

My Agritourism Holiday

Day 1

Philip and I arrived at the farm. It wasn't as luxurious as it looked in the brochure and there was an unpleasant smell. Mr Adams, the farmer, and his wife were very polite and also very organised. They told us to put our things away and get straight to work. We spent the afternoon cleaning out the stables and we were exhausted by the evening. But dinner was delicious.

Day 2

We were woken up very early and Mr Adams asked us to help him with the cows before breakfast. Philip got completely covered in mud, and he began to realise he had packed the wrong clothes. It was more work after breakfast, but in the afternoon we had some time to kill. We went for a walk and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

Day 3

In the morning, we planted vegetables and my hands hurt from using the spade. But it was a waste of time because Mr Adams told us we had done it all wrong, and we had to do it again. In the afternoon, we built a new shed which was an unbelievable experience. We're getting used to the smell now and the holiday is turning into a very enjoyable experience.

Choose the best option to answer the following questions based on the text.

1. What was the narrator's first impression of the farm?
a) It was exactly as luxurious as the brochure. c) The farmers were rude and disorganised.
b) It smelled unpleasant and wasn't luxurious. d) It was very modern and clean.
2. What mistake did Philip make when packing for the holiday?
a) He forgot to pack any clothes. c) He brought too many pairs of shoes.
b) He packed clothes unsuitable for farm work. d) He packed for cold weather instead of warm.
3. What happened after the narrator planted the vegetables?
a) Mr Adams praised them for their hard work. c) They had to do it all over again correctly.
b) They were rewarded with a long break. d) A storm washed all the seeds away.

Fill in the Gaps Complete the sentences below using words from the word bank.

Word bank: exhausted scenery mud luxurious enjoyable

1. The farm was not as _____ as the brochure made it seem.
2. On the first day, they were _____ after cleaning out the stables.
3. While helping with the cows, Philip got completely covered in _____.
4. During their walk, they had time to enjoy the beautiful _____.
5. By the end, the holiday was turning into a very _____ experience.

 Top Tip! Look for clues in the sentence to help you choose the right word. For example, 'beautiful' often goes with 'scenery'.

True or False? 🎉

1. The farmers, Mr and Mrs Adams, were very disorganised.	a) True	b) False
2. Dinner on the first evening was not very good.	a) True	b) False
3. Philip and the narrator had a lot of free time in the mornings.	a) True	b) False
4. Building a new shed was a memorable experience for the narrator.	a) True	b) False
5. The narrator disliked the farm's smell for the entire holiday.	a) True	b) False

Listening Comprehension

Listen to the text. For statements (1-5) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false.

T F

1 The speaker was coming home to Chicago.	—	—
2 He arrived late for his connecting train.	—	—
3 He was surprised to see so many people travelling that day.	—	—
4 He quite enjoyed spending the night in the station.	—	—
5 He managed to get to New York on Christmas morning.	—	—

Grammar

A. Choose a, b or c.

1. Mr Little wanted to know _____ he should wear smart clothes.
a. how b. whether c. what
2. Gloria asked Henry where he had been _____.
a. the next day b. the day before c. yesterday
3. The teacher asked us _____ Sally was, but nobody knew.
a. where b. whether c. if
4. The man told the children _____ in the river because it was dangerous.
a. to swim b. not to swim c. to not swim
5. Cybil asked her husband _____ he had read the brochure or not.
a. why b. if c. when
6. We asked our parents _____ us on a safari and they said yes!
a. take b. to not take c. to take

B. Rewrite the sentences using Reported Speech.

1. 'I'm going to complain to the travel agency tomorrow,' Dennis told me.

Dennis told me _____

2. The scenery is beautiful,' said Kimberly.

Kimberly said _____

3. 'The passenger may refuse to get off the ship,' the captain said.

The captain said _____

4. 'I can't find my ticket,' Glenda told me.

Glenda told me _____

5. 'That man waved at me,' said Lionel.

Lionel said _____