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**[1] near the **rocks**[2] and read and write **postcards**, **while** my husband used to go out on a **boat**[3] or go swimming - the **sea**[4] 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

typical	Something that is **typical** is a good example of its kind.
fly *pt* **flew** *pp* **flown**	travel by plane
postcard	a card with a picture on one side. You write on the other side and then send it by post.
while	at the same time as: *Max watched TV **while** I cooked dinner.*
relax	do nothing and enjoy yourself
a couple of (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.
1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
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 holidays
I was a child. We to stay in Cassis 1 .....
usually for a couple weeks. Every 2 .....
morning I to swim a lot, but I also 3 .....
played with my dad, my mum 4 .....
wrote lots of to family and friends. 5 .....
That was a day. 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? .....

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B A sightseeing holiday

Tourist questionnaire



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

* buy a **map**[1] 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**[2]?	Yes / No
* often **get lost?**	Yes / No

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


2

GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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