task 1 Dear Mifa, Thanks a lot for your gift! You have no idea how happy I was when I opened it. I was really shocked and amazed because you picked the camera I have wanted for a long time. It has all the features that I was looking for and now I will be able to take some excellent photos of my lovely cupcakes and portraits of my family. This is one of the best presents I have ever got on my birthday. We should definitely meet this Saturday to celebrate this once again. I will bake your favourite strawberry cupcakes and we can have a tea-party. Oh, do not forget to wear your beautiful dress as well, because I want to take a lot of photos with my new camera. I think you will enjoy the day and the sweets. See you on Saturday! Warmest wishes to you and your family Yelena task 2 Many people ponder what they should do for a vacation and I realized a lot of people don't seem to share my views about traveling. I believe it's very important to see the world and different cultures. It lets us open our minds to new things and we get to experience life in exiting different ways. Traveling gives us the opportunity to disconnect from our regular life. You get to forget your problems/issues for a few weeks, it can also help you figure things out that you would not have understood without the distance traveling can give you. Another great benefit is the relaxation you get to do. It's nice to live life to its fullest and enjoy a stress free time with yourself. Going on vacation lets us recharge our "batteries" by disconnecting us from our regular life. New experiences increase our resourcefulness by living situations you would never encounter at home, this is great experience for you when you come back to your routine Traveling increases our knowledge and widens our perspective. To view new customs, different ways of living is fantastic for the mind. When traveling with friends or family it creates memories for a lifetime. These memories will create a bond that nothing can erase no matter what happens with the friendship/relationship. It can also give a new perspective on the relationship and cement the bond forever. It's never been this cheap to travel. With soaring oil prices the cheap travel era might be coming to an end. Feel free to let me know how traveling helped you out, what new experiences you lived and how they helped you in your life.