

(5) FREE AT LAST?

ACTIVITY 1: Which holiday looks more enjoyable? Why?



Look through the texts quickly. Match two of the texts (A-C) with the pictures (1 and 2)

1 text _____

2 text _____

ACTIVITY 2: Read the texts again. Match the three writers (Hilary, Kevin and Terry) with the sentences below. Write H for Hilary, K for Kevin and T for Terry.

A Hilary Bradt: co-founder of a travel guide company

When I was fifteen, I went to stay with my penfriend in north Germany. It was my first trip abroad and the first without my parents, and I hated every minute of it. The worst moment was probably the time when I was alone in the house and somebody rang the doorbell. They rang it again and again – but I ignored it. Then I saw the visitor walking around the house looking through the windows. Frightened, I hid under the dining-room table. That afternoon, Christina's mother came home from work and said, 'I needed to pick up some papers from the house today and I didn't have my key. I rang the bell. But you didn't hear me.' 'Oh, I was in my room, I expect,' I said. 'Sorry!' My face went red, because she knew I was lying. I'm certain she saw me under the table.

B Kevin Rushby: writer

At sixteen, I hitch-hiked down to Cornwall in the south-west of England with a friend. We spent the holiday walking along the coastal path with a tent and a backpack, staying at campsites on the way. The weather was fantastic and the sea was beautiful. We had almost no money and lived on sandwiches and tea. One of the first things I learned was this: a fire and a mug of tea can make the world seem perfect. The second thing: spending more money does not mean having more fun. What really mattered was talking to people. I had to do lots of chatting, negotiating, discussing and questioning. Strangers could be very helpful and interesting, I discovered. They could also be dangerous, boring and stupid. It was up to me to judge them and decide – and that skill has been useful to me many times since then. I wrote it all down, but I've lost the notebook now, unfortunately.

C Terry Alderton: comedian

My friends and I were nineteen and on holiday in the coolest place in the world: Ibiza. On the first day, I fell asleep on the beach – with no suncream. My friends knew I was getting sunburned, but they didn't wake me up because they thought it was funny. When I woke up, I felt a little sore. Then I took off my sunglasses and my friends all fell on the floor, laughing. I had two clear white rings around my eyes! That night, we all went out dancing and of course I had to keep wearing the same sunglasses because of my sunburn. I wasn't enjoying myself, so I left before my friends. For some reason, I didn't want to wait for a bus back to our hotel, so I walked seven kilometres along busy roads. When I finally arrived, my friends were already there, sitting around the pool. I've never understood how they got there so quickly.

This writer:

1. had an enjoyable experience with a friend. _____
2. had an experience that friends found amusing. _____
3. had an embarrassing experience with an adult. _____

ACTIVITY 4: VOCABULARY. Form holiday-related compound nouns by matching the words below with words 1-8. All the compounds are in the texts.

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| 1. travel _____ | 4. back _____ | 7. sun _____ |
| 2. travel _____ | 5. camp _____ | 8. sun _____ |
| 3. pen _____ | 6. sun _____ | |

LEARN THIS! Compound nouns: noun + noun

- a** Most compound nouns are formed from two nouns.
- b** We usually write them as two words (*travel agent*), but sometimes as one word (*whiteboard*) or with a hyphen (*film-maker*). Check in a dictionary.
- c** The stress is usually on the first noun. *whiteboard*

LEARN THIS! Compounds

We can also form compounds from an adjective and a noun.
single room first class half board full time high season
online check-in

ACTIVITY 5: Match the words in A with the words in B to make five more compounds.

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A	B
double	board
economy	class
full	room
low	season
part	time

ACTIVITY 6: Past Simple vs Present Perfect

1. I'm hungry. I **didn't eat / haven't eaten** anything today.
2. Grandma **visited / has visited** us last weekend.
3. Look! Tomek **broke / has broken** his arm.
4. Sorry, Sir. I **forgot / have forgotten** my homework.
5. Mrs Ziarko **worked / has worked** at this school for 5 years.
6. Uncle Tim **was / has been** in hospital since Friday.
7. **Did you / Have you** ever read a book in English?
8. They **never lived / have never lived** in a big city.
9. We **didn't clean / haven't cleaned** our room. It's really messy.
10. Ola **wrote / has written** a Maths test last week.