

1 GETTING AWAY

VOCABULARY

1 Match the beginnings and ends of the sentences that Sofia says about her holiday activities.

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| 1 | I always feel excited when I'm packing | |
| 2 | I love discovering | |
| 3 | I don't spend much time just sunbathing by | |
| 4 | I don't buy | |
| 5 | I always take | |
| 6 | I like hiking | |
| 7 | It's nice to spend a day sightseeing | |
| 8 | I always have fun playing | |
| 9 | When I go to a new city, I prefer exploring on | |
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| a | many souvenirs to take home with me. |
| b | exciting new places when I'm on holiday. |
| c | the pool or on the beach. |
| d | games on the beach with friends. |
| e | in the mountains if the weather's nice. |
| f | lots of photos! |
| g | my own, rather than going on a tour. |
| h | in a new city and visiting all the tourist sites. |
| i | my bags to go on holiday. |

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I think going on a long by train would be really boring!
A transport **B** journey **C** travel
- We're going on a ten-day to Morocco next month.
A trip **B** travel **C** transport
- Flying is not always the most expensive form of
A tour **B** transport **C** trip
- We went on a of the old city with a really interesting guide.
A trip **B** journey **C** tour
- I'd love to do a job that involves a lot of
A travel **B** transport **C** journey

3 Complete the sentences with the correct weather words.

- It's quite c I today, so you might need a sweatshirt.
- I hate it when the weather's grey and d !!
- What's the c m e like where you live?
- I hate it when it rains and everything feels d p.
- There was a storm last night, with lots of thunder and l t g.
- It's warm here during the day, but it can be quite c y in the evening.

4 Choose the correct words to complete the online posts.

JJ44

I'm looking for somewhere to go on a hiking holiday in November. Any suggestions?

Marty_P

The island of Madeira is nice at that time of year. It's quite warm, with blue skies and plenty of ¹sunshine / showers / climate. It's a nice dry heat, too, so it doesn't feel too ²dull / humid / mild. Perfect!

SammyT33

I went to the Caribbean last year, but I wouldn't recommend it in November. It's the beginning of the wet season, so there may be frequent heavy ³chilly / showers / damp. It's also windy at that time of year too, so there may be a strong ⁴lightning / breeze / dull.

Suzy_S21

Why not go to Tenerife? It doesn't often rain there, so you can be fairly sure you'll get ⁵fine / dull / damp weather. Nights can be ⁶mild / chilly / humid, though, so take a few warm clothes with you.

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the advice about booking a holiday with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjectives.

Booking a holiday?

Price isn't everything when you're booking a holiday, and the ¹..... (cheap) holiday isn't necessarily the ²..... (good) one. For example, one hotel may cost less than another, but it may be a long way from the airport, so it's ³..... (expensive) to get there by taxi. Also, a hotel that has low prices might have a ⁴..... (small) pool than other hotels. This probably means the pool will be ⁵..... (crowded) and not much fun! Many people choose the ⁶..... (big) hotel they can find because they think this will have the ⁷..... (comfortable) rooms. But this isn't always true, and big hotels are often ⁸..... (noisy) than small ones. So, when you're looking for a holiday, don't just think about price – think about which holiday will be the ⁹..... (enjoyable) for you.

2 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use *less ... or (not) as ...*

- This hotel is older than the one near the beach.
The hotel near the beach *isn't as old* as this one.
- The beach was more crowded yesterday.
The beach is today than it was yesterday.
- This café is less expensive than the Italian one.
This café as the Italian one.
- This beach is beautiful, and the one we went to yesterday was beautiful too.
This beach is as the one we went to yesterday.
- This city isn't as interesting as I expected.
This city than I expected.

3 Complete the holiday complaints with *too or enough* and the words in brackets.

- The pool was (cold) to swim in!
- I guess our room was (clean), but it wasn't nicely decorated.
- There were lots of restaurants, but they were all (expensive) for us.
- Our balcony wasn't (big) for us to sit on.
- We only stayed for a few days, so we didn't have (time) to do very much.

4 Complete the sentences with *so or such a*.

- I'm happy that I'm going on holiday tomorrow!
- Why have you got big bag?
- Spain is lovely country to visit!
- It was exciting going on the boat trip.
- I'd love to go to Cuba, but it's long way!

5 Choose the correct words to complete the email.

Hi Paula,
 I'm having ¹*so / such / enough* a great time here in Ireland. The countryside is even ²*more / the most / as* beautiful than I expected, and the people here are ³*enough / such / so* friendly and welcoming. It isn't ⁴*less hot / hotter / as hot* as Spain, of course, but it's ⁵*too warm / so warm / warm enough* for hiking and sightseeing. Luckily, it hasn't been ⁶*such / more / too* wet – we've only had one day of rain! The ⁷*more / most / less* surprising thing is the food – it's amazing, and it's ⁸*so / less / as* expensive than I thought, which is good! The ⁹*bigger / too big / biggest* problem has been travelling around. The buses here are ¹⁰*cheaper / so cheap / not as cheap* than the trains, but there aren't many of them in the countryside, so I think we might need to hire a car.
 See you when I get back,
 Jan

PUSH YOURSELF B2

Complete the words in the sentences.

- Some parts of the world are getting much warmer because of c m e c ge.
- Plastic water bottles are definitely not e r m t y f n y!
- Travelling by train rather than plane will reduce your c b n f t t.
- We all need to recycle more so that we produce less w e.
- We should use clean forms of energy rather than burning f s l f s.
- It's important to support the c s v n of the rainforest.

LISTENING

1 04 Listen to an interview on a holiday show.



What is the show about?

- an unusual holiday on a cruise ship that costs a lot of money
- a competition in which someone can win a luxury holiday
- a holiday company that wants to pay someone to go on holiday

2 04 Listen to the interview again. Decide if the sentences are true or false.



- The company wants someone to go on seven different holidays.
- The person has to write a blog and upload photos to social media.
- The person also has to upload a video, but they can't choose what it is about.
- The person won't pay for their travel or food, and will also receive money to pay for souvenirs.
- The company is employing this person to help advertise its holidays.
- To apply, you should write to the company and send some of your holiday photos.



READING PART 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to find a hotel near the beach. On the right there are eight hotels near the beach. Decide which hotel would be most suitable for the people below.



- 1** Tanya wants a hotel directly on the beach so she can go for long walks. Apart from that, she doesn't plan to leave her hotel, so wants all meals and plenty of things to do there.

- 2** Susie wants to stay at a small quiet hotel. She wants the hotel to provide transport to a nearby town so that she can do lots of shopping there.



- 3** Rafael needs a hotel which provides suitable activities and food for young children. He also wants the hotel restaurant to serve a range of international food that he and his wife can enjoy.



- 4** Tommy is looking for a hotel with access to a gym and swimming pool. He also wants his hotel to be within walking distance of entertainment facilities for the evenings.



- 5** Angelica and her sister Katrin want a hotel which is next to a busy beach where they can take lessons in a watersport and go swimming in the sea.



HOLIDAY HOTELS

A LUXUS HOTEL

You never need to step outside this hotel as it has a full programme of activities for adults, from fitness classes and yoga to cooking lessons and garden tours. There's also a choice of four international restaurants to suit different tastes. The balcony has fantastic views over the town and the beach beyond.

B OCEAN VIEW

It's easy to visit the local attractions – a castle and a children's fun park – because the public bus stops outside the hotel entrance. Behind the hotel is a small beach which is often crowded with sunbathers and swimmers. There's also a diving and sailing school, where hotel guests can get a discount.

C SEASIDE HOTEL

This small, family-owned hotel offers fantastic home-cooked food. The hotel is only five minutes' walk to a busy beach but it's outside a town. If guests wish to go out in the evenings, it's better to bring your own car or hire one.

D GOLDEN SANDS HOTEL

This friendly hotel has a fantastic sports and entertainment programme to keep kids busy all day. There's only one restaurant but the menu changes daily, includes food from around the world and is suitable for all ages. There's an evening babysitting service so that adults can eat later.

E BLUE WAVES HOTEL

This busy hotel is ten minutes on foot to the town where there are discos and nightly concerts. The fitness centre's great for those who want to stay active on holiday, and guests can use the twenty-five-metre pool at the hotel next door. Free transport is provided to and from the airport.

F HARRY'S HOTEL

This hotel is right on the beach so guests can sit and watch surfers in the water. There are only twenty-five bedrooms so the atmosphere's always peaceful. All meals are provided and are cooked by a French chef. The town centre's great for buying gifts, clothes and shoes, and the hotel minibus takes guests there for free.

G DUNES HOTEL

This hotel, located away from the town, has everything you need, from a large swimming pool, games room and gym to clothes shops and a mini-supermarket. Breakfast and dinner are included, and it's possible to add lunch for a small charge. To reach the five-kilometre sandy beach, guests just need to cross the hotel garden.

H SUNSET HOTEL

A ten-minute taxi ride along the coast takes guests to a nearby town with a choice of watersports, including surfing and windsurfing lessons, as well as lively nightlife. The hotel has a private beach for sunbathing, but for swimming it's best to use the hotel pool.

SPEAKING

1 Read the phrases. Decide if each one is making a suggestion (S), asking for an opinion (O), agreeing (A) or disagreeing (D).

- 1 What do you think?
- 2 Sorry, but I don't agree.
- 3 Yes, you're right.
- 4 Perhaps they could visit a museum.
- 5 That's true.
- 6 Do you agree?
- 7 I think they should go to the beach.
- 8 Really?

2 Complete the conversations with the words in the box. There are two words you don't need.

afraid agree best enjoy great
 might opinion really think

- A:** They ¹ like a trip to the theatre.
B: Do you ² so? I'm not sure.
- A:** I think the ³ way to get to Paris is by train.
B: I'm ⁴ I disagree with you. The train is too slow.
- A:** I think they'd ⁵ going shopping. What's your ⁶?
B: I think that's a ⁷ idea. Most people like shopping.

3 Choose the correct phrases in the conversations.

- A:** ¹Perhaps they could / They might like spend the day sightseeing.
B: ²That's true. / Really? I think that might be fun.
- A:** ³I think they'd enjoy / I think they should visiting the zoo.
B: ⁴Do you agree? / Yes, you're right. They'd like that.
- A:** I think a barbecue is the best idea for a meal.
⁵What do you think? / Really?
B: ⁶I'm afraid I disagree with you. / Yes, you're right. A barbecue isn't fun if it's raining.

4 Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1** Do you prefer to travel by plane or by train?
A I'd rather go by plane because it's quicker.
B Trains and planes are both expensive, but the train is usually a bit cheaper.
- 2** What do you think about organised tours?
A I sometimes go on organised tours, but I usually explore new cities on my own.
B I think organised tours can be interesting sometimes, if you're in a new city.

- 3** Would you rather spend a day sunbathing or sightseeing?
A I love sunbathing, and I also like sightseeing because it's interesting.
B I'd prefer to go sightseeing for the day because I think it's more interesting.
- 4** What's the best time of year for you to go on holiday?
A I think the spring is my favourite time to go on holiday because it isn't as busy as the summer.
B The summer is usually too expensive for some people, so a lot of people prefer the autumn.
- 5** Do you enjoy hiking in the mountains?
A There are lots of great mountains in my country, and a lot of people go hiking there.
B Yes, I love hiking in the mountains because you can get some amazing views from the top.

WRITING

1 Choose the correct linking words.

- 1** *Although / But* the beach was crowded, there was enough space for us to find a place to relax.
2 The city centre has some beautiful old buildings. *What's more, / As well,* there are also some amazing shops.
3 The hotel has two swimming pools, and tennis courts *also / too*.
4 The food was excellent, *and / but* the waiters were all very friendly.
5 *As well as / Also* visiting the museum, we also had time for lunch in a small café.
6 The train journey was long, *what's more / but* we didn't mind because the scenery was beautiful.

2 Complete the sentences with the linking words in the box.

also although
 and as well as
 though too



- 1** A helicopter trip is a great way to see the city, it doesn't cost too much.
2 The old city centre is lovely, and the castle is worth a visit.
3 we were tired, we decided to go for a walk along the beach.
4 being very crowded, the museum was old-fashioned and not very interesting.
5 The park is a great place to relax. There's a very good café there,
6 We had an amazing holiday. It was very expensive,

2 ENTERTAIN ME

VOCABULARY

Read the clues and complete the puzzle with the correct entertainment words. Use the shaded letters to make an extra word.

1	S				D	T				
2	B				S					R
3	A									E
4	T									R
5	E				S					
6	C									
7	S									

- 1 the music that plays during a film
- 2 a very popular book that a lot of people buy
- 3 the people who watch a play or show
- 4 a very exciting film or book
- 5 one part of a TV series
- 6 a funny film that makes you laugh
- 7 the part of a theatre where the actors stand to perform

Extra word: d.....
 Clue: It might be about animals.

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the text with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs.

Nearly a star!

Do you want to be a star? I ¹..... (never / be) interested in being on TV, but last year a friend of mine ²..... (go) to an event to find good singers for a talent show. He ³..... (always / love) singing, so it ⁴..... (seem) perfect for him. He ⁵..... (sing) well for the judges, and they ⁶..... (accept) him onto the show. He's really excited because he ⁷..... (not do) anything like this before. As for me, I ⁸..... (never / see) a friend of mine on TV before, so I can't wait to watch the show!

2 Write the questions using the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs. Then complete the short answers.

- 1 **A:** you / enjoy / the concert / last Saturday?
?
B: Yes, I It was amazing!
- 2 **A:** you / ever / act / in a play?
?
B: Yes, I But I don't think I was very good!
- 3 **A:** you / go / to / any festivals / last summer?
?
B: No, I But I'd like to go to some this year.
- 4 **A:** Paul / see / the new *Star Wars* film yet?
?
B: Yes, he He loved it!
- 5 **A:** Freya / win / the singing competition / last week?
?
B: Yes, she She's a really good singer!
- 6 **A:** your friends / ever / organise / a surprise party for you?
?
B: No, they, but I organised one for a friend of mine recently.



3 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first. Use *for* or *since*.

- 1** I started at this college in 2019.
I've been at this
2019.
- 2** Ollie started work at the café three months ago.
Ollie has worked at
three months.
- 3** My brother got this tablet last year.
My brother has had this
last year.
- 4** I first met Laura five years ago.
I've known five years.
- 5** Hana became interested in dance when she was five.
Hana has been interested
she was five.
- 6** My grandparents started living in this house a long time ago.
My grandparents have lived in
a long time.

4 Complete the conversation with *yet* and *already*.

- A:** Have you seen the latest episode of *Secret Lives* 1
- B:** No, I haven't. I know it's on catch-up TV, but I haven't had time to watch it 2
But I've 3 decided that it was David who killed Magda.
- A:** Really? I think there are a few possibilities.
- B:** Yes, but the police have 4 found a few things that show it's David.
- A:** Hmm, but they haven't arrested him 5, so I'm not sure. Freddie says there are some spoilers online – have you read any of them 6
- B:** No, and I don't want to – I'm happy to wait and see what happens!

5 Complete the text with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs in brackets.

In the early days of film-making things 1 (be) very different for the actors. Firstly, they 2 (not speak) in the films, because there was no sound. Someone 3 (play) the piano in cinemas while the audience watched the film. And how 4 (they / do) dangerous things, like in this photo? Nowadays, film makers can use computers to make things look exciting, or they use special actors to do the dangerous scenes. But in the 1920s that 5 (not happen). The main actors 6 (perform) in every scene, even when it was dangerous!

LISTENING PART 2

05 For each question, choose the correct answer.



- 1** You will hear two friends talking about a film they have just seen.
What does the woman say?
A The film was too long.
B The story was hard to follow.
C The main actor was disappointing.
- 2** You will hear a brother and sister talking about booking concert tickets.
They agree to book seats
A near the stage.
B at the side.
C in the balcony.
- 3** You will hear a woman telling a friend about a TV programme.
What type of programme did she watch?
A a soap opera
B a crime series
C a documentary
- 4** You will hear two people talking about online newspapers.
Why does the man prefer online newspapers to TV news?
A They are more suitable for his busy lifestyle.
B They focus on more interesting topics.
C They provide more detailed information.
- 5** You will hear a man telling a friend about a play called *The Visit*.
How does he feel?
A satisfied that he has seen it
B impressed by the way that it ended
C excited about the director's next play
- 6** You will hear two friends talking about a summer music festival.
One thing the woman likes about the festival is that
A it isn't too crowded.
B tickets aren't too expensive.
C travelling there isn't too difficult.



READING

1 Read the article. How does it answer the question in the title below? Choose the best answer.

- A** Not many people knew about superheroes in the past, but now more people know about them.
- B** The use of computers has made superhero films more realistic, so now more people can enjoy them.
- C** Film makers now use better stories in superhero films, so they are more exciting.

Everyone is suddenly crazy about superhero films! Recent films like *Black Panther*, *The Avengers* and *Thor* have become popular all over the world. But why? Most of the characters are not new. They have been in stories in comics since the 1960s. So why are superhero films suddenly so popular now?

One reason is that the basic superhero story is very simple and familiar. We would all love to be a superhero – a normal person who gets amazing magic powers. We can imagine that suddenly we are super-strong or can run super-fast, or fly through the air. We then use these powers to fight a bad guy who wants to destroy the world, and everyone loves us! Wonderful!

These stories worked well in comics. Artists made simple drawings of Spiderman climbing up walls or Superman flying above the city. Our imagination did the rest. But with superhero films in the past, this didn't work. The audience couldn't believe the story they were watching. They could see that the superheroes weren't *really* flying, or climbing up walls. They just looked like normal people in rather silly clothes!

But this has all changed. Budgets are much bigger and films are much better than they used to be. The costumes actors wear now are amazing. But there's something more important. Film makers now use computers to make the superheroes *look* real. When we see Superman flying, we can now *believe* that he is flying.

Because the stories now *look* real on the screen, we can enjoy them again, like we did in the comics. Our imagination can take control again. We can believe there *really is* a superhero, and he (or she) *really can* save the world! At the same time, we can enjoy the amazing pictures, the soundtrack and the excellent acting.

Fans have waited for a long time to see good superhero films. But they are finally here. Now not just children, but old and young alike, can escape into these imaginary worlds. With the help of computers and amazing special effects, everyone can really enjoy these simple stories of magic and power, and good defeating bad.

WHY DO WE SUDDENLY LOVE SUPERHEROES?

2 Read the article again. Choose the correct answers.

- 1** Most of the characters in superhero films *have changed / haven't changed* since the 1960s.
- 2** Most people *can imagine they are / wouldn't like to be* a superhero.
- 3** Audiences thought the first film superheroes were *amazing / looked disappointing*.
- 4** It is easier to enjoy superhero films now because *they look more like the stories in comics / they look more realistic*.
- 5** *Especially young people / People of all ages* now enjoy superhero films.

PUSH YOURSELF B2

Choose the correct phrasal verbs to complete the sentences.

- I used to be good friends with Ali, but I _____ with him last year.
- My brother has really _____ tennis recently – he loves it!
- You shouldn't worry about things so much – you should _____ more!
- Henry was really upset when his band _____ last year.
- I think if you enjoy acting, you should _____ doing it – don't listen to anyone else!
- My parents always want me to do well, and I don't want to _____.
- A local café offered me a part-time job, but I _____.
- Ben's dad is a famous actor, so Ben feels he has to _____.

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| 1 | A fell out | B chilled out | C kept on |
| 2 | A turned down | B got into | C lived up to |
| 3 | A keep on | B split up | C chill out |
| 4 | A let down | B split up | C kept on |
| 5 | A keep on | B fall out | C turn down |
| 6 | A turn them down | B get into them | C let them down |
| 7 | A fell out | B turned it down | C split up with them |
| 8 | A let him down | B fall out with him | C live up to him |

SPEAKING

Complete the conversations with the words in the box. There are two words you don't need.

crazy enjoy fan into mind
 stand bothered thing

- A:** We could watch a film on your phone.
B: No. I can't _____ watching films on my phone – the screen's far too small!
- A:** Do you want to go bowling later?
B: No, I don't like bowling – it isn't my _____.
- A:** Did you enjoy that film?
B: Yes. I'm not usually a _____ of romantic films, but this one was quite good.
- A:** Does your sister like that new band, New Day?
B: Yes, they're her favourite band now. She's completely _____ about them!
- A:** Have you heard the new song by Tamara?
B: Yes, it's great. I'm really _____ her music.
- A:** Where do you want to sit?
B: Well, I don't _____ sitting near the back of the cinema, but I'd prefer to be nearer the front.

WRITING

1 Complete the beginnings and endings for emails with the words in the box.

Bye Dear Hi (x2) Looking See to seeing

Email beginnings:

- _____ ,
- _____ Anna,
- _____ Anna,

Email endings:

- _____ for now.
- _____ you soon.
- _____ forward _____ you.

2 We often use short forms in informal emails. Write one short form for each sentence.

- There is a concert next Saturday. *There's* _____
- Where is the festival taking place? _____
- I will get the tickets. _____
- I would love to come with you. _____
- That is a really nice idea. _____
- Jack is coming to the concert with us. _____

3 Choose the correct words in the messages.

Hi Lucas,
¹Would / Do you like to come for a pizza with me tonight? We ²could / may meet in town, if you like.
 Hope you can come!
 Sam

Hi Sam,
 Thanks for the invitation. ³Sorry, but / No, but I have to revise tonight because I've got exams tomorrow. How about ⁴go / going tomorrow night instead?
 Bye for now,
 Lucas

Hi Lucas,
⁵That sounds / That's a nice idea. Let's ⁶meet / meeting at seven o'clock. Why ⁷we don't / don't we ask Kallum to come too?
 Looking forward to seeing you,
 Sam

4 Look at the sentences in exercise 3. Are they suggestions, invitations or responses? Write S, I or R.

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| 1 _____ | 3 _____ | 5 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 4 _____ | 6 _____ | |