8 Getting away from it all

VOCABULARY Holidays

1 Match the verbs to a preposition in the box to create phrasal verbs.

around	down	out	out	up	up

1 chill .....
2 cool .....
3 sign .....
4 stay .....
5 try .....
6 wander .....

2 Choose two correct answers to complete the sentences.

1 Last holiday, I hired ..... for an afternoon.
a a jet ski **b** a tour
c a motorbike

2 We always like to try out ..... when we go to a different country.
a the local food **b** the sights
c some new sports

3 Did you go ..... when you were in Spain last year?
a up all night **b** trekking
c sailing

4 It's a good idea to sign up for ..... when you go to a new place.
a an organised tour **b** excursions
c a tan

5 Last year we went cruising on ..... for our holiday.
a a yacht **b** a bus
c a huge ship

3 Complete the email with the words in the box.

chill	cool	hired	photographed	signed
socialised	stayed	tan	wandered	went

We have just had a lovely holiday in Spain. We stayed on a quiet campsite near the coast where we could [1] ..... out all day if we wanted. I [2] ..... a jet ski on the first day, while my parents and sister sunbathed on the beach. In the evening, we [3] ..... with the other campers, which was great. On the third day we [4] ..... up all night! The day after that we were very tired, so we just [5] ..... around the local town a bit. Then, on the following day, we [6] ..... up for an organised tour and [7] ..... the sights. On the day before we left we [8] ..... trekking in the mountains in the morning, and then before it got too hot we came back to the beach and [9] ..... down in the sea. We all got a great [10] ..... to show off to our friends at home!

4 Complete the questions, then match them to the answers below.

1 What's your favourite way to ..... ? .....
2 Have you ever ..... all night? .....
3 How do you ..... when you're hot? .....
4 What really unusual food have you ..... ? .....
5 Do you ever ..... organised tours on holiday? .....

a Once, when my parents had a party!
b Cheese and cake together – it's really strange!
c I like closing my eyes and listening to music.
d Yes, but I prefer to wander around on my own.
e I sit with my feet in water – it really works well!

READING

1 Look at the photo. What do you think the family is doing?

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2 Read the article quickly. Where do you think it comes from?

a a book
b a magazine
c a travel brochure

3 Read the article again and choose the correct answers.

1 What is meant by the phrase 'putting down roots' (line 7)?
a creating a permanent home
b making money

2 Why did Mr and Mrs Zapp want to go on a long journey?
a because their family was unkind to them
b because their lives did not feel complete

3 How did the relatives of the Zapps feel about their journey?
a pessimistic
b optimistic

4 Why do they call their children's education 'worldwide schooling'? (line 29)
a because they learn a lot of geography
b because they learn while they are travelling

5 What is the main advantage of travelling in a very old car?
a It attracts a lot of attention on the road.
b It allows them to meet new people when it breaks down.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Are we there yet?

Imagine travelling around the world with your family, by car, for 11 years straight. For some it would be like a dream come true. For others, it would get boring pretty quickly. But American couple Herman and Candelaria Zapp, along with their four children – all born on the road – are living the dream.

The couple spent their first few years of married life
7 putting down roots in Argentina, where Herman had his own computer and telephone IT company, and they had a nice house with a swimming pool. 'Our family was happy with us. We had it all,' said Herman Zapp.

But something was missing: that around-the-world trip they had talked about, and children. So, the couple set out on a pre-baby road trip from Buenos Aires to Alaska. But now they didn't get much support. 'Our family was saying that we wouldn't make it,' Zapp said. 'The most optimistic were giving us a week's journey. No more.'

Not only did the couple complete their nearly 44,000-mile initial journey, but they decided to keep going. Since then, they've been to more than two dozen countries and travelled at least 145,000 miles.

Each of their four children was born in a different country: Pampa in the United States, Tehue in Argentina, Paloma in Canada and Wallaby, the youngest, in Australia. The Zapps educate their kids themselves but also say the experiences they get are incredibly educational. 'Imagine taking your kids and watching the space shuttle take off, looking at polar bears in Alaska, seeing kangaroos in Australia and learning to speak the language of the country you're in,' Zapp said. 'We call it
29 worldwide schooling.'

For their entire 11-year adventure, the Zapps have been traveling in a 1928 car that can't go faster than 40 miles per hour. Part tent, part kitchen, part schoolhouse and part rolling apartment, the car is definitely also a part of the family. They call it 'Grandpa'. 'I am not a mechanic at all, but every time we get a breakdown we get a new friend,' said Zapp. 'Once we broke down in Puebla, a beautiful city in Mexico. When I looked at the engine someone showed up right away and told me about a car museum nearby. We went there and they took apart a car on show to give us the part.' Not only did the museum not charge for that part, but the town organised a party for the Zapps, complete with a mariachi band and plenty of food.

When and where will the road end? The Zapps say they intend to keep going, but may take a break in two years when their oldest son, Pampa, turns 10.

4 What to these numbers from the article refer to?

1 11 .....

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2 44,000 .....

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3 40 .....

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4 145,000 .....

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EP Word profile *last*

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 I haven't seen Bruce since the week ..... last.
a minute **b** thing **c** before **d** least

2 We managed to get tickets because there was a last-..... cancellation.
a minute **b** thing **c** before **d** least

3 The last ..... you need when you're on a long journey is for the car to break down.
a minute **b** thing **c** before **d** least

4 And now, ladies and gentlemen, last but not ....., is our final act of the night!
a minute **b** thing **c** before **d** least

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