

Did you enjoy your holiday?

(LEVEL B1)

Part 1: WARM-UP

As a warm-up tell your ss to make a list of expressions they associate with holidays. Ss can work either in pairs or individually. Allow 1-2 minutes. Board a few ideas. Clarify any new vocabulary. Brief feedback as a class.

Hand out exercise 1. Set the task by giving clear instructions. Allow appx. 5 minutes for a discussion. Feedback as a class.

EX.1. Look at the pictures below and answer the following questions and compare your ideas with your partner:

- Where is it? (A. Hongkong, B. Maldives)**
- Where would you like to spend your holiday and why?**
- What are possible advantages and disadvantages of each holiday location?**

A.



B.



Source: pixabay.com

Set exercise 2 by giving clear instructions. You may want to pre-teach: crowded, skyscrapers, waves. Allow 5-8 minutes. Feedback.

EX.2. Label the things you see in the pictures. Use the following words:

to go sightseeing (v), nightlife (n), sandy (adj), fresh air (n), relaxing (adj), busy (adj), crowded (adj), green spaces (n), skyscrapers (n), waves (n), palm tree (n), exciting (adj)

Part 2: WATCHING

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4aLHA6-coU>

Tell your ss that they will hear different people talking about their holidays. Tell them not to worry about the order as it will change with each question. Play the video twice (stronger groups) or 3 times (weaker groups. Allow pair check in between. If the group is stronger, tell them to give more details eg. What exactly people did on holiday (kayaking, shopping etc.)

Note: if your ss struggle with the task you can pause the video after each speaker allowing them more time to take notes.

EX3.a You will listen to different people talking about their holidays. Fill in the chart below with the information you hear. Try to write down the adjectives that people use to describe their holiday experience.

	What kind of holidays do you like?		Where did you go on your last holiday?
Speaker #1	Adventure holidays	Speaker #1	Cook Islands
Speaker #2	Relaxing beach holidays	Speaker #2	Bali
Speaker #3	City-breaks and beach holidays	Speaker #3	St. Lucia
Speaker #4	Activity holidays	Speaker #4	Disneyland in Paris
Speaker #5	Activity holidays	Speaker #5	Australia

Speaker #6	Beach holidays	Speaker #6	New York
Speaker #7	Beach holidays	Speaker #7	Rome
Speaker #8	Relaxing holidays	Speaker #8	New York & New England
Speaker #9	Relaxing holidays and city-breaks	Speaker #9	Southern France
		Speaker #10	Mauritius

Adjectives: fantastic, lovely, amazing, wonderful, safe, great, very relaxing

Allow appx. 5 minutes for the discussion. When doing feedback ask your ss to report what they've learnt from their partner.

EX. 3.b Using the adjectives from the previous exercise answer the same questions with your partner.

Part 3: VOCABULARY

Set the next task by giving clear instruction. Allow your ss to compare their answers before giving feedback. (appx. 5 - 8 minutes)

EX.4. Match the expressions used in the video.

A. landmark d	a. a short holiday spent in a city
B. city-break a	b. in particular
C. especially b	c. attractive or enjoyable
D. sights e	d. a well-known object f.e. in a city
E. lovely c	e. interesting things to see

EX.5. Now use the expressions to fill in the sentences below.

1. Paris has many famous**landmarks**..... such as the Eiffle Tower or the Cathedral of Notre-Damme.
2. When we went to Thailand last year we had a**lovely**..... time.
3. The city of London has a lot of interesting**sights**..... that you should see when you visit.
4. Last month we went on a**city-break**..... to Berlin. We only spent 3 days there but it was great fun!
5. I don't enjoy eating seafood,**especially**..... prawns!

If there is still time at the end of the lesson, you can finish off with EX.5. If not – give it as a homework.

Part 4: AFTER WATCHING:

EX.5. Using the vocabulary from EX. 2 & 4 write a postcard to your friend describing your holiday. Make sure you include:

- a) the location and where you are staying (hotel/hostel/campsite?)
- b) whether you are enjoying your holiday or not
- c) any landmarks/sights you saw
- d) some information about food, weather, your daily activities etc.