

TEST 5A

Task 1. Listening

Listen to five people talking about their summer holidays. Which of the comments below might each speaker make? There is one comment you don't need to use.

Speaker 1
Speaker 2
Speaker 3
Speaker 4
Speaker 5

- A. I had the time of my life.
- B. It was quite a funny situation.
- C. It was a slightly disappointing holiday.
- D. It never rains but it pours.
- E. I can't wait for the holidays.
- F. I always lose my luggage or get mugged while on holiday.

Task 2. Reading

Right place, wrong person

The place is perfect, the weather is wonderful, but if you're with the wrong person, a holiday can be a disaster.

Read the first text and answer the questions about Joe.

Sam. Last October I went on holiday to Turkey for two weeks with my girlfriend, Sue. The holiday began well, the weather was great, and we spent two perfect days in Antalya. I wanted to stay in hostels, which were basic but clean, but Sue said they weren't comfortable, so we stayed in an expensive hotel. I wanted to experience the local culture, but Sue just wanted to go shopping. It was awful! I hated it. We argued about everything!

I thought I knew Sue very well, but you don't know a person until you travel with them. When we arrived home, we decided to break up.

1. Where did Joe go?
2. Who did he go with?
3. Where did he stay?
4. What was the weather like?
5. Why didn't he enjoy the holiday?

Read the second text and mark if these sentences are **T (true)**, **F (false)** or **NS (not stated)**.

Susan. Last Spring, my best friend Emi and I booked a holiday in Venice. We rented a small apartment for a week with a fantastic view of a city. At the last moment another friend, Linda, asked if she could come too. We felt sorry for her because she had problems with her boyfriend, so we said yes.

Venice was magical, and the weather was perfect, but the holiday was a disaster for one simple reason: Linda was so mean! She has a good job so she's not poor, but she didn't want to pay for anything! She was always complaining about money, she wanted to go to cheap restaurants and didn't want to visit to museums and galleries that cost money. The worst thing was that although Sue and I paid for apartment, Linda never invited us with a coffee or a drink!

I'd love to go back to Venice one day ... but without Linda.

6. Susan and Emi invited Linda to a holiday in Venice.
7. They stayed in an apartment for seven days.
8. Linda had money problems.
9. Susan, Emi and Linda shared all the expenses.
10. Emily and Sue want to go back to Venice alone.

Task 3. Vocabulary.

Fill in the gaps.

delayed flight * street vendors * breathtaking view * local dishes * annual festivals * guided tour
home comforts

1. We had a _____ of the bay and its volcanic island from our room.
2. We always taste as many _____ as we can when we are abroad.
3. I was dying for some _____ after my two weeks in the jungle.
4. They went on a _____ of Paris and discovered its many interesting sites.
5. We arrived home hours late due to a _____.
6. There are thousands of _____ in Marrakech offering a variety of exotic goods.
7. The island hosts many _____ including international cultural celebrations.

Task 4. Everyday English

Complete the dialogue with the sentences A-F

Diana: Great picture! When did you get back?

Jason: (1)

Diana: Where did you go exactly?

Jason: (2)

Diana: So, how was your vaca

Jason: (3)

Diana: Why? What happened?

Jason: (4)

Diana: That's too bad! So, what did you do?

Jason: (5)

Diana: That's awful! I hope you can go back another time.

Jason: (6)

- A. Yeah, me too!
- B. Because the weather was terrible. It rained all the time.
- C. Actually, it wasn't very good.
- D. Last week.
- E. We went to Hawaii.
- F. Well, we stayed a lot in the hotel, we couldn't go to the beach or do any tours.

Task 5. Grammar

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use Past Tenses.

By the time we (1) (get) to the airport, the plane (2) (land).
While we (3) (do) a sightseeing tour, our friends (4) (lie) on the beach.
Laura (5) (send) us a postcard from her holiday in Italy.
Where (6) (you/spend) your last winter holiday?
By six o'clock Ted (7) (pack) all his staff in his backpack.
We (8) (never/see) the Pyramids before our trip to Egypt in 2005.