

VACATIONS

Watch the [video](#) titled “New York Learning Video” by English Portal.

1 WARM UP

Task 1: Can you match the countries to the correct flags?

France	Italy	Mexico	Ukraine	South Korea
Argentina	Nigeria	Egypt	Indonesia	



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____



4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____



7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

Task 2: Answer the following questions, using full sentences.

- Which country from task 1 do you want to visit? Why?
- Which country from task 1 do you not want to visit? Why not?
- Which city in your country receives the most tourists? Why?



2 VACATIONS: ADJECTIVES

Task 1: Match the adjectives from the box to their opposite meanings (1-6).

Relaxing	Luxurious	Affordable
Memorable	Peaceful	Dangerous

1. Basic. _____
2. Forgettable _____
3. Chaotic _____
4. Stressful. _____
5. Safe _____
6. Expensive. _____

Task 2: Give each picture a title, then use the adjectives to describe the situations.



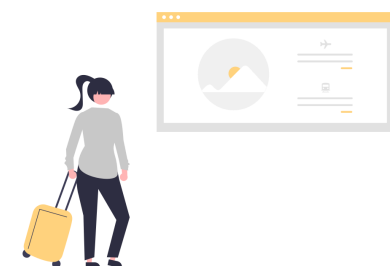
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Task 3: Use the adjectives from task 1 to describe:

- a. The last hotel you stayed in.
- b. A vacation you liked.
- c. A vacation you didn't like.
- d. A place you want to visit.



3 VIDEO: TRUE OR FALSE

Task 1: Watch the [video](#) then decide if the following statements are true or false.

1. The Empire State Building is one of New York's smallest skyscrapers, at 381 metres.
a. *True.* b. *False.*

2. The Empire State Building was completed in 1981.
a. *True.* b. *False.*

3. Approximately 3.5 million people visit the Empire State Building every year.
a. *True.* b. *False.*

4. Central Park is the largest park in New York, it attracts 37.5 million visitors annually.
a. *True.* b. *False.*

5. Activities like cycling, skateboarding and running are not allowed in Central Park.
a. *True.* b. *False.*

6. Central Park does not have a lake, a zoo, and two ice skating rinks.
a. *True.* b. *False.*

7. Times Square is known for its colourful neon lights, advertising theatres, restaurants, and shops.
a. *True.* b. *False.*

8. The M&M store on Times Square sells M&M's in different colours, as well as t-shirts, mugs, bags, and more.
a. *True.* b. *False.*



4 QUESTION TIME: VIDEO

Task: Discuss the [video](#) and topic by answering the following questions.

1. Do you want to go to New York?
2. What places do you want to see in New York?
3. What can you do in New York?
4. How long is a flight to New York from your country?
5. What are some common foods people eat in New York?
6. Where did you go on your last vacation?
7. Who did you go on vacation with?
8. What was the weather like during your vacation?
9. What activities did you do on your vacation?
10. Did you travel by plane? Do you like to travel by plane?



5 VACATION: HANNAH'S VACATION

Task 1: Read the following text about Hannah's trip to Barcelona.

Hello! I'm Hannah, and I want to tell you about my amazing trip to Barcelona. It was a fantastic holiday!

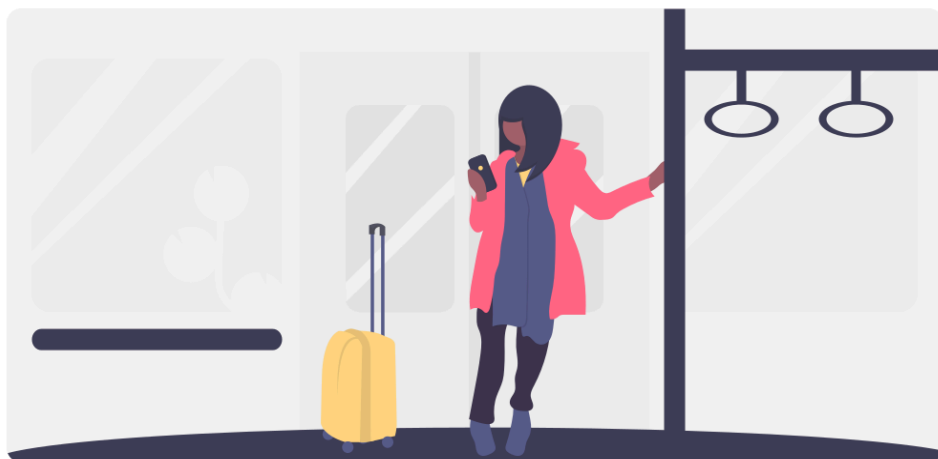
I flew to Barcelona and landed at the airport. From there, I took a taxi to my hotel. The hotel was big and comfortable. I really liked it! The people at the hotel were friendly and helped me with everything.

During my stay, I visited the famous Sagrada Familia. It's a huge church with tall towers. I took lots of pictures because it was so beautiful. After that, I walked around the city and saw many interesting buildings. Some buildings had colourful designs, and others were very old.

One day, I tried traditional Spanish food. I went to a nice restaurant and had paella, which is a delicious rice dish, and tapas, which are small and tasty snacks. The food was so yummy! I enjoyed trying new flavours.

I also went to the beach. The weather was sunny, and the sea was warm. I took off my shoes and walked in the sand. I even went swimming! The water felt so good. I built sandcastles and relaxed by the sea.

Barcelona is a beautiful city with so much to see and do. I liked the friendly people, the tasty food, and the sunny weather. It was a great trip, and I have wonderful memories of my time in Barcelona. I hope to visit again someday.



6 TEXT: COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Based on the text, choose the correct answer to the questions.

1. How did Hannah travel to Barcelona?
 - a. By car.
 - b. By train.
 - c. By plane.

2. What did Hannah do after landing at the airport in Barcelona?
 - a. Took a taxi to her hotel.
 - b. Took a bus.
 - c. Walked to her hotel.

3. What can you say about Hannah's hotel in Barcelona?
 - a. It was small and uncomfortable.
 - b. It was big and comfortable.
 - c. It was near the airport.

4. What famous attraction did Hannah visit during her stay?
 - a. Sagrada Familia.
 - b. The Louvre.
 - c. The Colosseum.

5. Why did Hannah take lots of pictures at Sagrada Familia?
 - a. Because it was small.
 - b. Because it was beautiful.
 - c. Because it was old.

6. What did Hannah try at a nice restaurant?
 - a. Pizza.
 - b. Sushi.
 - c. Paella and tapas.

7. What was the weather like when Hannah went to the beach?
 - a. Rainy.
 - b. Sunny.
 - c. Cloudy.

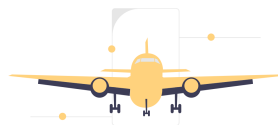
8. What did Hannah do at the beach?
 - a. Built snowmen.
 - b. Played volleyball.
 - c. Built sandcastles.



7 QUESTION TIME: PART 2

Task: Discuss the text and topic by answering the following questions.

- a. Do you want to visit Barcelona?
- b. What can you do in Barcelona?
- c. Do you like to visit churches, galleries, and museums while on vacation?
- d. Do you always try traditional foods while on vacation?
- e. What activities can you do at the beach?
- f. Do you try to learn some words of the local language while on vacation?
- g. Do you take lots of photos while on vacation?
- h. What time of year do you usually go on vacation?
- i. Do you buy souvenirs when you go on vacation?
- j. What was your favourite part of a vacation?



8 VACATIONS: AGREE OR DISAGREE

Task 1: Study the language on how to agree or disagree.

How to agree.	How to disagree.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, I agree with that because... ○ I think that's true because... ○ I'm with you on that because... ○ Absolutely, I agree because... ○ I couldn't agree more because... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, I disagree with that because... ○ I don't think that's true because... ○ I don't see it that way because... ○ I have a different opinion. I think... ○ I completely disagree because...

Task 2: Say if you agree or disagree with the statements. Use the language from task 1.

a. Taking a vacation every year is important for your health.
b. It's better to plan a vacation than to travel spontaneously.
c. All vacations should be at the beach.
d. Travelling to a foreign country is more exciting than staying local.
e. Vacations are more fun with family than with friends.
f. Camping is a better vacation option than staying in a hotel.
g. It's important to do no work while on vacation.
h. Short weekend trips are just as relaxing as long vacations.
i. It's better to save money and stay in a cheap place on vacation.

9 VACATION: THIS OR THAT

Task 1: Let's end the lesson with a fun game. Read the instructions below, then start!

Instructions: Decide which of the options you prefer, and say why!



1. Barcelona

OR



... New York?



2. A vacation in the city

OR



... countryside?



3. A skiing vacation

OR



... a beach vacation?



4. Travelling with friends

OR



... travelling alone?



5. Staying in a hotel

OR



... staying in a hostel?



6. Visit a museum

OR



... attend a festival?



2 VACATION: NATHAN IN BRAZIL

Task 1: Read the following text about Nathan's trip to South America.

Nathan was very excited about his trip to Brazil. He took a plane and landed in Rio de Janeiro. The weather was warm, and he felt happy. From the airport, he took a taxi to the hotel.

The hotel was amazing! His room was very big and comfortable. There was a gym in the hotel too. He ate breakfast at the hotel every day; it was delicious. Nathan also enjoyed spending time at the pool.

One day, Nathan went to the Amazon Rainforest. It was green and had many animals. He took a boat on the Amazon River and saw birds and monkeys. Nathan took a lot of pictures and smiled a lot.

He also visited a big statue on a mountain. It was Christ the Redeemer. The view of the city was beautiful. Nathan liked the mountains and the ocean.

In the evenings, Nathan went to samba clubs. He listened to music and danced with new friends. The music was fun, and he had a great time.

Nathan tried Brazilian food, like feijoada and coxinha. The flavours were new, but he liked them. He went to Copacabana Beach, played in the sand, and swam in the ocean.

Brazil was amazing for Nathan. In Brazil, he loved the nature, music, and food. As he left, he knew he would always remember his wonderful trip to Brazil.

Task 2: On a separate piece of paper, write answers to the following questions.

- Describe the hotel that Nathan stayed in.
- What did Nathan do in the Amazon rainforest?
- What did Nathan do in the evening?
- What new foods did Nathan try?
- Write a short text about each of the pets in the text (200 words).

