How was your vacation?

- Hey. How was your vacation?

- It was very fun

- Where did you go?

- I went to the beach

- Who did you go with?

- I went with my father, mother and older sister

- Do you have a house at the beach?

- No, we stayed at a hotel

- Which hotel did you stay at?

- It’s called the Imperial

- Have you stayed there before?

- Yes, we’ve been going there for years

- It must be very nice

- Yes, it’s very nice and not too expensive

- Did you play in the water?

- Yes, I went swimming and I rowed the banana boat

- How about your older sister?

- She does not like the water

...She likes to sit on the beach and read a book

- What do your mother and father like to do?

- They like to eat in the restaurant

- How long was your vacation?

- 3 or 4 days

- And will you go there again next year?

- Of course

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**How Was Your Vacation?**

Frank: So, how was your vacation?

Brandy: Oh! This was the best vacation I’ve ever had in my life!

Frank: Wow! Where did you go?

Brandy: We went to the Bahamas. It’s such an amazing place.

Frank: Really? Did you go with your parents?

Brandy: Of course not! I went with my cousins. We had a blast!

Frank: I can imagine that. Did you take any pictures?

Brandy: Yes. I’ll be uploading them to Facebook today. You can check them out.

Frank: That’d be great!

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#### Did You Complete Your Pending Assignments?

**Duke:** Why is all this work still pending?

**Frank:** What do you mean?

**Duke:** You promised to complete all the assignments during the holidays! What did you do in the holidays then, if not this?

**Frank:** Well, I didn’t have enough time to work on the assignments. My brother had an accident and I had to be with him at the hospital.

**Duke:** Alright, but, you’d better complete them by the weekend. If you miss the deadline you won’t get good grades.

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#### Asking Your Colleagues.

**Jerry:** How were your holidays?

**Duke:** Totally amazing! I needed that break.

**Jerry:** Where did you go?

**Duke:** We took a boat trip to Koh Samui.

**Jerry:** Koh Samui is a really peaceful place. It must’ve been quite relaxing.

**Duke:** Oh, yeah! After all the hectic schedules and tough life, it’s good to have a peaceful vacation. All I got was blue sea and clear sky!

**Jerry:** I need a break myself. Going to apply for a 7-day leave today. Let’s see if the boss approves it.

**Duke:** I hope he does. You’ve worked very hard on your last project.

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#### My Holidays Were Awful.

**Brandy :** Hey Jerry! Glad to see you’re back. How were the hols?

**Jerry :** Don’t ask, Brandy! I’ve had better holidays.

**Brandy :** Why? What happened?

**Jerry :** It was a series of disasters. Seriously.

**Brandy :** Really, Jerry?

**Jerry :** Yep. My flight got delayed 7 hours. Then the taxi to the hotel broke down.

**Brandy :** Goodness!

**Jerry :** The hotel was terrible. The food was awful.

**Brandy :** I’m sorry to hear that, Jerry. It all sounds so bad!

**Jerry :** But that’s not all, Brandy. I got sick from the bad food and couldn’t go out of the hotel room for 3 days.

**Brandy :** Gosh, Jerry! You’ve had the most awful vacation ever!

**Jerry :** I know, Brandy. It was hell.

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Did you enjoy your last vacation? (How was your vacation?)

How do you feel after a long vacation?

How many days was your vacation?

How much money did you spend on your last vacation?

Did you encounter any problems during your vacation?

How did you resolve them?

Did you have a part-time job during the holidays?

Did you have any bad experiences?

Did you meet any interesting people? Cn you tell me about them.

Did you notice any cross-cultural differences during your vacation?

Did you study during the vacation? If so, what did you study?

How was your trip?

Why did you visit the place(s) you went to?

How did you get there?

Why did you choose the means of transportation that you chose?

How much luggage did you take?

Would you take the same or different equipment next time?

In what ways did you obtain real satisfaction when you were on vacation?

Was the place you went to very different from where you live?

What were the women like?

What were the men like?

Were people friendly?

Did you stay in a hotel?

What was the daily rate?

What historical sites did you visit and what did you learn?

What interesting people did you meet? Tell me about them.

What souvenirs did you buy?

What was the best food you ate during your vacation?

What was the most enjoyable thing that you did during your vacation?

What was the most interesting thing that you did during the vacation?

What was the most interesting thing you did during the holiday?

Where did you go for your last vacation?

Did people speak English there?

Did you have any problems?

Did you use a lot of English?

How did you get there?

How long did it take to get there?

How long were you there?

How much money did you spend?

What did you do there?

What did you see in each place?

What kind of food did you eat?

What souvenirs did you buy?

What was the activity you enjoyed the most, and why?

What was the weather/food/scenery like?

What were the people/restaurants/scenic spots like?

Where did you stay?

Where did you visit?

Where would you like to go next?

Who did you travel with?

Would you recommend your friends visit there, why or why not?

Where did you go? How long did you stay? How did you get there?

Where is your favorite place to go on vacation?

Where in the world would you most like to go for your next vacation?

Of all the places you visited, which would you recommend to your friends?

How do you get to sleep when you are traveling on a plane?

How far was it to the beaches, to the nearest town, village etc.?

How long did it take you to get there?

What sort of condition was the hotel in?

Did the room overlook the sea?

Did you have a nice view from your room?

Have you ever run out of money when you are on holidays?

Who is the most remarkable person you have ever met on holiday?

How would you feel if there weren't any holidays?

Have you ever been mugged while on vacation?

What is the most exotic or strangest thing you ate on holiday?

Have you ever thought of giving up your holiday due to unavoidable reasons?

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| **take a cruise** | /teɪk ə kruːz/ | (v. phr.) | đi du lịch trên du thuyền | I'd love to take a round-the-world cruise. |
| **go on a picnic** | /ɡoʊ ɔːn ə ˈpɪknɪk/ | (v. phr.) | đi dã ngoại | Would you like to go on a picnic with me and Sarah this coming holiday? |
| **go sightseeing** | /ɡoʊ ˈsaɪtsiːɪŋ/ | (v. phr.) | Đi ngắm cảnh | I would love to go sightseeing on the moutain |
| **go camping** | /ɡoʊ ˈkæmpɪŋ/ | (v. phr.) | đi cắm trại | I'm going to go camping in Oura Beach Camping Reserve with my friends |
| **go to the beach = go on a beach trip** | /ɡoʊ tu ðə biːtʃ/ | (v. phr.) | đi chơi biển | Helen's going to the beach on her next vacation |
| **go on a train trip** | /ɡoʊ ɔːn ə treɪn trɪp/ | (v. phr.) | đi du lịch (ngắm cảnh) trên tàu | It's great to go on a train trip and watch the scenery go by. |
| **go backpacking** | /ɡoʊ ˈbækpækɪŋ/ | (v. phr.) | đi du lịch bụi, du lịch ba lô | Going backpacking is cheaper than booking a package holiday. |
| **package holiday** | /ˈpækɪdʒ ˈhɑːlədeɪ/ | (n.) | kỳ nghỉ trọn gói | You don't have to worry if you choose this package holiday. Everything's included. |
| **winter holiday** | /ˈwɪntər ˈhɑːlədeɪ/ | (n.) | kỳ nghỉ đông | I'm going skiing this winter holiday. |
| **summer holiday** | /ˈsʌmər ˈhɑːlədeɪ/ | (n.) | kỳ nghỉ hè | How long is this summer holiday? |
| **walking holiday** | /ˈwɔːkɪŋ ˈhɑːlədeɪ/ | (n.) | Kỹ nghĩ đi bộ leo núi | I don't like walking holidays. They're so tiresome. |
| **hiking trip** | /ˈhaɪkɪŋ trɪp/ | (n.) | chuyến đi bộ đường dài | May said she had a wonderful hiking trip last week in the countryside. |
| **coach tour = bus tour** | /koʊtʃ tʊr/ /bʌs tʊr/ | (n.) | chuyến đi du lịch trên xe khách/ xe buýt | I can't stand coach tours. I get carsick |
| **self-catering holiday** | /self-ˈkeɪtərɪŋ ˈhɑːlədeɪ/ | (n.) | kỳ nghỉ tự túc | This self-catering holiday has a much more reasonable price than the package deal. |
| **apply for a visa** | /əˈplaɪ fər ə ˈviːzə/ | (v. phr.) | xin thị thực | I'm going to America this August so I have to apply for a visa. |
| **book a flight** | /bʊk ə flaɪt/ | (v. phr.) | đặt vé máy bay | There's a promotion for booking tickets online so I decided to book a flight. |
| **reserve a hotel room** | /rɪˈzɜːrv ə hoʊˈtel ruːm/ | (v. phr.) | đặt một phòng khách sạn | Excuse me. I've reserved a hotel room here under the name Brian Shaw. |
| **buy a guidebook** | /baɪ ə ˈɡaɪdbʊk/ | (v. phr.) | mua một quyển sách hướng dẫn | You should buy a guidebook of the host country before going there. |
| **change some money** | /tʃeɪndʒ sʌm ˈmʌni/ | (v. phr.) | đổi tiền | I need to change some money. In Singapore there are some places which only accept Singapore dollars. |
| **buy some clothes** | /baɪ sʌm kloʊðz/ | (v. phr.) | mua sắm quần áo | I'm going to the mountain next week so I have to buy some warm clothes. |
| **pack the luggage** | /pæk ðə ˈlʌɡɪdʒ/ | (v. phr.) | đóng gói hành lý | Have you packed the luggage? |