

24 Travel and holidays 1

Complete the text with appropriate words or expressions from the box. There is an example at the beginning (0).

sightseeing	boarding card	lands	cabin crew	takes off
check out	book (verb)	departure lounge	board	gate
currency	tickets	check in	safety belt	suitcase
cheques	sunbathing	passport	duty free	customs
travel agent's		brochures		

Going on holiday is great fun, and it's so easy! First of all go to the 0 travel agent's and collect some 1 . Pick the holiday you want and go back to the travel agent's to 2 it. You'll receive your 3 a week or so before you depart. Make sure that you have a valid 4 , some foreign 5 , some traveller's 6 and some insurance. Pack your 7 and then you're ready to go!

Go to the airport and 8 . The person at the desk will take your luggage and give you a 9 . This shows you your seat allocation. You then go through a security check and wait in the 10 . If you like, you can browse around the 11 shop. When your flight is called, go to the appropriate 12 for your flight and 13 your plane. The 14 will help you find your seat. Don't forget to fasten your 15 before the plane 16 .

When you get to your destination and the plane 17 , you disembark and pass through 18 , where you will have to show your passport. Collect your luggage and leave the airport. If you're on a package tour, there will probably be a coach to take you to your hotel. From then on, you can take things easy, 19 on the beach and 20 .

At the end of your holiday, you will need to 21 the hotel – make sure you return your key and settle any .

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Complete these sentences with the appropriate word or expression from A, B, C or D. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 If I had enough money, I would like to go on a round-the-world _____.
 (A) trip B travel C excursion D sightseeing

1 Make sure the train has stopped completely before you _____.
 A get down B get off C get away D get into

2 I enjoyed my holiday, but couldn't _____ the heat.
 A put up with B put down C put up D put away

3 We couldn't _____ our minds where to go for our holiday, so we stayed at home!
 A make out B make do C make up D make over

4 When I go on holiday, I like to _____.
 A take it simple B take it easy C take it relaxing D take it relaxed

5 Last year, we went on a two-week _____ around the Mediterranean.
 A cruising B cruiser C cruise D crew

6 The accommodation on my last holiday was a bit _____.
 A basic B base C basically D bass

7 Don't forget to make a _____ for a room at least two weeks in advance.
 A reserve B reserved C reserving D reservation

8 The _____ from London to Athens takes about three hours.
 A flying B fly C flight D flies

9 We can't stay at the hotel because there aren't any _____.
 A vacant B vacancy C vacate D vacancies

10 I _____ some brochures from the travel agent's.
 A picked off B picked up C picked on D picked out

11 It takes twenty hours for the ship to get from England to Spain, so it might be a good idea to book a _____ on board.
 A resort B cabin C chalet D hostel

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Match the different types of holiday in the box with the appropriate description 1–9 below. There is an example at the beginning (0).

all-inclusive holiday	skiing holiday	safari	cruise
adventure holiday	package holiday	sightseeing holiday	
camping holiday	sailing holiday	hiking holiday	

0 We had a great time. I went white-water rafting, bungee-jumping, gliding, and I even learnt how to parachute!

adventure holiday

■ This is a very popular kind of holiday. Basically, you pay for your flight, hotel accommodation and airport transfers before you leave, and then all you need to worry about when you get to your chosen destination are day-to-day expenses.

2 We found a sheltered spot in the corner of the site and started to set up our tent. Unfortunately, we discovered that we had left the pegs at home!

3 Our cabin was very cramped, but we didn't mind too much as we spent most of our time on the deck and taking advantage of the ship's restaurants, bars and other facilities.

■ We had a beautiful chalet at the foot of the slopes, and it was only a fifteen-minute cable-car journey to the top of the piste.

■ At dusk we came to a watering hole where the animals had gathered to drink. The guide told us to stay in the jeep for our own safety, and also to prevent us frightening off the animals.



6 The youth hostel was basic but clean, as everybody had to take off their boots before going inside. Of course, after a long day marching over muddy fields, these were absolutely filthy.

7 We put on some warm clothes and a lifejacket and got onto the yacht. Unfortunately, we didn't get any further than the harbour as there was no wind!

8 We spent a week in London and tried to see as much of it as possible; Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Trafalgar Square, you name it, we saw it. I must have taken hundreds of pictures.

9 We paid £850 for the holiday. That price included flights, transfers, accommodation at a resort, entertainment and all our food and drinks.



In the exam ...

In the Writing Paper you may be asked to describe a holiday you have had, a holiday you are planning or the type of holiday you would like to go on. You should try to include such information as the country, the kind of accommodation, the things you did/would do and if relevant, who you went with.

You may also have to write a letter, for example to a tour operator to ask for information about a holiday, to a friend giving them information about a holiday you would recommend, or to a hotel or tour operator to complain about a bad holiday you had.