

Vacation

People like different kinds of vacations. Some go camping. They swim, fish, cook over a fire, and sleep outside. Others like to stay at a hotel in an exciting city. They go shopping and sightseeing. Some people want to have an adventure –a surprising and exciting trip. They want to learn something and maybe help people too. Sometimes these trips are difficult and full of hardships, but they are a lot of fun. They learn a lot about environment, animals, plants, and cultures. They work hard on their vacation, but it is different from their usual job, and they enjoy it. As a whole, it is you that decide what kind of vacation is perfect for you, whether to be a tourist guided to see great places, museums, monuments, cathedrals, and markets, or to have an adventurous trip planned to go to the far North or to spend two weeks on ocean.

Discuss your answers to these questions with your classmates.

1. How do most people spend their vacation in your country?
2. How do you like to spend your vacation?
3. What do you like to do on a vacation?
4. Have you ever stayed at home on your vacation? How did you feel?
5. What gives you a great pleasure on your vacation?
6. Have you ever got board on your vacation? Why?
7. Have you ever studied all vacation for your exams?
8. Which activities do you like best on your vacation?
9. What are some popular vacations in your country?
10. What kind of vacation would you like most?
11. Would you rather visit another country or travel around your own country?
12. What countries would you most like to visit? Why?
13. What is the most interesting city to visit in your country? Why?
14. Would you prefer to stay at a hotel or camp while on vacation?
15. Do you like to go shopping or sightseeing on your vacation?
16. Do you sometimes go camping?
17. If you are going on a camping trip for a week what ten things would you bring?
18. Would you like an adventure?

19. Have you ever got lost while traveling?
20. Have you ever been in a difficult situation while traveling?
21. Have you ever hitchhiked?
22. Do you prefer to travel by train, bus, plane, ship, or to drive?
23. Do you prefer to travel alone or in a group? Why?
24. Do you like to travel with your friends or your parents? Why?
25. Do you ever buy souvenirs?
26. Do you prefer summer vacations or winter vacations?
27. How/where did you spend your last vacations?
28. Describe the most interesting person /place you visited on one of your travels.
29. How do you spend your time when you are on holiday and the weather is bad?
30. When you are on a long car journey what do you do to occupy your time?
31. Is having a nice vacation expensive in your country?

Suggested words to be used in your discussion:

Verbs	
Get: to travel somewhere on a train, bus, etc:	You can get a bus to the station. I got the 9:15 from London to Paris.
Hitch –hike: to travel to places by getting free rides from drivers of passing cars	Hitch hike around/ to/ across etc: she spent her gap year hitchhiking around the world.
Leave: to go away from a place or a person: Before leaving the train, make sure you have all your belongings with you. Leave the motorway at junction 7	Leave at: The plane leaves at 12:30.
Plan: to intend to do something	Plan on doing something: When do you plan on going to Geneva?
Travel: to go from one place to another; or to several places; especially ones that are far away: Someday I'd like to travel abroad.	Travel to/ across/ through/ around etc: we are planning to travel across America this summer.
Visit: to go and spend time in a place or with someone, especially for pleasure or interest: Which cities did you visit in Spain? A recent trip to London gave me the opportunity to visit the Science Museum.	
Nouns	

Bay: a part of the sea that is partly enclosed by a curve in the land: A house with a view across the bay.	Break: a short holiday: I was beginning to feel that I needed a break. The Easter/ Christmas etc break: Are you looking forward to the summer break?
Camp: a place where people stay in tents, shelters etc for a short time, usually in the mountains, a forest: Let's go back to camp. It is getting dark.	Pitch/ make camp: (=set up a tent or shelter) it was dark by the time we pitched camp.
Campfire: a fire made outdoors by people who are camping	Diving: the sport of swimming under water using special equipment to help you breathe: We went diving on the coral reef.
Fishing: the sport or business of catching fish: fishing is one of his hobbies. They're going fishing at Lake Arrowhead next weekend.	Deep sea/ fresh water /salt water fishing
Free: if you are free, or have some free time, you have no work, and nothing else that you must do. I am free tomorrow.	Free for: Are you free for lunch today? A free day/ morning/ half –hour etc:
Hiking: the activity of taking long walks in the mountains or country: we're going to do some hiking this summer.	Holiday or holidays: a period of time when you travel to another place for pleasure (=vacation American English) We are going to Spain for our holidays.
Journey: especially British English a time spent traveling from one place to another (= trip American English) We're going on a journey to a strange country. We broke our journey to have a picnic.	Off /the off: the start of a race or a journey: The horses were in line, ready for the off.
Pastime: something that you do because you think it is enjoyable or interesting; Reading was her favorite pastime.	Shore: the land along the edge of a large area of water such as an ocean or lake: She began to swim to shore. On the shores of something: A holiday resort on the shores of the Adriatic
Sightseeing: when you visit famous or interesting places, especially at tourists: she swam and sunbathed, went sightseeing and relaxed.	Souvenir: an object that you buy or keep to remind yourself of a special occasion or a place, have visited (= memento); Souvenir of: I bought a model of the Eiffel Tower as a souvenir of Paris.
Tour: a journey for pleasure, during which you visit several different towns, areas etc. Tour of/ around/ round: a ten –day tour of China.	Travel: the activity of traveling: The new job involves a fair amount of travel. Form/ means/ mode of travel (=the type of vehicle you use) we went by bus –the cheapest means of travel.

Trip: a visit to a place that involves a journey, for pleasure or a particular purpose; trip to: Did you enjoy your trip to Disneyland? Business /school /shopping etc trip: a business trip to Japan	Vacation: especially American English a holiday, or time spent not working; on vacation: They are on vacation for the next two weeks. We're hoping to take a vacation at the end of July.
Voyage: a long journey in a ship or spacecraft: The voyage from England to India used to take six months. The Titanic's maiden voyage (= first journey)	
Adjectives	
Adventuresome: American English eager to go to new places and do exciting or dangerous things	Boring: not interesting in any way: the job was dull and boring.
Fascinating: extremely interesting: That sounds absolutely fascinating.	Incredible: extremely good, large, or great (=unbelievable) : The view is just incredible.
Relaxed: feeling calm, comfortable, and not worried or annoyed: Gail was lying in the sun looking very relaxed and happy.	Terrific: very good, especially in a way that makes you feel happy and excited (= great): That's a terrific idea!
Idioms Related to the Topic	
Break one's journey: stop for a short time	Maiden voyage: first journey
Safe journey! Used when sb is beginning a journey	Travel light: to take very little with yourself when you go on a trip