Phrasal Words for Travel



Activity 1

Match the phrasal verbs with the correct meanings.

1. To set off	a. To return
2. To look forward to	b. To go on holiday
3. To hurry up	c. To be excited about something
4. To pick up	d. To explore
5. To get away	e. To collect someone
6. To hold up	f. To leave someone in a place
7. To drop off	g. To go faster
8. To get around	h. To cause a delay
9. To look around	i. To start a journey
10. To check in	j. To move from place to place
11. To check out	k. To leave a hotel
12. To get back	l. To enter a hotel or a flight



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Activity 2

Read the sentences and fill in the gaps with the phrasal verbs below in the correct form.

pick up	set off	look forward to	check in
drop off	get back	take off	look around

1. Hi, Diana! Our flight leaves at 11 o'clock on Friday morning, so I'll _____ you _____ in my car at 8 o'clock. See you then!
2. Shontelle is really frustrated that her flight has been delayed for five hours. She was meant to _____ _____ at half past ten, but she's still waiting at the boarding gate.
3. My mum and dad are so excited for their trip to Brussels next month. They're _____ _____ _____ trying some delicious mussels.
4. The first thing we do when we go to a new country is _____ _____ at our hotel, then we leave our suitcases there and go exploring!
5. Esther is so organised when she goes travelling, she always _____ _____ to go to the airport very early in the morning so she doesn't miss her flights.
6. Tomorrow, we're going to visit Munich and _____ _____ the city. It's our first time there, do you have any recommendations?
7. Hi Emma! My dad says he can _____ us _____ at the port on Saturday to board our ferry.
8. Tomás was really tired at school on Monday morning because he _____ _____ from holiday on Sunday evening.



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Activity 3

Answer the questions.

1. When you travel, what do you look forward to the most?

2. When you're in a different country, how do you usually get around?

3. When you stay in a hotel, what time do you usually check in and check out?

4. Imagine you're catching a flight at 10am. At what time should you set off for the airport?

5. What's the first thing you tend to do when you get back from a trip?



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