7 Do you want to go on on a guided _____?

8 I want to _____ the Science Museum when I'm in London.

9 My sister can never find her way – she often _____ lost.

10 I like to look _____ a place and _____ lots of photos.

11 A beach holiday is _____ for families with young children.

12 When you're on holiday, do you prefer to _____ round on your own?

7 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the tourist questionnaire, or ask another student.



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