

# My Worst Holiday Ever!

**A. Read** the story “My worst holiday ever” on **p. 2-3**. While reading, **underline all the things that went wrong** on Mike and Sylvie’s holiday.

**B. Do the vocabulary exercise** on **p. 4**

**C. Look at the main verbs** in the text. Write down **two regular** and **two irregular verbs**.

*For example:*

Regular: to work → worked

Irregular: to sit → sat

Regular verbs: .....

Irregular verbs: .....

[Link: list with irregular verbs](#)

**D. In which tense** (present, past, future) is the text written?

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**E. Have a look** at [these linking words](#). Now, **highlight the linking words in the text** p. 2-3.

## **Reading:**

### **The Worst Holiday Ever!**

I knew this was going to be a terrible holiday as soon as we arrived at the hotel.

Firstly, the travel agent told us that it was a brand-new hotel in a quiet part of the **peninsula**. But when we arrived we found that it was not brand-new at all — the hotel was not even finished. There were construction workers still building parts of the hotel!

But the manager assured us that our stay would be fine. Moreover, he told us we would have a great stay. We got to our room and it didn't seem too bad. Everything looked like a **commendable** hotel room.

Next, we looked in the bathroom and noticed there was no shower. There was only a **washbasin** and a toilet. I asked the manager how we would take a shower. He just **shrugged** and said that we could use the showers in the spa. My wife asked what time the spa opened every day and he replied 10:00 am.

At that point, we had had enough. Therefore, I told my wife that we would leave immediately. I didn't say another word, I took hold of our **luggage trolley** and left the room.

Afterwards, the manager stopped me. He was very **apologetic** about it. That week was one of the busiest times on the island. Apparently, there was a wine festival that had just started the day we arrived. Every hotel is

fully booked, said the manager. I can't let you leave. You will have nowhere to sleep for the night.

My wife rolled her eyes and **sighed**. I swore out loud. The manager told us he would do everything he could to make it up to us. Then he left.

Next, I lay down on the bed and kicked off my shoes. My wife unpacked our things and put them in the wardrobe. While she was doing that, she let out a scream. I jumped to my feet as she **leapt** onto the bed. She was pointing at something in the wardrobe. I looked inside and I saw a huge dead rat. It looked like it had been dead for several days.

I was furious. I told my wife that we would go downstairs and tell someone at the front desk to change our room. And then hopefully go to the bar and get a **stiff** drink. So we left our room and went to the lifts. It was then that we saw a sign that said only one of the lifts was in operation. The other one was being repaired.

Things were just getting worse and worse!

Eventually, we got downstairs and I told the front desk about the dead rat but they said they couldn't change our room as they didn't have any other rooms available. At that point, I didn't need just one drink — I needed three or four. I asked them where the bar was and they pointed to a door. Above the door was a sign that said "The Lounge Bar".

We went in and there was no one around. No customers and certainly no barman.




I just shook my head. My wife started to cry.




*(<https://manwrites.com/the-worst-vacation-ever/>)*

## Vocabulary:

F. Which word(s) or expressions in **bold and underlined in the text** are described here?

		
to .....	to .....	to .....

		
a .....	a ..... .....	a ..... (semi-island)

	<p>praiseworthy, laudable, meritorious, creditable, admirable, worthy, exemplary, estimable, deserving, excellent</p> 	
<b>a</b> .....	<b>c</b> .....	<b>a</b> ..... drink (strong, alcoholic)

## Writing: “My worst holiday ever!”

**Write a 200-word** story similar to Mike and Sylvie’s experience in the story above.

**Make your story as crazy as possible!**

➡ Read some other stories [here](#).

- ✓ Use your **imagination** and think of some things that could go terribly wrong on a holiday.

No imagination? No worries! Use the hand-out with examples.

- ✓ **Captivate us from the beginning!**



- ✓ Your story should be written in **the past tense** (mind the irregular verbs)
- ✓ Use a **variety of verbs** = avoid repetition!

✓ Use **linking words**.

✓ Use **adjectives and adverbs**

*Examples: terrifying, horrendous, frightful, shocking, awful, ...*

In need of synonyms? See: <https://www.thesaurus.com/>

✓ **Surprise** us with the **ending**.



✓ Come up with a **catchy title**! Trigger us to read your story.

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