

Travel and Holidays

Task 1. VERBS.

A. The sentences below describe the different stages of a holiday. Unfortunately, they are in the wrong order. Rearrange them so that they are in the correct order. The first one has been done for you. Use your dictionary to help you find the meaning of the words in bold.

- () A few weeks later I went to the airport and checked in for my flight.
- (1) I picked up some holiday brochures from the travel agency.
- () I spent the next two weeks sunbathing on the beach and sightseeing in the local area.
- () Three hours later, we landed.
- () I picked the holiday I wanted.
- () I left the airport and two hours later arrived at my hotel, where I checked in.
- () I found my seat and fastened my safety belt.
- () The flight took off at 10 o'clock.
- () I then booked my holiday.
- () It was with a great deal of reluctance that I eventually checked out of the hotel and returned home.
- () All the passengers disembarked.
- () I did some shopping in the duty free and then boarded my flight.
- () I browsed through the brochures.

Task 2. NOUNS

A. **Types of holiday.** Look at the types of holiday on the left, and match them with the places you think you might stay in on the right. Most have more than one answer.

Type of holiday	Places
1. a package holiday	A. a tent
2. a camping holiday	B. a hotel
3. a cruise	C. a resort
4. a skiing holiday	D. a youth hostel
5. a safari	E. a caravan
6. a walking holiday	F. a guesthouse
7. a sailing holiday	G. a boat's / ship's cabin
8. a caravanning holiday	H. a villa / chalet
9. a sightseeing holiday	

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B. Look at the sentences below, and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word from the box.

self-catering • single • tour operator • bed and breakfast (B & B)
 shoulder bag • passport • travel agency • tour • foreign currency
 voyage • excursion • family • trip • journey • full-board
 en-suite • terrace • insurance • double • aisle • half-board
 boarding card (USA = boarding pass) • reservation • twin
 balcony • cheques • all-inclusive • suitcase

1. We're planning a(n) _____ to the seaside at the weekend.
2. The _____ from Southampton to New York by ship took about five days.
3. The best way to see London is by taking a guided _____.
4. Last year they went on a train _____ across China.
5. James is going on a business _____ to Singapore next week.
6. We went to the _____ on the High Street to book our holiday, but they were informed by the _____ that there were no more places left.
7. (At the airport check-in desk) Would you like a seat by the window or one by the _____?
8. Here's your ticket and _____. You're in 33B. It's a no smoking seat.
9. I've just made a list of the things I need to take on holiday with me. First of all I need my _____ so that I can enter the country. I must get _____ in case I have an accident or lose something important. I have to go to the bank to get some _____ and _____. Oh, and of course I need my _____ to carry my clothes and other things. I'll also take a _____ so that I can carry my camera, some books and other bits and pieces.
10. Quattro Vientos Holiday Club offers a variety of accommodation options. If you want a bedroom and something to eat in the morning, they have _____ accommodation. If you prefer to have breakfast and dinner, you can stay on a _____ basis. If you want breakfast, lunch and dinner, you can stay on a _____ basis. They also have rooms with cooking facilities if you want to prepare your own food and stay on a _____ basis. Alternatively, if you want all your meals and drinks included, you can stay on an _____ basis.
11. _____ rooms in the hotel have just one small bed. _____ rooms have two small beds. _____ rooms have one large bed. _____ rooms have one large bed and two small beds. Most of the rooms are _____, with their own private bath or shower. All rooms have a _____ or a _____ with a view of the sea. Telephone 01645 98109 to make a _____.

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3. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS

Match the sentences on the left with a suitable reply on the right. Use your dictionary to check the meanings of the expressions in bold.

HE SAID:

1. Where shall we stay?
2. Can you recommend a good guest house in this area?
3. Last year I went to Australia, Canada, Brazil, Argentina and China.
4. How are we going to get home? We haven't got enough money for a taxi.
5. Last year, we went to one of those resorts where everything - food and drink - is free.
6. You don't have much luggage with you.
7. On my first visit to Indonesia, I found everything so different from England.
8. We left London at 7 o'clock in the morning and didn't arrive in Inverness until 8 in the evening!
9. I love going to busy, lively resorts for my holiday.
10. I spend most of my life travelling, moving from one hotel to the other.

SHE REPLIED:

- A. Really? I prefer to go somewhere a bit quieter, **off the beaten track**.
- B. Wow! I didn't realise you were such a **globetrotter**!
- C. Poor you! You spent a whole day **on the road**.
- D. Let's **stop** at the first hotel we find.
- E. I would hate to **live out of a suitcase** like that.
- F. Why don't we **thumb a lift**?
- G. It sounds great. I've never been on an **all-inclusive holiday**.
- H. Yes, there's a nice **B & B** around the corner.
- I. I know. I prefer to **travel light**.
- J. I experienced similar **culture shock** when I went to Vietnam.