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# 2A Right place, wrong person

## 1 VOCABULARY holidays

- a In one minute, write down five things you like doing when you're on holiday, e.g. *relaxing, going to museums*. Then compare with a partner.
- b ► p.152 Vocabulary Bank *Holidays*.
- c In pairs, interview your partner with the holiday questionnaire. Ask *Why?*

## My perfect summer holiday

### Which do you prefer...?

going abroad **or** going on holiday in your country  
going by car, bus, plane **or** train  
going to the beach **or** going to a city  
staying in a hotel (or apartment) **or** going camping  
sunbathing, going sightseeing **or** going for walks  
hot, sunny weather **or** cool, cloudy weather  
going with friends **or** going with your family

## 2 READING & SPEAKING

- a Work in pairs. **A** read about **Joe's** holiday. **B** read about **Laura's** holiday. Find the answers to questions 1–5.
- 1 Where did he / she go on holiday?
  - 2 Who did he / she go with?
  - 3 Where did he / she stay?
  - 4 What was the weather like?
  - 5 Why didn't he / she enjoy the holiday?
- b Now tell your partner about the holiday you read. Use questions 1–5 to help you.
- c Read your partner's text. In pairs, guess the meaning of the **highlighted** words and phrases. Whose holiday do you think was worse? Why?
- d Have you ever had a holiday that you didn't enjoy very much? What happened?

## The place is perfect, the weather is wonderful, but if you're with the wrong person, a holiday can be a disaster...

### Joe 28, a flight attendant

Last October I went on holiday to Thailand for two weeks with my girlfriend, Mia.

The holiday began well. We spent two days in Bangkok and saw the Floating Market and the Royal Palace. But things went wrong when we left Bangkok. I wanted to stay in **hostels**, which were basic but clean, but Mia said they were too uncomfortable and so we stayed in quite expensive hotels. I wanted to experience the local **atmosphere** but Mia just wanted to go shopping. I thought I knew Mia very well, but you don't know a person until you travel with them. It was awful! We argued about everything.

For our last four days we went to Ko Chang, a beautiful island. It was like being in paradise. The weather was lovely and the beaches were wonderful, but we just sunbathed without speaking. We spent our last night back in Bangkok and we went for a drink with some Australians. They were really friendly and Mia started **flirting** with one of the boys. That was the end.

❖ you don't know a person until you travel with them ❖

When we arrived at Heathrow airport the next day we decided to **break up**.

I took hundreds of photos, but when I got home I didn't show them to anyone.



### Laura 26, a nurse

Last spring my best friend Isabelle and I booked a holiday in Venice. We rented a small apartment for a week with a fantastic **view of the canals**. At the last moment another friend, Linda, asked if she could come too. We **felt sorry for her** because she had problems with her boyfriend, so we said yes.

Venice was magical and the weather was perfect, but the holiday was a **disaster** for one simple reason: Linda was so mean! She has a good job so she's not poor, but she just didn't want to pay for anything. When we went sightseeing she didn't want to go to any museums or galleries that cost

money. When we went on a gondola she complained that it was very expensive. When we went to have lunch or dinner she always wanted to go to cheap restaurants or she bought pizzas and ate them in the flat. But the night I invited her and Isabelle out on my birthday she chose the most expensive things on the menu! The worst thing was that although Isabelle and I paid for the apartment, Linda never once bought us a coffee or a drink.

I'd love to go back to Venice one day...but without Linda.

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### 3 LISTENING

a **1 34**) You are going to listen to Mia and Linda talking about the holidays. First listen to Mia. Does she agree with Joe about the holiday?

b Listen again. What does Mia say about...?

- 1 her relationship with Joe before they went
- 2 the places where they stayed
- 3 talking to other travellers
- 4 photos
- 5 going on holiday with a boyfriend

c **1 35**) Now listen to Linda. What's her opinion of the holiday? Then listen again. What does she say about...?

- 1 Venice
- 2 what they did there
- 3 the cost of her holiday
- 4 her next holiday

d Who do you sympathize with most, Joe or Mia? Laura or Linda?

### 4 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

a What is the past simple of these verbs? Are they regular or irregular? Check your answers in **Joe's** text.

go _____	begin _____
spend _____	leave _____
want _____	be _____ / _____
stay _____	think _____
know _____	argue _____
sunbathe _____	take _____

b Now underline the past simple  $\oplus$  verbs in **Laura's** text. What are the infinitives?



c Find and underline two past simple  $\ominus$  verbs in the two texts. How do you make  $\ominus$  and  $\text{?}$  in the past simple...?

- with normal verbs
- with *was / were*
- with *could*

d **p.128 Grammar Bank 2A.** Learn more about the past simple and practise it.

### 5 PRONUNCIATION regular verbs: -ed endings

a **1 37**) Listen and repeat the sentences.

 tie	We booked a holiday. We walked around the town.
 dog	We sunbathed on the beach. We argued about everything.
/ɪd/	We rented a flat. We decided to break up.

b Say the past simple of these verbs. In which ones is -ed pronounced /ɪd/?

arrive ask end invite like love need park start stay

c **1 38**) Listen and check.



#### Regular past simple verbs

Remember that we don't normally pronounce the e in -ed.

The -ed ending is usually pronounced /t/ or /d/. The difference between these endings is very small.

We only pronounce the e in -ed when there is a t or a d before it, e.g. *wanted, ended*. With these verbs -ed = /ɪd/.

### 6 SPEAKING

- a Look at **Your last holiday** below. What are the questions?
- b Think about your answers to the questions.

#### YOUR LAST HOLIDAY

- 1 Where / go?
- 2 When / go?
- 3 Who / go with?
- 4 Where / stay?
- 5 What / the food like?
- 6 What / the weather like?
- 7 What / do during the day?
- 8 What / do at night?
- 9 / have a good time?
- 10 / have any problems?



c Work in pairs. Ask your partner about his / her holiday. Show interest in what he / she says, and ask for more information. Then swap roles.



#### Useful language for showing interest

- $\oplus$  Really? Wow! Fantastic! Great! etc.
- $\ominus$  Oh no! How awful! etc.
- $\text{?}$  Was it expensive? Why? What happened? etc.