

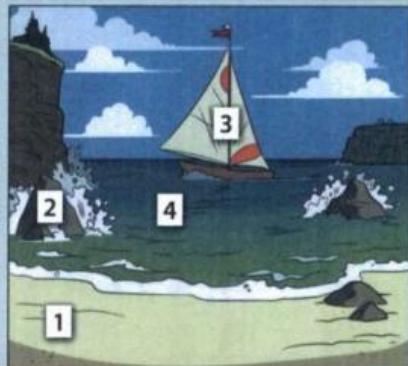
# 90 ) Types of holiday

## A A beach holiday

For many years, we **used to** go to Hyères – a **typical** little town by the sea in the south of France. We used to **fly** to Nice, then get a bus to Hyères, where we stayed in an apartment. In the mornings, I was happy to sit on the **beach**<sup>1</sup> near the **rocks**<sup>2</sup> and read and write **postcards**, while my husband used to go out on a **boat**<sup>3</sup> or go swimming – the **sea**<sup>4</sup> was lovely and warm. We usually had lunch in the apartment, then **relaxed** for a couple of hours. In the evening, there were nice restaurants near the beach where we could have dinner.

### GLOSSARY

<b>typical</b>	Something that is <b>typical</b> is a good example of its kind.
<b>fly pt flew pp flown</b>	travel by plane
<b>postcard</b>	a card with a picture on one side. You write on the other side and then send it by post.
<b>while</b>	at the same time as: <i>Max watched TV while I cooked dinner.</i>
<b>relax</b>	do nothing and enjoy yourself
<b>a couple of</b> (hours/days, etc.)	two or maybe three (hours/days, etc.)



### SPOTLIGHT *used to + verb*

We use **used to + verb** to talk about something that happened often or was true in the past, but not now.

- *I used to live* in New York, but now I live in London.
- *My father used to be* a police officer; now he works in a bank.

1 Write five more things that the wife, the husband, or both of them used to do on their holiday.

► *They used to fly to Nice.* 3 .....  
1 ..... 4 .....  
2 ..... 5 .....

2 Complete the sentences.

► Bournemouth is a **typical** place for a beach holiday in England.  
1 We stayed there for a ..... of weeks.  
2 We just sat on the ..... and looked at the sea.  
3 I would like to go on a ..... on the river.  
4 We sat on the ..... at the back of the beach. You could see more from there.  
5 My idea of a perfect holiday is to ..... and do nothing.  
6 We ..... from London to Rome, then took a train for the rest of the journey.  
7 My cousin didn't like beach holidays. He ..... to go to the mountains every year.

3 One word is missing in each line of the text. What is it and where does it go?

► We had lovely / in France when .....  
I was a child. We to stay in Cassis .....  
usually for a couple weeks. Every .....  
morning I to swim a lot, but I also .....  
played with my dad, my mum .....  
wrote lots of to family and friends. ....  
That was a day. .....  
holidays .....  
1 .....  
2 .....  
3 .....  
4 .....  
5 .....  
6 .....

4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

► Where did you go for holidays as a child? *We used to have beach holidays in England or Spain.*  
1 Did you go to several places or the same place?  
2 How long did you usually go for?  
3 Did you ever go on a boat?  
4 Do you enjoy relaxing on holiday, or do you do many things? .....



### TEST YOURSELF

## B A sightseeing holiday

### Tourist questionnaire

When you **go sightseeing** on holiday do you:

- \* buy a **map**<sup>1</sup> of the town? Yes / No
- \* buy a **guidebook**? Yes / No
- \* **go on a guided tour** with a **guide**? Yes / No
- \* **prefer to** go sightseeing on your own? Yes / No
- \* **visit** museums and art galleries? Yes / No
- \* like to **look round**? Yes / No
- \* **take lots of photos**<sup>2</sup>? Yes / No
- \* often **get lost**? Yes / No

What is your **ideal** place for a sightseeing holiday?



#### GLOSSARY

<b>go sightseeing</b>	go as a tourist to look at interesting buildings and places	<b>prefer to do sth</b>	like to do one thing more than another
<b>guidebook</b>	a book that describes a place for tourists	<b>visit</b>	go to see a person or place for a short time
<b>tour</b>	a short visit around a town or building; <b>go on a guided tour</b> visit a place with a person who tells you about it	<b>look round</b>	visit a place
<b>guide</b>	a person who gives a guided tour and tells tourists about places	<b>get lost</b>	If you <b>get lost</b> or are <b>lost</b> , you don't know where you are.
		<b>ideal</b>	the best or exactly right <b>SYN</b> <b>perfect</b>

#### 5 Circle the correct word.

- prefer to go / go
- 1 go / have sightseeing
- 2 a **guide map** / **guidebook**
- 3 go on / make a tour
- 4 visit / go a museum
- 5 **guide** / **guided** tour
- 6 make / take photos
- 7 look round / about a place
- 8 a **guide** / an **ideal** holiday

#### 6 Complete the sentences with one word.

- We went on a guided tour.
- 1 She took a lot of photos of old buildings in the town centre.
- 2 We spent a lot of time on a tour of the town, and the experience was interesting and very funny.
- 3 I was lost because I didn't have a map.
- 4 We went out the day after we arrived. It was quite tiring.
- 5 I don't like guided tours of places – I prefer to visit places on my own.
- 6 You get a lot of useful information in a guidebook.
- 7 Do you want to go on a guided tour?
- 8 I want to visit the Science Museum when I'm in London.
- 9 My sister can never find her way – she often gets lost.
- 10 I like to look round a place and take lots of photos.
- 11 A beach holiday is ideal for families with young children.
- 12 When you're on holiday, do you prefer to look round on your own?

#### 7 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the tourist questionnaire, or ask another student.

