

COMMUNICATION

Describing your dream holiday

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can read a text about top holiday destinations and give my opinion on it.
- I can talk about my dream holiday destination using a range of compound adjectives.





Warm-up

The mountains or the beach – where would you rather go?

Share your answer with the rest of the class!



Travel the world

Read the text below. Which destination would you choose to visit? Why?

Top Holiday Destinations

Bora Bora



Perfect place for anyone who's looking to relax on a beautiful beach with soft sand and crystal-clear water. Expensive, but worth every penny!

Rome



Many must-see attractions, including the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon. Plenty of museums and mouth-watering food!

Tokyo



This densely-populated city has it all: ancient temples, world-class museums, and thriving shopping districts. One of the world's most hi-tech cities!

Grand Canyon



Escape fast-paced city life and experience the natural beauty of the Grand Canyon. Perfect for a day trip. Plenty of hiking trails with awe-inspiring views.

South Island, New Zealand



Breath-taking mountains and glaciers, beautiful hiking trails and kayak routes. Journey to Queenstown where you can bungee jump and skydive.

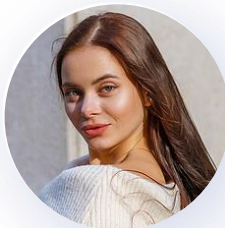
What's your opinion?

1. **Read** the information underneath each profile.
2. **Explain** which destination you think would be a good choice for each person.
3. **Look back** at the text on the previous slide if you need to.



Tom, 21

- nature lover
- adventurous
- low-budget traveller
- loves exploring off the beaten track



Sally, 32

- foodie
- prefers structured and planned holidays
- can't stand camping
- techie



Terri, 56

- laid-back and easy-going
- down-to-earth
- beach bum
- jet-setter

Destinations:

Bora Bora

Rome

Tokyo

Grand Canyon

**South Island,
New Zealand**



Matching

Match the highlighted words on the left with their definition.

1 I like going **off the beaten track**.

2 She travels the world. She's a **jet-setter**!

3 I **can't stand** being late!

4 He's a **techie**! He loves everything related to technology.

5 What a **beach bum**! She's been at the beach all day!

6 She loves trying new food. She's a **foodie**.

a a person who is really interested in food

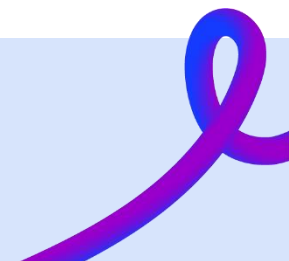
b someone who spends a lot of time on the beach

c a place where not many people go

d a rich person who travels the world

e to really dislike something

f a person who is really interested in technology





Discuss

Answer and **discuss** the questions below.

Do you like travelling off the beaten track?



What is something that you can't stand?

Trip vs. journey

1. **Read** the example sentences. 2. Then, **read** the information in the blue box.



The journey to Queenstown took three weeks.



I took a trip to the Maldives last weekend.

- **Trip** is a noun that means going to another place (usually for a short period of time) and returning.
- **Journey** is a noun that means going from one place to another. It usually refers to a long distance.
- **Journey** can also be used to talk about progress in life.





Collocations with *trip* and *journey*

Put the words on the left under *trip* or *journey*.

1

sightseeing

2

field

3

personal

4

school

5

cross-country

6

business

Trip

sightseeing trip

Journey



Discuss

Answer the questions below in breakout rooms or together as a class.



1 Where would you like to take a weekend trip to? Why?

2 What would you make sure to take with you on a long journey?



Compound adjectives

Combine the words to create **compound adjectives**. **Go back** to **slide 4** if you need help!



1 awe

2 world

3 breath

4 fast

5 mouth

a watering

b taking

c paced

d inspiring

e class

1. Choose one compound adjective.

2. Write a sentence in the chat using this compound adjective.



Describe these words with compound adjectives

Which compound adjectives could you use to describe these words? More than one answer is possible.

scenery

performance

city

lake

museum

movie

book

burger

- awe-inspiring
- world-class
- breath-taking
- fast-paced
- mouth-watering
- crystal-clear
- must-see
- densely-populated

Your dream holiday destination

1. **Complete** the prompts in the red and yellow boxes. 2. **Use** the vocabulary in the white boxes to help you. 3. **Share** your ideas with the rest of the class.

1. Think of a dream holiday destination.

2. Describe it using compound adjectives.

3. Why you would like to visit this place? What kind of traveller are you?

4. Are you interested in visiting any of destinations your classmates have mentioned?

- laid-back
- adventurous
- down-to-earth
- nature lover
- easy-going
- beach bum
- foodie
- techie
- off the beaten track
- can't stand

- crystal-clear
- must-see
- fast-paced
- densely-populated
- world-class
- hi-tech
- awe-inspiring
- breath-taking
- mouth-watering



End of the lesson

Idiom

to go the extra mile

Meaning: to make an extra effort

Example: The hotel staff go the extra mile to make their guests happy.



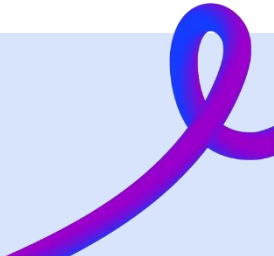
Additional practice



True or false?

- 1. **Decide** if the sentences are true or false.
- 2. If they are false, **rewrite** the sentence to make it true.

		true	false
1	A beach bum hates the beach.		
2	Somewhere off the beaten track doesn't usually get a lot of visitors.		
3	If a person is down-to-earth , they probably only stay in five-star hotels and eat in expensive restaurants.		
4	A laid-back person is relaxed.		
5	If you can't stand something, it means you love it.		





Complete the sentences

1. **Fill in** the gaps to complete the compound adjectives.
2. Then **complete** the sentences with your own ideas.

1 The place in my country that has the most breath-_____ scenery is...

2 The most mouth-_____ food that everyone should try in my country is...

3 The most densely-_____ city in my country is...

4 A must-_____ attraction in my country is...

5 The city that has some world-_____ museums in my country is...



A holiday in your country

1. **Choose** one of the people below.
2. **Decide** on a good place for them to go on holiday in your country.
3. **Tell** your teacher or classmates about the place and why you have chosen it.



Helen

- Foodie
- Can't stand camping
- Enjoys world-class museums



Ben

- Nature lover
- Likes off-the-beaten-track places
- Loves breathtaking scenery



Christine

- Laid-back
- Low-budget traveller
- Adventurous



Maria

- Can't stand fast-paced holidays
- Beach bum
- Down-to-earth



James

- Loves densely-populated places
- Techie
- Jet-setter



Write an email

Write a 60–80 word email following the prompt in the red box.

Think back to the dream holiday you thought of on **slide 13**. Imagine you are on this holiday and write a short email to a friend back home. Describe the place and the food and tell them what you have been doing.





Answer key

P.6: 1. c 2. d 3. e 4. f 5. b 6. a

P.9: Trip: field, school, business **Journey:** personal, cross-country

P.11: 1-d (awe-inspiring), 2-e (world-class), 3-b (breath-taking), 4-c (fast-paced), 5-a (mouth-watering)

P.17: 1. False, 2. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. False

P.18: 1. taking, 2. watering, 3. populated, 4. see, 5. class



Summary

Trip vs. Journey:

- **Trip** = going to another place for a short time then returning
- **Journey** = going from one place to another, usually refers to a long distance.

Collocations with trip and journey:

- Sightseeing trip, field trip, school trip, business trip
- Personal journey, cross-country journey

Describing places with **compound adjectives**:

- Compound adjectives are made of **two different words** to create a new adjective with a new meaning e.g., **breath-taking, world-class, mouth-watering**

Describing types of tourists:

- **Nature lover, jet-setter, foodie, beach bum, techie**
- **Laid-back, easy-going, adventurous, low-budget traveller**



Vocabulary

must-see

mouth-watering

densely-populated

world-class

fast-paced

awe-inspiring

breath-taking

nature lover

adventurous

off the beaten track

foodie

can't stand

techie

laid-back

easy-going

down-to-earth

beach bum

jet-setter

