

When you get back from a trip, make a note of what you didn't wear. This will avoid packing it unnecessarily next time.

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1 VOCABULARY packing

- a What type of holiday is a 'city break'? If you could go on one this month, where would you most like to go to?
- b Imagine you're going on the city break in a. You can only take hand luggage. Which of the things in the photo would you pack? Number them 1–5 in order of importance, and then compare with a partner.



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- d **Video** Watch the video. Then take turns to remember the 12 things the woman packed.
- e Now imagine you're going on a beach holiday. Make a list of the ten things you would definitely pack. Then compare your list with a partner. What differences are there?

2 PRONUNCIATION /s/, /z/, and /ɪz/

- a **Video** The letter s is pronounced in one of two ways. Watch the video. Focus on the mouth position and practise making the difference between the two sounds.
- b What sound do the **pink** letters have in these words? Write five words in each column.

batteries **s** cards **s** flip-flops **s** pass**s**port pyjamas **s**
razor sun**s**creen swim**s**uit toothpaste visa

- c **Video** Watch and check. Practise saying the words. In what position is s never pronounced /z/?
- d **2.4** Look at two words which have both sounds. Which letters are pronounced /s/? Which letters are pronounced /z/? Listen and check.
slippers scissors
- e Circle the words where the final -es is pronounced /ɪz/.
beach**es** brush**es** cas**es** cloth**es**
headphon**es** magazin**es** sho**es** sunglass**es**
- f **2.5** Listen and check. Practise saying the words. When is -es pronounced /ɪz/?

3 LISTENING

- a Have you ever forgotten to pack something really important when you went on holiday (e.g. a document)? What was it? What did you do?
- b Read the introduction to an article. What do you think are the top three things that British travellers most often forget to pack?

British people spend millions of pounds replacing forgotten holiday items

By TRAVEL REPORTER

41% of people forget to pack at least one essential item when they go on holiday, according to a survey of British travellers. In total, almost 15 million important holiday items are left behind each year, and travellers spend £118 million buying these things again once they reach their destination.



- c **2.6** Listen to the top ten items in reverse order, and write them down. Did you guess the top three correctly?
- d You're going to listen to a travel journalist giving advice about how to pack. In pairs, try to predict what the missing words are in tips 1–8.
- Don't pack _____.
 - Keep some space in your suitcase for _____.
 - Pack in the right _____.
 - Make sure your _____ arrive looking good.
 - Keep your _____ and _____ together.
 - Use _____ bags.
 - Think about airport _____.
 - Buy a travel _____.
- e **2.7** Listen and complete the tips. Did you predict any of them correctly?
- f **2.8** Now listen to all the journalist's advice and answer the questions.
- What should you do with one third of the clothes you were planning to pack?
 - What kinds of things might you want to buy on holiday?
 - Where should you pack the clothes you're planning to wear on the first day of your holiday?
 - How should you pack a) T-shirts, b) shirts?
 - Where should you put your chargers and adaptors?
 - What should you pack inside your shoes?
 - What should you pack at the top of your hand luggage?
 - Why is it important to also print out documents that you have on your phone?
- g Do you already do any of these things? Which tip do you think is the most useful?

4 SPEAKING

- a Read the questionnaire and think about your answers.

How good are you at preparing for a holiday?

Planning

- How much research do you do before you decide where to go, where to stay, and how to travel? What websites do you use?
- How far in advance do you book flights and accommodation? If you're travelling by plane, do you check your luggage allowance and the size of your carry-on luggage?
- Do you usually ask people to look after your house (or pet, plants, etc.) while you're away? Do you try to leave the house clean and tidy before you go?
- If you're travelling by car, do you always get your car serviced before you leave? Do you plan the route in advance, or do you just depend on the GPS?

Packing

- When do you start packing? Do you make a list of what to pack?
- Do you usually pack too much or too little? Have you ever had to pay for excess baggage?
- Have you ever packed anything fragile which was broken when you arrived? How well had you packed it?
- Where do you normally put important travel documents?

Leaving

- How early do you like to arrive at the airport or station? Have you ever missed a flight, train, or bus?
- Have you ever realized at the last moment that one of your travel documents was out of date? What did you do?
- How far in advance do you normally check in for a flight? Do you always check in online?

- b Answer the questions with a partner. Ask for more information and give examples. Which of you is better prepared for a holiday?

I don't do much research. I usually ask friends to recommend somewhere to go. Then I book a cheap flight and a room on Airbnb.

5 GRAMMAR present tenses

- a Caroline's going on holiday to Ibiza. Circle the correct verb form to complete her messages to her friends. Tick (✓) if both forms are possible.

Just arrived at the airport. ¹I wear / I'm wearing a sun hat and flip-flops and ²I look like / I'm looking like a typical tourist. Ibiza, here I come! 08:58 ✓

Oh no! I can't find my passport! My flight ³boards / is boarding at 11.00... 30 minutes from now... 10:30 ✓



Great news. Just found it under the seat! ⁴I have / I'm having a Frappuccino to celebrate! 10:35 ✓

- b Compare with a partner. Explain why you think each form is correct.

c **G Grammar Bank 2A p.142**

d **C Communication** Caroline's holiday plans **A p.109 B p.114** Ask and answer questions to complete a holiday calendar.

- e Make questions with the present simple or present continuous. Then ask and answer with a partner.

Holidays

- / you / prefer summer holidays or winter holidays? Why?
- Which places / you / think about going to for your next holiday?
- Why / you / want to go there?

Weekends

- What / you / usually do at the weekend?
- What / you / do this weekend?

Today

- What time / this class / finish? Where / you / go after class today?
- What / you / do / this evening? Where / you / have dinner?

6 READING

- a Are there any things that you do on holiday that you don't usually do in normal life? Think about the things below.

activities daily routine food and drink
shopping spending money

I don't usually do much exercise, but when I'm on holiday, I go for a lot of walks, and if I'm at the beach, I swim every day.

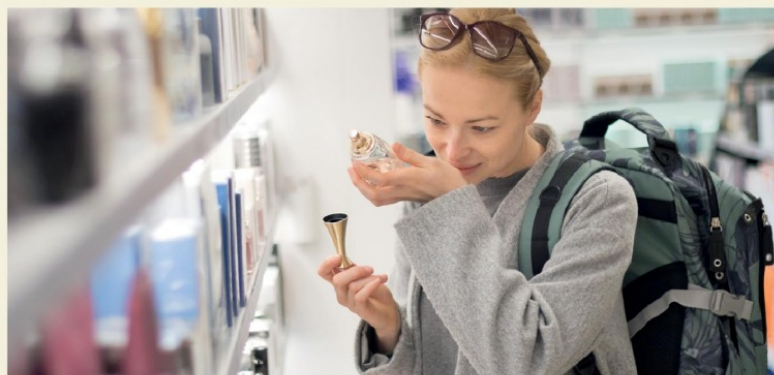
- b Read the article once. Does it mention any of the things you answered in a?

We only do them on holiday

We all have them. Strange little rituals that have become an important part of any holiday, and if you don't do them, it somehow doesn't feel quite right...

Go on an airport shopping spree

This could be because you like a bargain. It could also be because you get to the airport and realize that you packed at the last minute and ¹ . Whatever the reason, the hour before your flight is usually spent buying more travel adaptors, sweets, another pair of headphones, and unnecessary clothes and perfume.



Pay too much for hotel extras

You never eat macadamia nuts at home. But when you find them in a little jar beside the minibar, you have to eat them. Whether it's a tiny but ridiculously expensive tub of Pringles, or an overpriced and mediocre cocktail at the bar, you don't seem to have a problem paying far too much for little extras at your hotel. It may be because you're tired after the journey, or just because you're on holiday, but suddenly ² .

Steal things (sort of)

Of course you don't take bathrobes or towels, but after being charged so much for those macadamia nuts, you try to get your revenge on the hotel by taking little things – espresso capsules, shampoo, shower gel...sometimes even a sewing kit, that ³ .

Talk to strangers

On holiday, suddenly everyone wants to make new friends. How many times have you started talking to the people at the next table at a restaurant in your town? Probably never. But walk into a beachside taverna, and ⁴

Change your eating habits

Your normal breakfast routine goes completely out the window. Goodbye cornflakes, hello smoked salmon, eggs, toast, and a big slice of cake from the hotel buffet. You're also thrilled when you find strange and exciting foods at the local supermarket and you want to try them all, even though ⁵



Sleep in the afternoon

Maybe it's because the shops have closed. Maybe ⁶ . Maybe it's all that breakfast. Whatever the reason, afternoon naps only become a fixture twice a year: at Christmas and on holiday.

Buy pointless postcards and other rubbish

There must be millions of postcards out there that people buy and never send. They're a great reminder of your holiday, but when you get home, you put them in a shoebox under the bed and never look at them again. You also have the urge to buy cheap souvenirs from street stalls. 'A fridge magnet of the Eiffel Tower? A solar-powered Japanese sumo-wrestler figure?' 'Yes, sure, ⁷

Visit obscure museums

Can you imagine your partner suggesting a Saturday afternoon trip to the local ethnographical museum to see a wonderful new ceramics exhibition? Definitely not. But on a city break, suddenly the most obscure cultural attractions develop a magnetic pull. 'Darling, the guidebook says it's one of Hungary's six best museums, so ⁸

c Read the article again. Complete it with phrases A–H.

- A I'll take three
- B it's too much sun
- C you don't seem to care about prices
- D we absolutely must go
- E you aren't as prepared as you should be
- F you aren't normally adventurous at home
- G you'll never ever use
- H you're suddenly super-sociable

d Look at the highlighted phrases. With a partner, try to explain what they mean in your own words.

e Talk to a partner. Do you ever do any of these things on holiday? Give examples and reasons why you do them.

7 SPEAKING

a Look at the pairs of holiday options in the box. On your own, decide which one you prefer in each pair, and think of reasons why.

Would you rather...or...?

have one long holiday	several short holidays
have a holiday abroad	in your own country
travel north	south
go somewhere you've been before	somewhere new
go on holiday with family	with friends
stay in one place	travel around
stay in a hotel	rent a house or flat
have an active holiday	a relaxing holiday
see interesting monuments and museums	interesting wildlife and scenery
go somewhere where there are good shops	somewhere where there is good food

b Now compare in small groups. Explain your reasons. Do you all like the same kind of holiday?

Expressing preferences

I'd rather have one long holiday.

I'd prefer to have several short holidays.

8 WRITING holiday messages

W Writing Bank 2 p.119 Write a series of messages to friends.