

BRIDGE



USEFUL PHRASES

Holidays and vacations

a package holiday, vacation package / a family holiday / a guided tour / all-inclusive / full board / half board / a bed-and-breakfast / a guesthouse / an Airbnb / a hotel / a hostel / a camping trip / wild camping / glamping / a camper van / a campsite / a caravan park / to bivouac / eco-tourism / sightseeing / off the beaten track / tourism / hiking / backpacking / local colour / adventure / thrill-seeking / the local culture / festivals

Not all travel is a holiday

a student-exchange programme / an exchange student / a host family / a host mum, host dad etc. / a student visa / a study programme / a gap year / charity work / volunteering / “voluntourism” (volunteer work as an excuse to travel; the industry making money out of this) / seasonal work / a summer job / a holiday job / a working holiday / a business trip / a school trip

A world of transport

a bus / a coach / a tram / a trolleybus / a cable car / a funicular railway / a train / the metro, subway, the (London) Underground / a plane, an aeroplane, an airplane / a flight / to drive / to fly / to hitchhike, to hitch a lift / a boat / a ferry / a yacht / a cruise ship / a tuktuk / a rickshaw / a taxi / a motorcycle taxi / an Uber, Lyft, etc. / a road / a highway / a motorway / off-roading / a dirt track / a paved road / a river / a canal / a railway

Getting about

to book/reserve a seat, room, ticket etc. / to pay a deposit / to cancel a reservation / to check in/out / to plan a route / to buy a ticket/travel pass / a single ticket, one-way ticket / a return ticket, round-trip ticket / to get lost / to ask for directions / a map / a satnav, GPS / a guidebook

Landscapes and places

hills / mountains / glaciers / (active, extinct) volcanoes / caves / valleys / gorges / canyons / moors, moorland / plains / deserts / forests / pampas / rainforest / mangrove / woods, woodland / meadows / grasslands / the outback / the coast / beaches / reefs / atolls / islands / marsh / swamp / wetlands / streams / rivers / creeks / canals / waterfalls / lakes / ponds / reservoirs / farms, farmland / huts / cottages / villages / towns / cities / slums / gated communities / housing estates

PAIR DISCUSSION

You and your friend are going on holiday to a foreign country but cannot decide what to do. One of you wants to relax, the other wants to go sightseeing. What plans do you end up making?

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- What kinds of travel have you experienced?
- Do you enjoy discovering new places and meeting new people? Talk about it.
- What means of transport do you usually use when going on a holiday? Why?
- Is there anything that you dislike about travelling? What ethical concerns have you heard raised with regard to travel, and what's your personal position on these?

PICTURE PROMPTS

Look at the pictures on the other side of the card. Choose one and describe it.

Now compare and contrast the two pictures. Talk about the people you see and the ways in which they are similar and different.