Unit 4: Travel bookings

**A ‣ Types of holidays**

* 1. Afbeelding met buitenshuis, reddingsvest, recreatie, watervoertuig

     Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving  
     **adventure holiday**
  2. Afbeelding met buitenshuis, sport, skiën, sneeuw

     Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving  
     **skiing holiday**
  3. Afbeelding met kleding, rit, persoon, draaimolen

     Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving  
     **family holiday**
  4. Afbeelding met buitenshuis, water, strand, Toeristische stad

     Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving  
     **beach holiday**
  5. Afbeelding met transport, watervoertuig, buitenshuis, schip

     Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving  
     **go on a cruise**
  6. Afbeelding met hemel, gebouw, buitenshuis, stadion

     Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving  
     **city break**

**B ‣ Online booking**

Many people book their holiday **accommodation**1 on the Internet. To **book online**2,you need to search for your **destination**3 and the dates when you plan to travel. You can look for hotels or **B&Bs**4. Often websites have low prices, especially in winter. It is helpful to read the online **reviews**5 before you book the accommodation. A popular option for a **weekend break**6 is to rent an apartment in an interesting city. But if you want to make life easy, you might like a **package holiday**, which includes the flight, hotel room and sometimes meals.

1a place where you stay  
2to make a reservation using the Internet  
3a place where you plan to travel  
4bed and breakfast: a small hotel where breakfast is included in the price  
5a description of a hotel, restaurant, etc, written by people who’ve been there  
6a short holiday during a weekend

**C ‣ Renting a private apartment**

To: Irene Sanders  
From: Oliver Weiss

Subject Re: Apartment with mountain view

Dear Irene,

We have arrived at your apartment. We **picked up**1 the keys from the neighbours without any problems. We like the apartment a lot, but we have a few questions. We can’t find the **wi-fi password**2. Could you send it to us? Also, the **listing**3 said that there was an **iron**4 in the kitchen, but we can’t see it. Can you let us know where it is? Finally, it’s very cold and we can’t find the instructions for the **central heating**5. Where do we **switch it on**6?

Where’s the **nearest**supermarket? And can you **recommend**7 **a nearby**8 restaurant for dinner? Somewhere cheap would be great!

All the best,  
Oliver and Jo

1 collect  
2 a secret group of letters and numbers, for connecting to wireless Internet  
3 written description of something to buy or rent  
4 a small machine that makes clothes smooth and flat  
5 a system that keeps a building warm  
6 make it start working  
7 say something is good  
8 not far

**VOCABULARY**

* accommodation
* adventure holiday
* B&B
* beach holiday
* book online
* city break
* cruise
* destination
* family holiday
* go on a cruise
* iron
* nearby
* nearest
* package holiday
* pick sth up [collect sth]
* recommend
* review
* skiing holiday
* switch sth on
* weekend break
* wi-fi password

**Exercises**

#### 46.1 ‣ Match the holiday types on the left with their descriptions.

1. a cruise
2. beach holiday
3. skiing holiday
4. adventure holiday
5. family holiday
6. city break
7. a) a holiday where there are activities for children as well as adults
8. b) a winter holiday in the mountains
9. c) a holiday where you sleep on a boat and travel from one place to another
10. d) a short holiday where you visit a city
11. e) a holiday where you stay near the sea
12. f) an unusual, exciting holiday, possibly with some danger, e.g. rock climbing or walking in the jungle

#### 46.2 ‣ Complete the dialogues with words from B.

RUTH: Shall we book somewhere for our 1 break?  
HARRY: What about this hotel? It has great 2  online. Five stars!  
RUTH: I’d prefer somewhere a bit smaller, with breakfast included.  
HARRY: OK, here’s a nice 3  in the countryside.

HANS: Have you found any 4  yet?  
PAULA: Yes, I’ve booked a four-star hotel in the city centre.  
HANS: Was it very expensive?  
PAULA: No, it was part of a 5 , so the hotel was included in the price.

#### 46.3 ‣ Circle the words from B and C to complete each sentence.

1. Many travellers prefer to \_\_\_\_\_ their holiday online, rather than on the phone.
   *  book
   *  take
2. Spain is a popular holiday \_\_\_\_\_ among British holiday-makers.
   *  accommodation
   *  destination
3. If you book a \_\_\_\_\_, you don’t have to book flights separately.
   *  package holiday
   *  weekend break
4. The apartment \_\_\_\_\_ doesn’t say if it has wi-fi or not. We’ll have to email them.
   *  listing
   *  password
5. The central \_\_\_\_\_ is broken and Sara’s clothes are all creased.
   *  heating
   *  iron
6. The house has \_\_\_\_\_, so it is warm all through the winter months.
   *  listing
   *  central heating

#### 46.4 ‣ Correct the mistakes.

1. When you arrive, you can pick out the keys from the reception desk. 
2. I recommence renting a car, as public transport is not very good. 
3. The nearer train station is a five minute walk away. 
4. The wi-fi passport is written on a piece of paper next to the computer. 
5. I like staying in this area. There are quite a few nice cafés nearly. 
6. To switch out the air conditioning, press this button. 

#### 46.5 ‣

### Over to you

**Answer these questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.**

1. What type of holiday from A do you prefer?
2. Do you read hotel reviews before you book online?
3. Where do you like to stay when you travel: in a hotel, in a B&B or in a private apartment?