



Reading

1 Read these comments and decide whether they were made by parents (P) or teens (T)? Are you sure? Why?

- 1 It's so embarrassing being with them on the beach. They talk too loudly and want to make friends with total strangers! ☐
- 2 Same story every summer. They sit around all day complaining that there's nothing to do. It drives me absolutely crazy! ☐
- 3 I wish I could go away on my own. But if I suggested it, it would crush them – they honestly think I love our family holidays. ☐
- 4 What is wrong with them? When we visit famous sights, they're so grumpy and just want to rush through everything. ☐

2 What's your ideal family holiday? What's your ideal holiday with friends? Tell your partner.

3 Read the texts quickly. Which holidays are not in the UK?

Top 4 teen holiday breaks this summer

A

SURF DUDES OF DEVON

Want to surf like the dudes in California? Then try out the Golden Coast Holiday Village in Devon, England. They have just installed a Wavesurfer surfing simulator. You can surf or boogie-board all day at Golden Coast even if the sea is calm as the simulator creates the kind of waves you would experience at a beach.

If you've never tried it before, don't worry. With an adjustable speed, the Wavesurfer is safe and easy for beginners to take their first steps on a board.

Qualified instructors are on hand to teach you riding techniques. Surfboards, boogie boards and wetsuits are provided.

Cost: from £499 per week for a family of four in a two-bedroom caravan
Wavesurfer sessions cost £20 including equipment and tuition.



B

BODY-ZORBING

The teen club in Camping La Croix du Vieux Pont offers body-zorbing. You may have seen body-zorbing on TV – it's that crazy activity where you crash into other players inside huge cushioned balls. For the less adventurous but more creative types, there are movie-making classes. Also, there are twice-weekly bus trips to Disneyland Paris.

Located on a lake an hour from Paris in France's Berny Rivière, the site has all the comforts of a hotel and the perks of an outdoor holiday.

Cost: Seven nights in a mobile home and ferry between Dover and Calais costs from £980 for up to six. Price includes teen clubs and activities.
Nearest Airport: Beauvais
Nearest Ferry Port: Calais



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C

YHA SUMMER CAMPS

The Youth Hostel Association's camps ensure teens don't get bored in the holidays. A range of camps are available, all of which offer awesome activities and give teens an opportunity to face new challenges and learn new skills.

Go Extreme: Paintballing, quadbiking and even a day trip to Alton Towers theme park for adrenaline junkies (12-16, £375)

Action Adventure: Could you be the next Bear Grylls? Test your survival skills in the wilderness (10-16, £365)

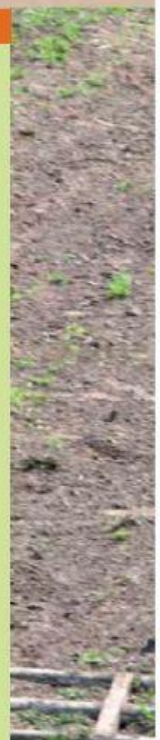
Performing Arts: Were you born to be a star? Discover your inner celebrity (10-17, £335)

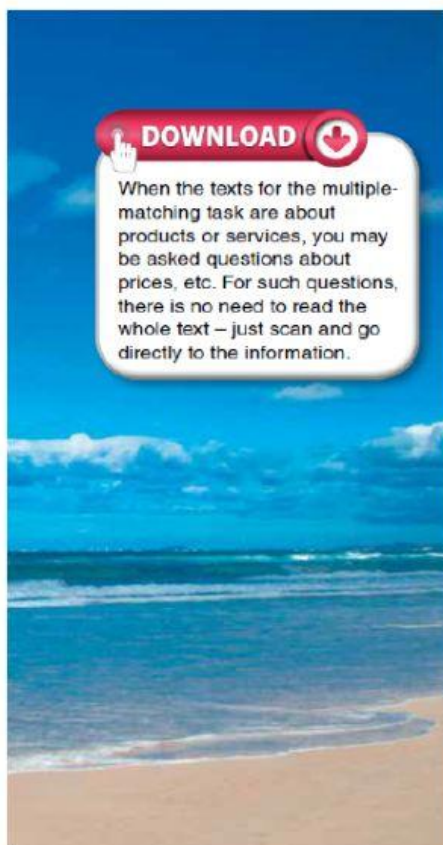
Future Leader: Could you run the country? Develop the skills you need to be a leader (17-19, £365)

Location: across the UK

Length: 5 nights

Prices include: full board, snacks, excursions, equipment





DOWNLOAD

When the texts for the multiple-matching task are about products or services, you may be asked questions about prices, etc. For such questions, there is no need to read the whole text – just scan and go directly to the information.

4 Read the texts again to find the following information.

Write A / B / C / D

Which paragraph

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| describes the biggest choice of activities for teenagers? | 1 ☐ |
| refers to people who can help with an activity? | 2 ☐ |
| includes the cost of transport in the price of the holiday? | 3 ☐ |
| indicates that teens may pay twice as much as parents? | 4 ☐ |
| provides information on how to reach the location? | 5 ☐ |
| mentions the shortest activity holiday for teenagers? | 6 ☐ |
| describes a man-made activity that resembles nature? | 7 ☐ |
| doesn't mention the type of accommodation offered? | 8 ☐ |
| refers to a famous sports event that takes place every year? | 9 ☐ |
| mentions that there is more than one holiday location? | 10 ☐ |

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these words.

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- The hikers forgot to take a map and ended up getting lost in the _____.
- I prefer to stay in hotels, but I have been camping _____.
- The seat belts on planes are _____ so that they can fit any passenger.
- She was a _____ guest and was rarely happy with the service provided.
- Lost in the snow, the climber's chances of _____ were low.
- Nigel is certainly a(n) _____ traveller, preferring to visit little-known places.



D

TEEN RANGERS, ALPE D'HUEZ

Experience action to the max at Alpe d'Huez, a ski resort in the Central French Alps. During the summer months, the resort is perfect for canoeing, cycling and glacier safaris. These high-adrenaline pursuits will keep even the most demanding teens happy. As a bonus, watch the riders in the well-known annual Tour de France race as they cycle through the town.

The Teen Rangers programme for ages 12 to 15 offers three days of high-energy outdoor activities, plus two evenings out for pizza, ice skating and 10-pin bowling.

Cost: £199 for one week with full board (from July 23) staying in a traditional chalet.*

* The Teen Rangers programme costs £199pp extra.

