READING

1 **Read the article quickly. Tick (✓) the best title.**

1 How to close your suitcase ☐
2 Going on holiday? What to take and how to take it ☐
3 What not to pack for a holiday ☐

2 **Read the article again. Choose the correct answer.**

1 The person who wrote the article is
a a professional writer.
b a reader.
2 The author says strong bags are a good idea because
a they travel better.
b they are often larger.
3 When thinking about the clothes to take, generally she suggests taking
a more than you think you need.
b less than you think you need.
4 The article tells you that when you pack for a summer holiday,
a you need two swimsuits.
b make sure you have enough shoes.
5 Having lots of bags means
a you can easily find what you're looking for.
b you can pack more quickly.
6 You should take things like music and books with you
a so you don't get bored.
b to help you relax.
7 The author says it's a good idea to
a think about what to take just before you go.
b check that everything will go into your bag.

3 **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the highlighted words from the text.**

1 If you _____ the pizza _____ the oven now, it'll be ready in 15 minutes.
2 Lush Cola is _____ the sailing race around the world.
3 I bought a pair of shoes, a dress and two _____ in the sales.
4 I've made a _____ so I can listen to music on the beach.
5 Could you pass me the salt please – I can't _____ it from here.

You wrote it!



In this month's article, Portia Plymouth tells us what's she's taking on her summer holiday and how to pack! Great advice, Portia. You have won a £100 voucher to spend at funkybagsforyou.com – a great website that is sponsoring this month's *You wrote it!*

So, you're going on a summer holiday and your mum says you have to pack your bag yourself! What now? Here are some tips for packing that I've learned the hard way!

› First, find out how much you can take – if you are going on a long flight, you can sometimes take more but not always, so it's important to check. Make sure your bag is a strong one of good quality. Once, when I went to get my bag, I realised that it was open! Everyone could see what was in my bag! Oops!

› Find out what you're going to do and what the weather will be like at your destination. Then make a list of all the clothes you plan to take. And then divide that in half, so if you have four tops, take two. One year, I went on holiday and I didn't wear half the clothes I had with me! So ask yourself a few questions, like do you really need five pairs of shoes? (No!) Also, if it's a summer holiday, you're probably going to be wearing your swimsuit most of the time. Make sure you pack two – there's nothing worse than trying to get into a wet swimsuit!

› Do you hate that feeling when you can't find what you're looking for in your bag? Me too! Placing smaller bags inside the bigger bag is the best solution. That way, you can easily reach everything. Also, if you're travelling by plane, don't forget that any liquids have to be in a clear plastic bag.

› You don't want to get bored, so it's essential to take things to keep yourself busy while you're travelling and relaxing by the pool. Don't leave it too late to think about your holiday reading and listening. Create some holiday playlists for your phone and find some new books by your favourite authors. You could also keep a diary so that in the cold winter months you can read about your wonderful summer!

› Don't leave packing until the last moment. Make a list of everything you need about two weeks before. Then get everything ready. You can also pop it in your bag a couple of days before – just check it all fits!



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