

STEP BY STEP TO WRITE AN ESSAY: MY LAST HOLIDAY



Task 1: Look at this **SAMPLE** essay and check how the information is organised in paragraphs. Use the correct tense of the verbs in bracket.

Last summer I _____ (go) on holiday to New York with my girlfriend.
We _____ (travel) by plane, **and** the journey _____ (be) very tiring. We
_____ (be) really excited about visiting The Big Apple for the first time, **so** 14 hours
_____ (seem) a long time.

We _____ (stay) in a hotel in Manhattan. We _____ (book) a room that
_____ (be, not) very big or bright, **but** it _____ (be,not) expensive, **and** the
best part is that the hotel _____ (be) very close to Central Park. It _____ (be)
fantastic to get up in the morning **because** we _____ (can) go running in the park before
breakfast.

We _____ (do) a lot of sightseeing. **First**, we _____ (visit) all the most
important buildings and museums in the city. **Then**, we also went on a helicopter tour. It
_____ (be) amazing! **But** the best thing for us _____ (be) to walk around and
watch the people, the cars, and the buildings. It _____ (be) like being in a film!

Task 2: Fill in the gaps with **and**, **but**, **because**, **so**.

1 It was very hot, _____ we decided to go to the beach.

2 We did some sightseeing _____ bought some souvenirs.

3 We arrived at the hotel very late _____ our flight was delayed.

4 Our room didn't have good views, _____ the hotel was really nice.

5 We were very tired from the journey, _____ we stayed in the hotel to rest.

6 I couldn't take any pictures _____ my camera was broken.

7 In the morning we went on a river safari, _____ in the afternoon we went on a car tour of the lion reserve.

8 We wanted to do some shopping _____ all the shops were closed.

9 The taxis were very expensive, _____ we took a bus.

10 We rented an apartment _____ we didn't want to go to a hotel.



Task 3: Write an essay about your last holiday. (no less than 100 words)

Organisation:

- Paragraph 1: Where, when and how you travelled. Who you went with.
- Paragraph 2: Where you stayed.
- Paragraph 3: What you visited/saw, what activities you did.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no handwriting or other markings on the paper.

CHECK LIST FOR WRITING:

- ☐ **1. Use simple past tense: was/were; V2/ed**
- ☐ **2. Use connectors:** Use **and, but, because, so**, and other linking words (**first, then, finally**) to connect the sentences.
- ☐ **3. Use a variety of vocabulary related to the topic of holiday:** go on holiday/ vacation/a tour/a safari, travel by, stay in, book a hotel/room, rent an apartment, close to the park/ beach/ mountain, go/do sightseeing, buy souvenirs, take photos/pictures, have good views/ do shopping ...

THE END!