

Summer Vacation

Discussion

I see you booked this lesson about 30 minutes before it started.

How did you do it?

Many of my other students say that they cannot book classes only one week in advance.

I don't know what is going on with the booking system.

That shouldn't be important.

How are you doing today?(How do you feel?)

I feel good.

What are you doing?

I am working.

How can you have an English class if you are working?

I am not busy.

Are you allowed to do this?

Yes, I am.

We will have a National Day vacation.

What does it mean if a verb tense is simple?

It's because you don't need any helping(auxiliary verbs)

I work.(present simple)

I am working.(present continuous) I have worked.(present perfect)

What is your job?

I work at an airport.

My responsibility is safety management at the airport.

Do you know anything about it?

I just wonder what happened.

Why do you want to improve your English?

When do you have a chance to use English?

I read documents and information from websites.

Where have you traveled?

Do you have summer and winter vacation?

I can choose the vacation date as I please.

When do you usually go on a vacation?

I usually go on a vacation in summer, during my sons summer vacation.

How many days do you have?

I have three weeks.

Do you need to use all your days at once?

I always all days at once.

You can take two week in summer, and one week in winter? Or you need to take all days at once?

I take almost all days at once.

Preposition is a word that is put before a noun to indicate time, place, method, etc. e.g. in, on, at, between, etc.

What do you like to do on a summer vacation?

I usually go to other cities in China.

What are the activities that you like to do in the cities you visit?

I like sightseeing, learning about local culture, eating local food, learning about local history, etc.

Do you like water activities?

Yes, I do. I like to travel to a beach, I can enjoy sunbathing, playing with the sand with my children, building sandcastles, and picking up shells.

In ancient China, who could have white skin?

Only rich people could be white.

Have you ever had a sunburn?

I would also advise not to go sunbathing at noon or when the sun is brightest.

I got a trip to Tibet.(This sounds that you get a trip as a reward.)

I had a trip to Tibet.

Was it hard to breath?

It's on a very high altitude.

Do you know that boiling temperature is different?

We always say "water boils at 100 degrees Celsius".

This is not true, not always. It just try under certain air pressure.

As you go higher, atmospheric pressure is lower.

We can't reduce pressure so much naturally but in a laboratory, scientist can achieve "three points of water". It's the state in which pressure is so low that water boils, melts, and freezes at the same time.

You can watch this on YouTube

Express yourself in grammatically correct sentences.

Vocabulary

Useful Words

1. cosmetics(noun)
2. vowels(noun)

New Words

1. vacation(noun)
2. unfortunately(adv.)
3. road trip(noun)
4. beach(noun)
5. sunbathe(verb)
6. tan(verb)

Grammar

Prepositions of Time

We use only three prepositions for time: in, at, and on.

1. Preposition “in”
 - months: in July, in March...
 - years: in 1993, in 2022...
 - parts of the day: in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening.
 - seasons: in summer, in winter...
2. Preposition “at”
 - hours: at 1 o'clock, at 2:30...
 - part of the day: at night
3. Preposition “on”
 - days in a week: on Monday, on weekend, on weekdays...
 - dates: on Christmast, on Thanksgiving, on National Day...

Gerund Form

Gerund form is a form of a verb, which we use when we name an acitivity. By using gerund form, we make noun from verbs.

verb + ing

playing(gerund)

I like cooking(gerund).

Is tanning popular in China?

Really?

Tanning can make skin healthier.

I always think that standar of Chinese beauty is white skin.

Why was white skin considered beautiful in past in China?

To be

In English if you want to say that something exists or that it is true, you need to use verb “to be” not verb “have” like in Chinese.

There have an English improvement program.(incorrect)

There is an English improvement program.(correct)

There have many people in China.(incorrect)

There are many people in China.(correct)

Tenses

English is very precise when it come to time, you really have to use tenses carefully.

I work as an English teacher. (true now, at the moment of speaking) I worked as an English teacher. (it was true, but it's not true anymore)