

B2 Mediation task: Packing like a pro

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Warm Up: Think about your last trip and the packing ritual before setting off. Answer these questions:

- a) Do you usually make a list of must-pack items?
- b) Do you tend to pack light or to overpack? Why?
- c) Do you take time to organise your stuff, or just throw everything in without rhyme or reason?
- d) How long does it take you to pack?
- e) How do you (honestly) feel about packing? Does it feel like a stressful feat or just like another routine?
- f) What does your suitcase usually look like?



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Task 1. You're going to watch an oldie but goodie vlog on packing smart. Before watching, match the words/ expressions with their definition:

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| 1 ____ packing cubes | a. pack items that complement each other together |
| 2 ____ (workout / night) gear | b. clothes that look smooth and nice |
| 3 ____ pack outfits | c. outfit for specific occasions (gym / sleeping) |
| 4 ____ wrinkle-free clothes | d. cloth folders that keep your clothes wrinkle-free |
| 5 ____ packing folder | e. small bags with zipper used to organise items in your luggage |

Task 2. Watch the vlog and check your answers:

Task 3. Do men and women pack differently? Watch this video and compare:

Task 4. Now that you're experts in the topic, you're ready for a **MEDIATION TASK**.

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Your **French cousin, Dominique**, is preparing for a **first solo trip** and **needs your expert advice on how to pack**. Send a joint **audio message (2 minutes max / student; Structure: Initial greeting; Introducing the problem; Well-organised block of tips; Wrapping up and Final greeting)** explaining the tips in the infographic below. Use your own words.

Student A introduces the problem and focuses on the **tips in the left column**

Student B focuses on the **tips in the right column** and wraps up the message



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