My last holiday

Learn how to write about your last holiday.

Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and tips and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Put the words in the correct group.

statue	but	amazing	because
favourite	beautiful	history	historic
beauty	supermarket	and	so

Adjectives	Nouns	Linking words

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My last holiday was a five-day trip to Prague in the Czech Republic. I know Prague well because I lived there when I was at university, more than ten years ago.

Instead of staying in a hotel, I stayed with one of my old friends. It was so much fun, and a little bit like my old life. I wanted to do all the same things I did in my university days, so I visited the university. It has changed a lot and looks more modern. I also went to the supermarket near my old house. I loved seeing all the different foods. I was really happy to find my favourite cheese and chocolate biscuits but they were a bit more expensive than I remember!

We did some touristy things too. We walked up beautiful Petrin Hill and around the castle. The views of the city are amazing up there. We walked across the historic Charles Bridge. My friend's flat is very near the TV Tower so we saw the famous baby statues climbing up it. Those things haven't changed, of course.

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Task 1

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. The writer knows Prague because ...
    a. they lived there for ten years.
    b. they lived there before.
2. On their holiday, they wanted to ...
    a. do new things.
    b. do familiar things.
3. Staying with a friend was like ...
    a. the writer's old life.
    b. staying in a hotel.
4. They were surprised about ...
    a. finding the cheese.
    b. the price of the cheese.
5. Charles Bridge and the TV Tower ...
    a. have changed a lot.
    b. haven't changed a lot.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

and	because	but	but
because	so	so	and

1. We were tired when we arrived, ... we had dinner in the hotel and got an early night.
2. Our room was small ..... beautiful, with views over the city.
3. On the first day we walked around the old town ..... saw the clock tower.
4. It rained a lot on the second day, ... we visited the art gallery to stay dry.
5. The museum was very interesting ..... there were a lot of people and long queues.
6. We went shopping ..... I wanted to get presents for my family.
7. I didn't buy anything for myself ..... it was expensive.
8. I loved this holiday ..... would recommend it to anyone.

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Task 3

Put the phrases in order to make sentences.

1. for the reader. Try your writing to make interesting

2. with personal Make memories and experiences. your own your writing

3. detail Use to your descriptions. to add adjectives

4. and organise in short paragraphs. Write sentences your ideas clear and simple

5. each topic paragraph. Give a different

6. like *so*, *but* words Use and *because*. linking

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Write about your last holiday.

Tips

1. Try to make your writing interesting for the reader. To do this, you can make it personal with your own memories and experiences.
2. Use adjectives to add detail to your descriptions.
3. Write clear and simple sentences and organise your ideas in short paragraphs. Give each paragraph a different topic.
4. Use *so*, *but*, *and*, *because* and other linking words.

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