

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: gap-fill, asking and answering questions from prompts, guided discussion (group and pair work)

Focus

Holiday conversation questions

Question words

Aim

To complete holiday conversation questions with question words and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this talking about holidays activity, students complete holiday conversation questions with question words and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Procedure

Divide the class into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Working with the people in their group, students use the question words in the box to complete the holiday conversation questions on the worksheet.

When the students have finished, go through the answers with each group.

Answer key

Student A

1. What
2. How
3. Did
4. What
5. Where
6. Would
7. Do
8. Have
9. What
10. Do
11. How far
12. How many
13. How
14. Where
15. Do
16. Have
17. What
18. Who

Student B

1. What
2. Where
3. Do
4. Have
5. Did
6. How
7. What
8. Do
9. Have
10. What
11. Where
12. How many
13. Do
14. How
15. What
16. How much
17. Would
18. Are

Students then pair up with someone from the other group.

The students take it in turns to ask and answer the questions with their partner.

Encourage the students to ask follow-up questions when possible to gain more information.

When everyone has finished, ask the students to give feedback to the class on what they found out about their partner.

Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

Student A

A. Complete the holiday conversation questions below with the question words in the box.

What x 4	Do x 3	Where x 2	How x 2	Have x 2
Who	How far	How many	Did	Would

1. is the most interesting city to visit in your country?
2. do you prefer to travel by car, train, bus or plane?
3. you speak English to people on your last holiday?
4. souvenirs do you usually buy people?
5. is your favorite place to go on holiday?
6. you like to take a cruise?
7. you write out a list of things to pack when you go on holiday?
8. you ever been in a difficult situation while travelling?
9. do you do to prepare for a holiday?
10. you like to try local dishes or do you stick to international food?
11. in advance do you like to plan your holidays?
12. times have you travelled abroad?
13. do you feel after a long holiday?
14. are you planning to go on your next holiday?
15. you eat more when you're on holiday?
16. you ever had a really bad holiday?
17. is the most memorable holiday you had when you were a child?
18. do you like going on holiday with?



B. Now, take it in turns to ask and answer the questions with your partner. Ask follow-up questions when possible to gain more information.

Student B

A. Complete the holiday conversation questions below with the question words in the box.

What x 4	Do x 3	Where x 2	How x 2	Have x 2
Are	How much	How many	Did	Would

1. are some things that you always take with you on holiday?
2. do you prefer to stay when you go on holiday?
3. you usually eat out every day when you're on holiday?
4. you ever been on a package tour?
5. you enjoy your last holiday?
6. important is the tourism industry for your country?
7. are the most popular destinations for tourists in your country?
8. you prefer to travel alone or in a group?
9. you ever been sick while you were on holiday?
10. do you usually do on long car journeys?
11. did you use to go on holiday when you were a child?
12. of the things that you pack do you actually use?
13. you book your holidays on a website or do you use an app?
14. do you spend your time when you are on holiday?
15. are some countries that you would like to visit?
16. money did you spend on your last holiday?
17. you like to live in another country?
18. you afraid of going abroad alone?



B. Now, take it in turns to ask and answer the questions with your partner. Ask follow-up questions when possible to gain more information.