

# 6A | Summer holiday

## VOCABULARY: holidays 1

1 Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the collocations 1–8.

- 1 arrive at the resort / a flight
- 2 book a flight / your way around
- 3 check out of the hotel / some holiday brochures
- 4 choose a destination / the packing
- 5 do the packing / the resort
- 6 find a deposit / your way around
- 7 pay a destination / a deposit
- 8 pick up the hotel / some holiday brochures

2 What is the most logical order to do the things in exercise 1?

3 Work in pairs. Tell your partner about your last holiday. Use as many expressions as you can from exercise 1.

*We chose our destination from a travel brochure. Then we ...*

## READING

1 Read the questionnaire and answer each question for yourself.

2 Work in pairs and compare your answers. Do you have similar attitudes to travelling? Read your results on page 127 and see if you agree.

3 Find words or phrases in the questionnaire that match the definitions 1–8.

- 1 reading something to find specific information
- 2 happen unexpectedly or without planning it
- 3 a cheap holiday because you're booking late
- 4 do something after you've intended to do it for a long time
- 5 not take a lot of luggage
- 6 not prepare a long time ahead
- 7 made yourself comfortable
- 8 someone who looks after you when you're on holiday

4 Have you already decided what you're doing for your next holiday? Tell your partner about your plans.

## Travel questionnaire

# What kind of holiday person are you?



1 It's the end of February and lots of people are already planning their summer holidays. What about you?

- a) I've already decided that I'm going back to the same place as last year and the year before.
- b) I've just picked up some brochures from the travel agent and I'm going to spend the weekend looking through them and deciding where I want to go.
- c) I really don't know yet. I fancy somewhere different, but I don't really care where. I know something will turn up, maybe a last-minute bargain or an invitation from a friend.

2 You've decided where to go and the next step is to book a flight. What are you going to do?

- a) I'm picking my ticket up from the travel agent's tomorrow.
- b) I'm planning to have a look for some cheap flights on the internet tonight.
- c) It's too early to decide yet, I'll probably get round to it in a week or two.

3 When do you usually do your packing?

- a) I've already started doing some shopping. I always like to get everything ready at least a day or two before I leave.
- b) I'm going to do it all the night before. I know what I need to take already and I'm going shopping tomorrow to buy sunscreen and some film for my camera.
- c) I'll probably do it the morning before I leave. It usually only takes about half an hour. I always travel light.

## GRAMMAR: future 1 (future plans)

1 Look at question 5 of the questionnaire again and underline the future verb forms. Which verb form:

- a) describes an intention?
- b) suggests that no definite plans have been made yet?
- c) suggests that a firm arrangement has already been made?



#### 4 When do you plan get to the airport?

- A taxi's picking me up first thing in the morning. I want to check in at least two and a half hours before my flight leaves.
- I'd like to check in about an hour to an hour and half before my flight leaves.
- I'll probably get there just in time - I always leave things till the last minute.

#### 5 You've just settled into your hotel. What are you going to do first?

- I'm meeting the travel rep and the other new arrivals for a welcome cocktail in the bar.
- I'm going to find the tourist information centre and ask about where I can hire a car.
- I don't know yet. I'll just wait and see what there is on offer.

#### 2 Choose the best verb forms to complete the conversation.

- A: Hello, we were on the same flight, I think.  
 B: Yes, we were sitting just behind you. How long (1) *will you stay / are you staying?*  
 A: We're here for two weeks. And you?  
 B: We're not too sure. (2) *We're going to stay / We'll stay* for a couple of days and then (3) *we're deciding / we'll decide* if we want to move on. Have you made any plans for tomorrow?  
 A: Yes, we've hired a car, (4) *we're picking it up / we'll pick it up* in the morning and (5) *we'll drive / we're going to drive* around the island. We want to find the best beaches. What about you?  
 B: We haven't made any plans yet. We'll probably wait to see what the weather's like tomorrow and then (6) *we're making up / we'll make up* our minds!  
 A: Well, there's plenty of room in our car if you fancy coming along. (7) *We'll leave / We're leaving* at 9.30, straight after breakfast.  
 B: OK, thanks. That sounds like a good idea. We'll let you know tomorrow.

#### 3 Work in pairs. Write the three options for the last two questions in the quiz.

- 6** You know you should send some postcards. When are you going to write them?
- 7** It's your last day. Your plane leaves at 7.30 this evening. What are you going to do?

#### 4 Find out if any of your classmates are doing anything special this evening / tomorrow / at the weekend.

Use *be going to* + infinitive to talk about intentions: things you definitely want to do, but you haven't made firm arrangements for yet.

*We're going to book some tickets on the Internet this evening.*

(= This is what we intend to do, but we haven't done it yet.)

Use the present continuous to talk about things you've already decided to do and made some arrangements for.

*We're meeting at the pizza house at 8.30.*

(= We've already spoken to our friends and arranged a time and a place to meet.)

Use *will* + infinitive

- to talk about the future when you haven't made any plans or arrangements.
- with *probably*, *possibly* or *perhaps*.

*We haven't made any plans yet, we'll probably decide what to do when the others arrive tomorrow.*

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## SPEAKING

### Roleplay

#### 1 Work in groups of three, A-C. It's your first morning in a hotel and you are sharing a breakfast table with some other guests. Find out what their plans are for the day.

- Turn to page 127.
- Turn to page 129.
- Turn to page 134.

## VOCABULARY: holidays 2

1 Read the information. Match the resorts to the photos A and B.

### CARIBBEAN

## Our top two resorts in Jamaica



### Negril

With eleven kilometres of beautiful white beaches, Negril is a very cosmopolitan resort, but manages to keep a laid-back atmosphere. It is ideal for a range of watersports and in the evenings you can dance to reggae in the lively clubs or join one of the crowded beach parties. Exotic, fun and completely unforgettable!



### Port Antonio

Off the beaten track and away from the more well-known resorts, Port Antonio has some of the most exclusive and upmarket hotels on the island. With its romantic, secluded beaches and the picturesque scenery of the Blue Mountains, this is an area that you will never want to leave.

2 Read the information again and say if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Then underline the adjectives in the texts that helped you find each answer.

- 1 There are people from many different countries in Negril.
- 2 Negril has a very relaxed atmosphere.
- 3 The clubs in Negril are quiet and boring.
- 4 You will find Negril very similar to your home town.
- 5 Port Antonio is far from the places that people usually visit.
- 6 Port Antonio has cheap hotels.
- 7 The beaches in Port Antonio are all very crowded.
- 8 The Blue Mountains are very pretty.

3 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- Would you prefer to go to Negril or Port Antonio? Why?
- What sort of holiday destination do you like? Use the adjectives in the texts about Negril and Porto Antonio to describe it.

*Buenos Aires is ideal for a range of cultural and fun activities. You can dance tango in La Boca or visit exclusive restaurants in Recoleta.*

## LISTENING

1 A radio reporter at Heathrow Airport asked six tourists the question: What are you most looking forward to on your holiday? Here are some of the things they mentioned. Which ones do you think were mentioned by men (M) and which by women (W)?

- the football
- the weather
- the nightlife
- romantic walks along the beach
- the shopping
- the beautiful women

2 1.43-1.48 Listen to the interviews to check your answers in exercise 1.

3 1.43-1.48 Listen again and answer these questions for each person.

- 1 Where are they going?
- 2 How long are they staying?

4 1.43-1.48 Match the extracts a-f to the speakers 1-6. Then listen again to check your answers.

- a There won't be much time to do anything else.
- b That's definitely going to be the highlight of the four days.
- c We're planning to visit every one.
- d It looks like it's going to be wet and cold here.
- e We're going to spend all of it.
- f We'll have plenty of time to catch up on our sleep when we get back home.

5 What do you most look forward to when you go on holiday?

## GRAMMAR: future 2 (predictions)

Use both *will* and *be going to* + infinitive to make predictions about the future.

*That'll definitely be the highlight of the trip.*

*That's definitely going to be the highlight of the trip.*

Use *be going to* when you have present evidence for the prediction.

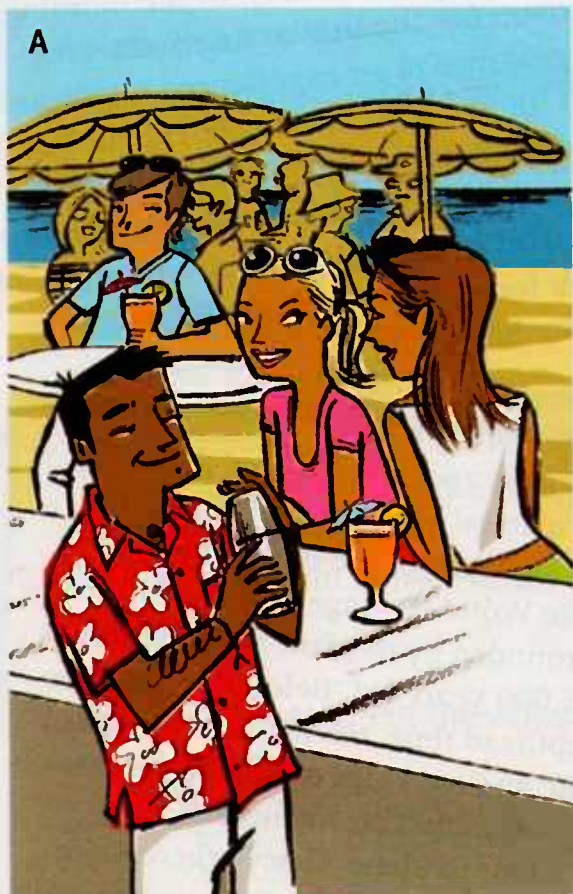
*It's going to be hot today.* (= The skies are blue and it's already 25°C at nine o'clock in the morning.)


*You're going to be late.* (= The class is about to start and you're still at home.)

Note that often the two forms have a very similar meaning.

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- 1 Look at the pictures. Make two different predictions about what's going to happen next in each one.



- 2  1.49–1.50 Listen to the two conversations. Were any of the predictions you made in exercise 1 correct?
- 3 Work in pairs. Look at the ideas in the box and predict five things for your partner.

career   personal life   ten years from now  
money   tomorrow   friends   exams   travel

- 4 Tell your partner what your predictions are. Does he/she think they are possible?

## SPEAKING

- 1 Work in groups of three, A–C. Read the information below.

You work for a travel agency that specializes in 'made-to-measure' holidays for small groups. You have been asked to arrange a two-week summer holiday for a family group who are celebrating the grandparents' golden wedding anniversary.

- 2 Decide on the following things.

- destination
- accommodation
- possible activities and excursions
- facilities for the golden wedding party

You will find more information about the special needs and interests of different people in the group at the back of the book.

A: Turn to page 127.

B: Turn to page 128.

C: Turn to page 132.

- 3 Tell the rest of the class about the holiday you have planned.

### Useful language

*We've decided to ... because ...*

*We're going to arrange some ...*

*They won't want to ...*

*They'll probably be interested in ...*

*They'd like to ... so we're going to ...*

- 4 Now discuss the holidays in your groups.

- Which holiday is:
  - a) the most expensive?
  - b) the most relaxing?
  - c) the most fun?
- Which holiday do you think the family will choose?
- Which holiday would you enjoy most?