

06

GOING AWAY

IN THIS UNIT

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Vocabulary Going on holiday

1 Work in pairs and discuss.

- What different kinds of holidays can you see in the photos?
- Which do you prefer? Why?
- How often do you go away for the weekend? Where? Who with?

2a Look at the pictures of things you may need to pack for a holiday and match them with the words in the box.

suncream sunglasses guidebook phrasebook camera towel
travel sickness pills swimsuit foreign currency toothbrush
toothpaste passport plane tickets credit cards



b Work in pairs and discuss. Which of the things do you need:

- on a long journey?
- on a beach holiday?
- in a foreign town/city?

3a You are going on a last-minute holiday and you have 30 minutes to pack. You can only take five of the things in the box in exercise 2a and two other things of your choice. Decide on the seven things you want to take.

b Work in pairs and decide on the seven things together, giving reasons for your choices.



Grammar focus 1

Plans and intentions

1a Work in pairs. Read the statements below and decide if they are true (T) or false (F).

- Most people pack their suitcase in less than an hour.
- The majority of people pack their suitcases neatly.
- About a quarter of people pack their suitcase at least a week before their holiday.
- Men are more organised than women about packing.
- About half of all holidaymakers try to pack too much in their suitcase.

b Read the article below and check your answers.

How do you pack your suitcase?

A survey by MoreSunHolidays found that the average British person takes 1 hour, 16 minutes and 28 seconds to pack their suitcase. And 75 percent of British people pack their suitcases in a neat and tidy way, with 27 percent of people packing at least a week before their holiday. Women are more organised than men: 37 percent of women pack their suitcases at least a week before their holiday, compared with 18 percent of men. 4 percent of holidaymakers pack very few items and leave lots of space in their suitcase, whereas 13 percent try to pack too much and have trouble closing their suitcase.

c Work in pairs and discuss. Are you mostly an organised or a disorganised person?

2 Work in pairs and read the sentences about holiday preparations. Which sentences do you associate with an organised person (O) or a disorganised person (D)?

- I'd like to get to the airport a few minutes before check-in closes.
- I'd rather not write a list of things I need to pack.
- I'm planning to get my foreign currency two weeks before my holiday.
- I'm not going to buy a guidebook or a phrasebook.
- I'd rather ask local people about places to go than buy a guidebook.
- I'd like to check in online as soon as I can.
- I'm going to change my money when I get there.
- I'm planning to take a camera and a charger for it.

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the alternative with the closest meaning to the sentence.

- I'm going to take a taxi to the airport.
I want to take / I intend to take a taxi to the airport.
- I'm planning to take a taxi to the airport.
I want to take / I've thought carefully about taking a taxi to the airport.
- I'd like to take a taxi to the airport.
I enjoy taking / I want to take a taxi to the airport.
- I'd rather take a taxi to the airport than go by bus.
I prefer to take / I intend to take a taxi not a bus to the airport.

2 What form of the verb do we use after:

- I'm going, I'm planning* and *I'd (would) like*?
- I'd (would) rather*?

PRACTICE

1a You're going to do a quick survey about going away. Use the prompts below to make questions using *planning to*, *would like* or *would rather*.

- (plan / have) any days or weekends away in the near future? Who (plan / go) with?
- Which places near your home (like / visit) for the day?
- Which other parts of your country (like / visit) for a few days?
- For a weekend away, (rather / visit) the mountains, the seaside or a city?
- Which of these cities (rather / visit) for a long weekend: New York, Paris or London?
- Which other cities (like / visit) one day?

b Work in groups. Take turns to ask and answer the questions. What interesting 'going away' plans or ideas did you find out?

Reading and vocabulary

Describing holidays

- 1a** Work in pairs and discuss. What's your favourite way to travel? Why?
- b** Look at the photos of different methods of transport. Make a list of the good and bad points of each one.
- 2** Read the online travel brochure from *On The Move Holidays*. Which holiday has the most/least comfortable sleeping accommodation?
- 3** Match the holidays with statements 1–8.
- 1 We stayed in really good hotels. *motorbike tour*
 - 2 It was interesting to see how the local people live.
 - 3 The whole thing lasted nearly two weeks.
 - 4 We spent some really nice days by the sea.
 - 5 There were people selling food.
 - 6 It was very noisy in the tent at night! Sometimes we couldn't sleep!
 - 7 We were there for almost three weeks – it was great!
 - 8 It was good to do some sightseeing in the capital.
- 4a** Match the adjectives in A with the appropriate noun in B.
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|---------------|------------------|
| A | B |
| 1 crowded | a scenery |
| 2 delayed | b accommodation |
| 3 long | c airport lounge |
| 4 beautiful | d flight |
| 5 luxurious | e excursion |
| 6 interesting | f queue |
| 7 perfect | g dining car |
| 8 peaceful | h lake |
| 9 comfortable | i holiday |
- b** Work in pairs. Think of another word that goes with each of the adjectives in A.
- crowded* – shop
- delayed* – train
- 5** Which of the holiday(s) would/wouldn't you like to go on? Why / Why not?



ON THE MOVE HOLIDAYS



Holiday journeys can be a nightmare ... sitting in a crowded airport lounge waiting for your delayed flight ... stuck in a traffic jam on your way to the coast ... or waiting in a long queue with hundreds of others at Immigration. Why not try something a bit different? Try On The Move Holidays, where the journey is the holiday! Here are three of our most popular options:

MOTORBIKE TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

If you want to see the beauty of New Zealand and love motorbiking, this is the perfect holiday for you: a 19-day motorbike tour of the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Enjoy the peaceful lakes, mountains and forests and relax on the beaches next to the clear water. You can also take part in some sports, such as horse-riding and diving. A fantastic way for any biker to see one of the most beautiful countries in the world! Comfortable accommodation in four-star hotels.

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AMAZON CANOE TOUR

During this six-day canoeing and camping trip, we travel along the River Amazon through the world's biggest rain forest. Our groups have a maximum of 12 people with at least three experienced guides per group. At night we go camping in the jungle, and before you go to sleep you can listen as hundreds of night animals fill the forest with sound. You can also go on interesting excursions to native villages, where you can meet some of the local people, try some of their traditional food and learn more about the native culture.

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MOSCOW TO BEIJING BY THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

A train journey to remember! Moscow to Beijing by train – thirteen days and 6,000 kilometres across Russia, Siberia and Mongolia. 1st, 2nd or 3rd class sleeping cabins – the choice is yours. On the way you can meet the locals, enjoy the beautiful scenery of Siberia, buy your food at the stations or take your meals in the luxurious dining car. You can visit Lake Baikal – the world's largest and cleanest lake – and finally, you can experience the many attractions of Beijing – the world's most exciting capital city!

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Grammar focus 2

Predictions with *will* and *won't*

1a  6.1 Luke is planning to go on holiday. Listen to his conversation. What kind of holiday is it?

b Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 When is the best month to go to New Zealand?
- 2 What does Donna tell Luke to take with him?
- 3 What does Donna tell Luke about getting a visa?

GRAMMAR

- 1 Look at these sentences. Which of the following do they describe?
 - 1 You'll need some warm clothes.
 - 2 It'll be nice to have some sunshine.
 - a things you're planning to do
 - b things you expect to happen
 - c things you would like to happen
- 2 What does 'll mean?

PRONUNCIATION

- 1  6.2 Listen to the sentences. What do you hear: *will* / *'ll* or *would* / *'d*?
- 2 Look at audio script 6.2 on page 170. Listen again and practise saying the sentences.

PRACTICE

- 1 Imagine your friend is coming to stay in your town or city in August. Which of the sentences are true for that time? Rewrite the false sentences to make them true for your town/city.
 - 1 It'll be really hot.
 - 2 A lot of places will be closed.
 - 3 There won't be many tourists.
 - 4 There'll be a lot of insects.
 - 5 You won't need a warm coat.
 - 6 It'll be easy to find accommodation.
 - 7 You won't need a visa.
 - 8 You'll have a wonderful time.
- 2a Work in pairs. Student A: You are visiting your friend's city in August. Prepare questions about the things below. Student B: Prepare your answers.

• weather	• clothes	• accommodation
• crowded	• visa	• activities
- b Take turns to ask and answer your questions.

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Task

Choose a holiday

Preparation **Reading and listening**

- 1 Work in pairs. You are planning a long weekend with some friends. Discuss where you could go and the different things you could do.

We could go sightseeing in a city.

- 2 Anabel has won a competition and her prize is a long weekend away with three friends. Read about the competition and answer the questions below.

- 1 How much do they have to pay for their long weekend away?
- 2 When do they have to go?
- 3 How many nights will they stay?
- 4 In which of the places do they stay in a self-catering apartment?
- 5 Which of the places do they get to by train?
- 6 In which of the places will the weather be hot?

- 3a  6.3 Anabel and one of her friends, Maria, are choosing where they want to go. Listen to their conversation and answer the questions.

- 1 Where do they decide to go?
- 2 Why do they decide on that place?

- b Listen again. Number the phrases in parts a and b of the Useful language box in the order you hear them.

Task **Speaking**

- 1 You have won the competition and you are going to decide where to go with other students. Before you start, spend some time preparing what you are going to say. Ask your teacher for any words/phrases you need.

> Useful language a

- 2 Work in groups and agree on a place to go.

> Useful language a and b

- 3 Take turns to tell other students about the destination you chose and why. Which holiday was the most/least popular? Why do you think this is?

> Useful language c

WIN

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- The winner can go to one of these amazing places.
- You can go with three friends.
- You will be away for five days.
- You can go anytime in January.
- Your starting point is London.
- All expenses paid including: travel, accommodation and food.

Sights and the city! Paris, France

From the Eiffel Tower to Disneyland, from cafés to art galleries – there's something for everyone in this historic but modern city!

- Accommodation: self-catering apartment
- Travel from London: 2½ hours by train
- Average January temperature: 3°C

Shopping and shows! New York, USA

From an unforgettable show with a backstage tour to some world-famous shops and a city that never sleeps – you'll love it!

- Accommodation: self-catering apartment
- Travel from London: 7 hours by plane
- Average January temperature: -3°C

Go and get lazy! Goa, India

A complete break from the stress of everyday life. Relax with unspoilt beaches, delicious food and perfect sunshine.

- Accommodation: self-catering beach house
- Travel from London: 8 hours by plane
- Average January temperature: 32°C

Spanish spa special! Seville, Spain

Amazing spa break with unlimited health and beauty treatments, swimming pool, beautiful scenery and delicious food!

- Accommodation: 3* hotel
- Travel from London: 3 hours by plane
- Average January temperature: 8°C

A LONG WEEKEND AWAY!

USEFUL LANGUAGE

a Talking about what you'd like

I'd rather stay (in a hotel) because ...

I'd rather go somewhere a bit nearer ...

I'd like to go somewhere hot ... 1

I'd like to go somewhere which will give us a break ...

I don't want to go somewhere cold.

I don't want to go to (New York) ...

b Asking other people what they would like

What do you think?

What do you think of (the spa break)?

Would you like to stay (in a hotel)?

c Telling people about your holiday plans

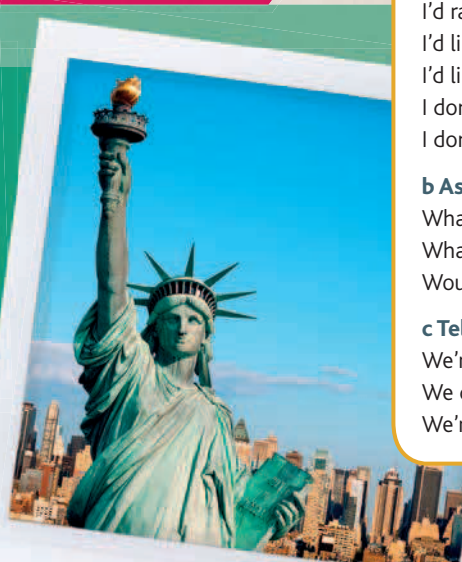
We're going to (Goa) because ...

We chose this one because ...

We're planning to go to (Spain) because ...



Paris



New York



Goa



Seville



Dubai

Something for everyone! Dubai, UAE

You stay in a huge new hotel. You go shopping in a huge new shopping centre. You sunbathe on a huge new beach. What more could you want?

- Accommodation: 5* hotel
- Travel from London: 7 hours by plane
- Average January temperature: 25°C

SHARE YOUR TASK

Practise talking to other students about where you would like to go until you feel confident.

Film/Record your conversation.

Share your film/recording with other students.

LANGUAGE LIVE



Speaking

Making requests and asking for permission

1 Work in pairs. Look at the picture and discuss the questions.

- Where are the people? What are they doing?
- What questions or requests do people ask in a hotel? Think about the things below.
 - newspaper
 - wake-up call
 - coffee
 - internet

2a Watch the video. Choose the best title for the two conversations. You do not need to use one of the titles.

- a Checking in
- b A guided tour
- c Celebrity photo

b Watch again. Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- 1 take a photo / Do you / if / mind / I ?
- 2 please / I / Could / take another photo ?
- 3 help / Can / I / you ?
- 4 your name / tell / Can / you / me / please ?
- 5 spelling / mind / that for me / Do you ?
- 6 OK / if I / take some personal details? / Is it ?

3a Choose an appropriate answer in the box for each of the questions in exercise 2b.

No, not at all. Yes, it's John Smith. Yes, of course.
 Certainly, it's J-O-H-N, S-M-I-T-H.
 Yes, I have a reservation for two nights. Yes, that's fine

b Watch and listen to the key phrases and check your answers.

PRONUNCIATION

1 Watch again and listen to the intonation of the key phrases.

2 Practise saying them.

4a Work in pairs. Write short conversations for three of the situations below. Try to use questions and answers from exercises 2 and 3.

- Someone is talking loudly to their friends while you are in the cinema watching a film.
- It's very hot in the bus you are on and you would like to open the window.
- You are waiting at a bus stop and you want to know what time it is.
- You want to ask someone the quickest bus/train route to the town centre.
- Someone's mobile phone is ringing all the time during an English lesson.
- You would like a stranger to take a photo of you and your friend in front of a famous monument.

b Take turns to practise your conversations.

Greetings from Cape Town



¹ Hi Tim!

² _____ in Cape Town! ³ _____ in a nice hotel not far from the Waterfront, and many other places to visit. ⁴ _____ so I'm getting a good suntan!

⁵ _____ and there's every kind of restaurant you can think of – Indian, Italian, Thai ...! I'm eating a lot – I think I'll have to go on a diet ⁶ _____!

We never get bored in the evenings because ⁷ _____.

Give our love to everyone,

⁸ _____

Paul



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Writing

A postcard

1 Work in pairs. Look at the postcard and discuss the questions.

- Where is the place on the postcard? Do you know anything about it? What can you see/do there?
- Do you ever send postcards when you go away? Why / Why not?
- Do you like receiving postcards?

2 Read the phrases below and decide which are formal (F) and informal (I). Which phrases are suitable for a postcard to a friend? Why?

- 1 Hi Tim!
- 2 Yours faithfully
- 3 We are pleased to inform you that we have arrived
- 4 there's loads to do
- 5 Here we are
- 6 My postal address is
- 7 It's warm and sunny
- 8 We're staying
- 9 The average temperature is 28°C
- 10 Dear Mr Buchanan
- 11 The food is quite cheap
- 12 when I get home
- 13 Bye for now
- 14 The city has more than 50 night clubs
- 15 The average price for a meal is 150 Rand
- 16 on 28th January

3 Complete the postcard above with the appropriate informal phrases from exercise 2.

4a Imagine you are on holiday and you are going to write a postcard to a friend. Make some notes about:

- the name and address of the person you are writing to
- how to start the postcard
- where you are now and some information about the place
- other places you have visited
- how to finish the postcard

b Plan where each section above goes on the postcard.

c Write your postcard.

AFTER UNIT 6 YOU CAN ...

Describe your plans and intentions.

Make predictions about the future based on expectations.

Make requests and ask for permission in different situations.

Write a postcard to a friend.