



HOLIDAYS

Discussion

Basic questions

1 How many holidays do you have a year? Are they long or short holidays?

**We have...holidays in a year. / Usually they're...holidays.*

2 What is the biggest holiday of the year in your country?

**The biggest holiday in my country is...*

3 How do you often spend your holiday?

**I often spend my holiday through...*

4 Do you enjoy going camping?

**Yes, I enjoy going camping. / No, I don't enjoy doing camping.*

5 Do you visit someone over the holidays?

**Yes, I visit someone over the holidays. / No, I don't visit anyone over the holidays.*

Extended questions

1 Who do you like to spend holidays with? What do you do together?

**I like to spend my holidays with family/friends. We do...together.*

2 Do you want to have more holidays during the year?

**Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

3 Are long holidays good or bad... a) to you? b) to your company?

**Yes, long holidays are good to me/to my company because...*

**No, long holidays aren't good to me/to my company because...*

4 Do you have any plan for the next holiday?

**Yes, I have some plans for the next holiday. I'd go...on the next holiday.*

**No, I don't have any plans for the next holiday.*

Vocabulary

1 picnic /'pɪknɪk/

[noun] an occasion when people pack a meal and take it to eat outdoors, especially in the countryside

Ex. We often have a picnic in a nearby park.

2 relax /rɪ'læks/

[verb] to rest while you are doing something enjoyable

Ex. When I get home from work I like to relax with the newspaper.

3 camp /kæmp/

[verb] to put up a tent and stay in it for a short while, for example while on holiday

Ex. We camped in Blue Mountain last month.

[noun] a place where young people go on holiday/vacation and take part in various activities or a particular activity

Ex. He will spend two weeks at the summer camp this year.

4 excursion /ɪks'kɜːʃn/

[noun] a short journey usually made for pleasure, often by a group of people

Ex. Next week we're going on an excursion.

5 indoor /'ɪndɔː/

[adj] happening, used, or existing inside a building

Ex. I enjoy indoor activities.

6 outdoor /'aʊtdɔː/

[adj] existing, happening or done outside, rather than inside a building

Ex. I enjoy outdoor activities.

Useful Expressions

1 **Go on a picnic** - take food and eat it outdoors

Ex. Bill and Jim are planning to go on a picnic next week.

2 **To hang out with sb** - to spend a lot of time in a place or with someone

Ex. I often hang out with my brother at weekends.

3 **To stay indoors/outdoors** - to spend time inside/outside

Ex. I will stay indoors this weekend. I don't want to go out.

4 **To get a way for a few days** - to leave a big city and go somewhere peaceful

Ex. I'm really tired with my work. I just want to get away for a few days.

5 **There's no place like home** - Home is the best of all places. This saying comes from the song "Home, Sweet Home."

Ex. We had a wonderful holiday, but I'm happy to be home. There's no place like home.

Idioms

1 **beat the holiday blues** – to do something so that one does not feel stressed and depressed during the holidays

Ex. Reading my favorite book helped me beat the holiday blues.

2 **get in the holiday spirit** - to become excited about or to have good feelings about a holiday

Ex. Christmas is coming and we're getting in the holiday spirit.

3 **Have a whale of a time** - to enjoy yourself very much.

Ex. We had a whale of a time at Sally's birthday party.

4 **Recharge your batteries** - to have a period of rest and relaxation so that you feel energetic again.

Ex. A week away would give you time to rest and recharge your batteries.