

READING COMPREHENSION HOMEWORK:

We only do them on holiday

We all have them. Strange little rituals that have become an important part of any holiday, and if you don't do them, it somehow doesn't feel quite right...

Go on an airport shopping spree

This could be because you like a bargain. It could also be because you get to the airport and realize that you packed at the last minute and ☐ **Whatever the reason**, the hour before your flight is usually spent buying more travel adaptors, sweets, another pair of headphones, and unnecessary clothes.

Pay too much for hotel extras

You never eat macadamia nuts at home. But when you find them in a little jar beside the minibar, you have to eat them. Whether it's a tiny but ridiculously expensive tub of Pringles, or an overpriced and mediocre cocktail at the bar, you don't seem to have a problem paying far too much for little extras at your hotel. It may be because you're tired after the journey, or just because you're on holiday, but suddenly ☐

Steal things (sort of)

Of course you don't take bathrobes or towels, but after being charged so much for those macadamia nuts, you try to **get your revenge on** the hotel by taking little things – espresso capsules, shampoo, shower gel...sometimes even a sewing kit, that ☐



Talk to strangers

On holiday, suddenly everyone wants to make new friends. How many times have you started talking to the people at the next table at a restaurant in your town? Probably never. But walk into a beachside taverna, and ☐

Change your eating habits

Your normal breakfast routine **goes completely out the window**. Goodbye cornflakes, hello smoked salmon, eggs, toast, and a big slice of cake from the hotel buffet. You're also thrilled when you find strange and exciting foods at the local supermarket and you want to try them all, even though ☐



Sleep in the afternoon

Maybe it's because the shops have closed. Maybe ☐ Maybe it's all that breakfast. Whatever the reason, afternoon naps only become a fixture twice a year: at Christmas and on holiday.

Buy pointless postcards, and other rubbish

There must be millions of postcards out there that people buy and never send. They're a great reminder of your holiday, but when you get home, you put them in a shoebox under the bed and never look at them again. You also **have the urge** to buy cheap souvenirs from street stalls. 'A fridge magnet of the Eiffel Tower? A solar-powered Japanese sumo-wrestler figure?' 'Yes, sure, ☐

Visit obscure museums

Can you imagine your partner suggesting a Saturday afternoon trip to the local ethnographical museum to see a wonderful new ceramics exhibition? Definitely not. But on a city break, suddenly the most obscure cultural attractions **develop a magnetic pull**. 'Darling, the guidebook says it's one of Hungary's six best museums, so ☐

c Read the article again. Complete it with phrases A–H.

A I'll take three

B it's too much sun

C you don't seem to care about prices

D we absolutely must go

E you aren't as prepared as you should be

F you aren't normally adventurous at home

G you'll never ever use

H you're suddenly super-sociable

6 READING

a Are there any things that you do on holiday that you don't usually do in normal life? Think about the things below.

activities daily routine food and drink
shopping spending money

I don't usually do much exercise, but when I'm on holiday, I go for a lot of walks, and if I'm at the beach, I swim every day.

b Read the article once. Does it mention any of the things you answered in a?

GRAMMAR EXERCISES:

present tenses

Revise the basics

present simple and frequency

- 1 She goes abroad a lot. **NOT** *She go*
- 2 Does he know Paris well? **NOT** *Do he know*
- 3 We don't like camping. **NOT** *We not like*
- 4 They never go swimming. **NOT** *Never they go*
- 5 He's always late. **NOT** *Always he's late*
- 6 I go for a walk every morning. **NOT** *I go every morning for a walk.*

present continuous

- 7 He's working today. **NOT** *He working*
- 8 They aren't / They're not watching TV, they're playing a video game. **NOT** *They not watching*
- 9 Are you going away this weekend? **NOT** *Do you go / You are going*

action and non-action verbs

- 1 A What **are** the children **doing** now? 2.10
B Mark's **playing** tennis and Anna's **reading**.
A Hi, Marta. **Are** you **waiting** for someone?
B Yes, I'm **waiting** for Tim.
- 2 I **like** vegetables now, but I didn't use to.
Oh, now I **remember** where I left my glasses.

- 1 Many verbs describe actions. These verbs are used in the present continuous to talk about actions happening now or in the future.
- 2 Some verbs describe states and feelings, not actions. Examples are *agree, be, believe, belong, depend, forget, hate, hear, know, like, look like, love, matter, mean, need, prefer, realize, recognize, remember, seem, suppose, understand, want*. These verbs are normally used in the present simple,

verbs which can have action and non-action meanings

- Do you **have** any sunscreen? = possession (non-action) 2.11
He's **having** a shower at the moment. = an action
Do you **think** we should have lunch in the hotel? = opinion (non-action)
They're **thinking** of going on a cruise. = an action
I **see** what you mean. = understanding (non-action)
I'm **seeing** the hotel manager tomorrow morning. = an action

- Some verbs have two meanings, an action meaning and a non-action meaning, e.g. *have, think, see*. If they describe a state or feeling, not an action, they are not usually used in the present continuous. If they describe an action, they are used in the present continuous.

present continuous for future arrangements

- I'm **leaving** tomorrow and I'm **coming back** on Tuesday. 2.12
We're **seeing** our grandparents this weekend.
When **are** they **coming** to visit us?
Ella **isn't going out** tonight. She's **staying in**.

- We often use the present continuous where there is an arrangement to do something in the future.

present simple for 'timetable' future

- The train **leaves** at 6.30 in the morning. 2.13
Our flight **doesn't stop** in Hong Kong. It **stops** in Singapore.
What time **does** your flight **arrive** in New York?

- We use the present simple to talk about things which will happen according to a timetable, especially travel times. We are usually referring to things which always happen on certain days at certain times, like flight times or classes, and are not people's personal plans or decisions.

a Circle the correct form.

We're going / We go to New Zealand on Saturday.
The flight ¹leaves / is leaving at 6.50 in the morning.
²We need / We're needing to check in two hours ahead,
so ³we go / we're going to the airport the night before,
and ⁴we stay / we're staying in an airport hotel (£200 a night, but it's better than getting up at 2.00 a.m.!). The first part of the flight, to Singapore, ⁵takes / is taking 14 hours, and ⁶we break / we're breaking the journey there for a couple of days. Then it's on to Auckland. The flight ⁷gets in / is getting in at nearly midnight, but our friends ⁸meet / are meeting us at the airport, and ⁹they look after / they're looking after us for a week or so. Then ¹⁰we travel / we're travelling round North and South Island – ¹¹we rent / we're renting a camper van.
¹²We have / We're having to be back in Auckland on 22nd February, but I don't think I'll want to come home!

b Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Do you know Andrew's sister? (know)

- 1 _____ you _____ camping or staying in hotels? (prefer)
- 2 We _____ of going on a safari next year. (think)
- 3 _____ we _____ to pack insect repellent? (need)
- 4 She _____ to Frankfurt for a business meeting next week. (fly)
- 5 A Can I help you?
B Yes, I _____ a charger for my phone. (look for)
- 6 A This hotel _____ a restaurant. (not have)
B It _____, we can eat in town. (not matter)
- 7 A Hi. Can you hear me? What _____ you _____? (do)
B I _____ by the pool and Tanya _____ a spa treatment. Where are you? (read, have)
- 8 A What time _____ our flight _____? (leave)
B It _____ at 9.50 and it _____ at 12.10. (leave, arrive)

