

Solutions Intermediate IA (Holidays)

Complete the sentences with the words from the list

castle, cathedral, harbour, go on an excursion, go abseiling, sunbathe, shopping district, tower, hire a boat

1. For her birthday, Jane decided to do something adventurous and _____ down the side of the cliff.
2. After swimming in the sea, they laid out their towels to _____ on the warm beach.
3. The _____ in the city center was bustling with people looking for the latest fashion deals.
4. If you want to explore the lake, you can _____ for a couple of hours at the marina.
5. The old _____ on the hill has been standing for over five centuries and has a fascinating history.
6. The _____ was not only a place of worship but also a landmark with its magnificent Gothic architecture.
7. The small fishing _____ was filled with boats coming in with their daily catch.
8. From the top of the _____, you could see the entire panorama of the ancient city spread out below.
9. While visiting the island, the family planned to _____ to see the famous volcanic mountains.

Match the words with their definitions

Atmospheric

A. Filled with many people, often to the point of being uncomfortable.

Crowded

B. Something that causes a feeling of sadness or letdown because it did not meet expectations.

Disappointing

C. Costing a lot of money; high-priced.

Expensive	D. Offering stunning, remarkable views or effects.
Impressive	E. Very far away from where many people live.
Peaceful	F. Having a special quality that gives a feeling of a particular place; often positive and can refer to ambience.
Spectacular	G. Not costing a lot of money; affordable.
Touristy	H. Calm, free from disturbance.
Cheap	I. Creating admiration through size, quality, or skill; grand or excellent.
Remote	J. Full of visitors and the things that attract them, sometimes to the point of being overly commercialized.

Discuss the questions

1. Do you prefer to spend your holidays at the beach or in the mountains? Why?
2. What is the most interesting cultural festival or holiday you have experienced or heard about?
3. What activities do you enjoy the most during your holidays? Are there any new activities you would like to try?
4. Do you like to stay local for holidays, or do you prefer to travel abroad? What are the pros and cons of each?
5. Can you describe the most memorable holiday you've ever had? What made it so special?
6. When planning a holiday, what are the most important things you consider?
Accommodation, food, sights to see?
7. Who do you usually go on holiday with? Do you prefer going with family, friends, or perhaps alone?
8. Have you ever learned something new or interesting on a holiday? Perhaps a new skill or something about a different culture?