

## VOCABULARY

### Holiday activities

**1** Match the prepositions in the box to the verbs to make phrasal verbs connected to holiday activities.

around      down      out      up      up

1 chill \_\_\_\_\_      4 stay \_\_\_\_\_  
2 cool \_\_\_\_\_      5 wander \_\_\_\_\_  
3 sign \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Choose two correct answers to complete the sentences.

1 Last holiday, I hired \_\_\_\_\_ for an afternoon.  
A a jet ski      B a tour      C a motorbike  
2 We always like socialising with the \_\_\_\_\_ when we're on holiday.  
A local people      B wildlife      C other tourists  
3 Did you go \_\_\_\_\_ when you were in Spain last year?  
A up all night      B trekking      C sailing  
4 It's a good idea to sign up for \_\_\_\_\_ when you go to a new place.  
A an organised tour      B excursions  
C a tan  
5 Last year we went cruising on \_\_\_\_\_ for our holiday.  
A a yacht      B a bus      C a huge ship

### 3 Complete the email with the words in the box.

chill      cooled      hired      photographed  
signed      socialised      stayed      tan  
took      wandered      went

Hi Hunter!

We have just had a lovely holiday in Spain. We stayed on a quiet campsite near the coast where we could <sup>1</sup> ..... out all day if we wanted. I <sup>2</sup> ..... a jet ski on the first day, while my parents and sister sunbathed on the beach. In the evening, we <sup>3</sup> ..... with the other campers, which was great. On the third day we <sup>4</sup> ..... up all night! The day after that we were very tired, so we just <sup>5</sup> ..... around the local town a bit.

Then, on the following day, we <sup>6</sup> ..... up for an organised tour and <sup>7</sup> ..... the sights. On the day before we left we <sup>8</sup> ..... trekking in the mountains in the morning, <sup>9</sup> ..... some selfies, and then, before it got too hot, we came back to the beach and <sup>10</sup> ..... down in the sea. We all got a great <sup>11</sup> ..... to show off to our friends at home!

How was your holiday?

## Are we there yet?



Imagine travelling around the world with your family, by car, for 19 years straight. For some it would be like a dream come true. For others, it would get boring pretty quickly. But Argentinian couple Herman and Candelaria Zapp, along with their four children – all born on the road – are living the dream.

The couple spent their first few years of married life **putting down roots** in Argentina, where Herman had his own computer and telephone IT company, and they had a nice house with a swimming pool. 'Our family was happy with us. We had it all,' said Herman Zapp.

But something was missing: that around-the-world trip they had talked about, and children. So, the couple set out on a pre-baby road trip from Buenos Aires to Alaska. But they didn't get much support. 'Our family was saying that we wouldn't **make it**,' Zapp said. 'The most optimistic were giving us a week's journey. No more.'

Not only did the couple complete their nearly 44,000-mile initial journey, but they decided to keep going. Since then, they've been to 95 countries and travelled over 218,000 miles.



Each of their four children was born in a different country: Pampa in the United States, Tehue in Argentina, Paloma in Canada and Wallaby, the youngest, in Australia. The Zapps educate their kids themselves but also say the experiences they get are incredibly educational. 'Imagine taking your kids and watching the space shuttle take off, looking at polar bears in Alaska, seeing kangaroos in Australia and learning to speak the language of the country you're in,' Zapp said. 'We call it **worldwide schooling**.'

For their **entire** 19-year adventure, the Zapps have been travelling in a 1928 car that can't go faster than 40 miles per hour. Part tent, part kitchen, part schoolhouse and part rolling apartment, the car is definitely also a part of the family. They call it 'Grandpa.' I am not a mechanic at all, but every time we have a **breakdown**, we get a new friend,' said Zapp. 'Once we broke down in Puebla, a beautiful city in Mexico. When I looked at the engine, someone showed up right away and told me about a car museum nearby. We went there and they took apart a car on show to give us the **part**. Not only did the museum not charge for that part, but the town organised a party for the Zapps, complete with a mariachi band and plenty of food.

In late 2018, the Zapps **set sail** from the Canary Islands back to South America on the final part of their incredible world tour.



Match the **highlighted** words and phrases in the text to the definitions.

- 1 when a vehicle or machine stops working for a period of time
- 2 start a journey by boat or ship
- 3 be successful
- 4 whole or complete, with nothing missing
- 5 a piece of a machine or vehicle

Read the article again and choose the correct answers.

- 1** What is meant by the phrase ‘putting down roots’ (line 8)?  
**A** creating a permanent home  
**B** making money
- 2** Why did Mr and Mrs Zapp want to go on a long journey?  
**A** because their family was unkind to them  
**B** because their lives did not feel complete
- 3** How did the Zapps’ relatives feel about their journey?  
**A** pessimistic  
**B** optimistic
- 4** Why do they call their children’s education ‘worldwide schooling’ (line 31)?  
**A** because they learn a lot of geography  
**B** because they learn while they are travelling
- 5** What is the main advantage of travelling in a very old car?  
**A** It attracts a lot of attention on the road.  
**B** It allows them to meet new people when it breaks down.



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