

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: gap-fill, matching, unscrambling, writing answers

Speaking Activity: role-play, guided discussion (pair work)

Focus

Holiday vocabulary, descriptions and questions

Aim

To learn and practice holiday vocabulary and questions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this holiday vocabulary worksheet, students learn and practice words and questions related to holidays.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by completing an email about a holiday with words and phrases from a box.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. resort | 8. bar | 15. expensive |
| 2. great time | 9. arrived | 16. booked |
| 3. weather | 10. flight | 17. rates |
| 4. beach | 11. checked in | 18. in advance |
| 5. hotel room | 12. sightseeing | 19. check out |
| 6. swim | 13. nearby | 20. leave |
| 7. outdoor | 14. local restaurant | |

Students then match holiday vocabulary from the email to definitions.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. g 2. f 3. d 4. i 5. j 6. n 7. c
8. l 9. k 10. b 11. e 12. h 13. a 14. m

Next, students unscramble words to form questions about holidays and then answer the questions using the information from the email.

Exercise C - Answers and possible replies.

- Matteo: Where did you go on holiday?
Monica: I went to the beach.
- Matteo: Where did you stay?
Monica: I stayed at the Club Wonderful Resort.
- Matteo: Who did you go with?
Monica: I went with my family.
- Matteo: When did you go on holiday?
Monica: I went on holiday on the 1st of July.
- Matteo: How was the weather?
Monica: The weather was sunny and hot.
- Matteo: What did you do on holiday?
Monica: I went sightseeing, etc.

After that, in pairs, students role-play a conversation using the questions and answers.

Finally, students use the same questions to ask their partner about their last holiday.

A. Complete the email about a holiday with the words and phrases from the box.

flight booked outdoor rates arrived great time nearby
 in advance weather sightseeing leave resort expensive bar
 swim hotel room check out beach checked in local restaurant

Hi Maria,

My family and I are at the Club Wonderful (1), and we are having a (2)! The (3) is sunny and hot, and the (4) is a two-minute walk from our (5) If we don't want to walk that far, we can (6) in the (7) pool or have drinks at the (8) All the hotel staff are very friendly.

We (9) here on the 1st of July. Our (10) was late, so we got here at night. We (11) at our hotel at about 11 p.m. Everything is very clean and new here. Yesterday morning, we went to the beach. In the afternoon, we went (12) in a (13) town. In the evening, we had dinner at a (14) It was very (15), but the food tasted delicious. We want to try the hotel restaurant next.

I like this hotel. We (16) our rooms a week ago, so we didn't get the best (17) You need to book a few months (18) to get cheaper prices.

We need to (19) by 11 a.m. on Sunday, so we're going to go sightseeing again on Sunday afternoon before we (20) Tomorrow, we're going to spend the day at the beach.

I miss you.

Monica



B. Match the holiday vocabulary from the email to the definitions.

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| 1. book | a. a place where people go to buy and drink drinks |
| 2. check in | b. a place where people go for a holiday |
| 3. check out | c. before another time |
| 4. flight | d. settle your hotel bill before leaving |
| 5. sightseeing | e. belonging to a particular area or neighbourhood |
| 6. arrive | f. arrive and register at a hotel or airport |
| 7. in advance | g. reserve something, such as a hotel room. |
| 8. nearby | h. rest so as to become less tired or anxious |
| 9. rates | i. the noun for <i>fly</i> ; a trip on an airplane |
| 10. resort | j. visit interesting or famous places |
| 11. local | k. prices to pay for something |
| 12. relax | l. not far away |
| 13. bar | m. outside, not in a building |
| 14. outdoor | n. to get to a place |

C. Monica is back from her holiday. Her friend Matteo is asking her questions about her holiday. Unscramble the words to form questions about holidays and then answer the questions using the information from the email.

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| 1. on / go / holiday / you / did / where | 4. holiday / go / you / when / on / did |
| Matteo: | Matteo: |
| Monica: | Monica: |
| 2. stay / you / did / where | 5. the / how / weather / was |
| Matteo: | Matteo: |
| Monica: | Monica: |
| 3. go / did / with / who / you | 6. do / holiday / on / what / you / did |
| Matteo: | Matteo: |
| Monica: | Monica: |

D. Now, role-play the conversation between Matteo and Monica with a partner. Afterwards, use the same questions to ask your partner about their last holiday.