

## Travel

A lot of people travel towards the end of the year, some for pleasure (skiing holidays, celebration of the New Year, a holiday in warm countries, etc.) and some for business (visits to international branches or clients, connecting with potential business partners, etc.)

Generally speaking, holidays are a frequent topic of conversation among family, friends and colleagues. In order to be able to talk about them in English, some of the following words and phrases might prove to be useful.

To talk about any act of travelling from one place to another, use the word *journey*. *Trip* can also refer to any journey, but often it refers to an outward and return journey for a specific purpose and usually for a short time. *Business trip* is a journey made somewhere and back again for business purposes. If you are talking about a period in which a break is taken from work for rest, travel or recreation, you can talk about *holiday* (in British English) or *vacation* (in American English).

A In this exercise you can find some adjectives that you can use to describe your holiday. Underline the correct word in order to complete the following sentences.

1. They went on a *day/daily* trip to Berlin.
2. It is possible save up to 30% on a *seven-night/seven-nights* holiday.
3. Our city is becoming a *popularly/popular* vacation destination.
4. We had to change buses for our *advancing/onward* journey.
5. Have a *safe/safely* journey!
6. What's included in the *packing/package* holiday price?
7. How much *annual/year* leave do you get?
8. Apart from *usually/frequent* trips to the UK and USA, he visited numerous counties in Asia for conferences on international relations.
9. We are just back from a *succeed/successful* trip to New York.
10. Have a *nice/nicely* trip!

*Key: 1. day, 2. seven-night, 3. popular, 4. onward, 5. safe, 6. package, 7. annual, 8. frequent, 9. successful, 10. nice*

B Complete the sentences with one of the following verbs: *take, travel, set out, have, return, arrange, cancel, go, enjoy, be*.

1. She likes to \_\_\_\_\_ in the autumn when there are fewer tourists.
2. I hoped I would be able to attend the conference, but I will \_\_\_\_\_ away on a business trip.
3. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ a good trip?
4. From here visitors can \_\_\_\_\_ a boat trip to one of the islands.
5. If you're about to \_\_\_\_\_ on a journey, check whether your coach is running on time before you set off.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ your trip and have fun!
7. We almost had to \_\_\_\_\_ our trip because of unforeseen circumstances.
8. When I \_\_\_\_\_ from my holiday, I will have a meeting.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ on the journey on May 1 to promote the project.

10. If you \_\_\_\_\_ a business trip and you wish to extend your trip for annual leave you must take out your own personal travel insurance for that part of the trip.

*Key: 1. travel, 2. be, 3. have, 4. take, 5. go, 6. enjoy, 7. cancel, 8. return, 9. set out, 10. arrange*

C Complete the sentences with one of the following prepositions: *to, by, per, from, in, between, on*. You will need to use some prepositions more than once.

1. My boss was \_\_\_\_\_ a journey to the Far East.
2. Mr Jameson is \_\_\_\_\_ holiday this week.
3. Travelling \_\_\_\_\_ train is often the most efficient way to get around.
4. He spent his holiday \_\_\_\_\_ Bristol with his family.
5. The train journey \_\_\_\_\_ Liverpool \_\_\_\_\_ London took almost eight hours.
6. We have an extra public holiday \_\_\_\_\_ August bank holiday and Christmas.
7. I find travelling \_\_\_\_\_ plane stressful and tiring.
8. The majority of owners feel better when they are able to monitor their business while \_\_\_\_\_ holiday.
9. Employees are entitled to 25 days' paid holiday \_\_\_\_\_ year.
10. James is involved in a competition to try and win a trip \_\_\_\_\_ the North Pole.

*Key: 1. on, 2. on, 3. by, 4. in, 5. from, to, 6. between, 7. by, 8. on, 9. per, 10. to*