

VACATION

Warm-up:

- 1) In one minute, write it down five things you like doing when you're on vacation, e.g., relaxing, going to museums.

Vocabulary:

Phrases with GO



<input type="checkbox"/> go abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> go away for the weekend	<input type="checkbox"/> go by bus/car/plane/train
<input type="checkbox"/> go camping	<input type="checkbox"/> go for a walk	<input type="checkbox"/> go on vacation
<input type="checkbox"/> go out at night	<input type="checkbox"/> go sightseeing	<input type="checkbox"/> go skiing / walking / biking
<input type="checkbox"/> go swimming / sailing / surfing		

Other vacations activities

Complete the verb phrases.

book	buy	have	rent
spend	stay	sunbathe	take

_____ in a hotel / at a campsite / with friends
_____ photos
_____ souvenirs
_____ on the beach
_____ a good time
_____ money/time
_____ an apartment / a bicycle / skis
_____ flights/hotels online

Adjectives

Match the questions and answers.

1. What was the weather like? It was.....
2. What was the hotel like? It was....
3. What was the town like? It was...
4. What were the people like? They were....
5. What was the food like? It was...

() comfortable, luxurious / basic, dirty, uncomfortable
() friendly, helpful / unfriendly, unhelpful
() beautiful, nice / noisy, crowded
() delicious / nothing special, disgusting
() warm, sunny / very windy, foggy, cloudy

General affirmative and negative adjectives

+ nice, wonderful, fantastic, great, OK, not bad, alright
- awful, horrible, terrible

Let's Talk

My perfect summer vacation

Which do you prefer...?

- a) Going abroad, or going on vacation in your country?
- b) Going by car, bus, plane, or train?
- c) Going to the beach, or going to a city?
- d) Staying in a hotel (or apartment), or going camping?
- e) Tanning, going sightseeing, or going for walks?
- f) Hot, sunny weather, or cool, cloudy weather?
- g) Going with friends or going with your family?

Reading and Speaking

Read about Joe's and Laura's vacation and answer the questions below.

	Joe's vacation	Laura's vacation
1. Where did he/she go on vacation?		
2. Who did he/she go with?		
3. Where did he/she stay?		
4. What was the weather like?		
5. Why didn't he/she enjoy the vacation?		

THE PLACE IS PERFECT, THE WEATHER IS WONDERFUL, but if you're with the wrong person, a vacation can be a disaster....

JOE 28, a flight attendant

Last October, I went on vacation to Thailand for two weeks with my girlfriend, Mia.

The vacation began well. We spent two days in Bangkok and saw the Floating Market and the Royal Palace. But things went wrong when we left Bangkok. I wanted to stay in hostels, which were basic but clean, but Mia said they were too uncomfortable. So we stayed in very expensive hotels. I wanted to experience the local atmosphere, but Mia just wanted to go shopping. I thought I knew Mia well, but you don't know a person until you travel with him or her. It was awful! We argued about everything.

For our last four days we went to Ko Chang, a beautiful island. It was like being in paradise. The weather was beautiful and the beaches were wonderful, but we just sunbathed without speaking. We spent our last night back in Bangkok, we met some travelers from Australia. They were really friendly, and Mia started flirting with one of the boys. That was the end. When we arrived at O'Hare International airport next day, we decided to break up.

I took hundreds of photos, but when I got home I didn't show them to anyone.

LAURA 26, a nurse

Last spring, my best friend Isabelle and I booked a vacation in Costa Rica. We rented a small house for a week with a fantastic view of the ocean. At the last minute another friend, Linda, asked if she could come, too. We felt sorry for her because she had problems with her boyfriend and we said yes.

Costa Rica was magical and the weather was perfect, but the vacation was a disaster for one simple reason: Linda was so cheap! She has a good job so she's not poor, but she didn't want to go on any cruise or do any nature activities that cost money. When we went to a zipline tour, she complained that it was too expensive. When we went to have lunch or dinner, she always wanted to go to cheap restaurants or she bought a sandwich and ate in the house. But the night I invited her and Isabelle out on my birthday, she chose the most expensive things on the menu! The worst thing was that although Isabelle and I paid for the house, Linda never once bought us a coffee or a snack.

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

Listening

You are going to listen to Mia and Linda talking about their vacations.

1) First listen to Mia. Does she agree with Joe about the vacation?

What does Mia say about....?

1. Her relationship with Joe before they went
2. The places where they stayed
3. Talking to other travelers
4. Photos
5. Going on vacation with a boyfriend.

2) Now listen to Linda. What's her opinion of the vacation? Then listen again. What does she say about?

1. Costa Rica
2. What they did there
3. The cost of her vacation
4. Her next vacation

Who do you sympathize the most, Joe or Mia? Laura or Linda?