UNIT VIII
ARE YOU GOING AWAY FOR THE SUMMER?

Let's Start!

Work on your own. Look at the different ways you can spend a vacation. Rank them in order from 1 (not my taste at all) to 6 (I really like this). Then place a check (√) to answer the question.

- a few days at a beach resort
- walking in the mountains
- traveling abroad
- studying something
- adventure holidays
- lazing around the house

Who do you like to take a vacation with?

☐ nobody, just myself  ☐ a group of friends  ☐ a girlfriend/boyfriend  ☐ the family

Compare your answers with your partner. Do you have similar ideas?

Words and Expressions

Work with your partner. Draw lines from the beginning on the left to the end on the right and make eight sentences. The first one is done for you.

If you find a quiet place to have a holiday you can...

- stay home.
- try to get some exercise
- get away from it all.

The beach is a great place to...

- hang out with their friends after school.

A lot of students...

- going for a hike in the mountains.

I don’t want to go out tonight, I want to...

- you’ll get a tan.

Teenagers usually like to...

- relax and take it easy.

If you’re overweight you should...

- work part-time to make some pocket money.

If you lie in the sun for a few hours...

- There’s no better exercise than...
A. LET'S LISTEN

Listen to two conversations. Look at the pictures. Who wants to do what? Who has to do what? Write the number of the picture(s) next to the person.

Conversation 1
Judy
Eric

Conversation 2
Ian
Chrissy
LISTEN AGAIN

Listen to the conversations again. Circle the letter to show how certain each speaker is about their vacation plans. (J = Judy, E = Eric, I = Ian, C = Chrissy)

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Listen to the conversations again. Place a check (√) next to the speaker's name to answer the three questions.

- Who is most excited about his/her vacation?
  - Judy
  - Eric
  - Ian
  - Chrissy

- Who is not excited about his/her vacation?
  - Judy
  - Eric
  - Ian
  - Chrissy

- Whose vacation plans are still not decided?
  - Judy
  - Eric
  - Ian
  - Chrissy
B. LET'S LISTEN

LISTENING

A It's five-thirty in the evening, and these people are waiting for the bus. What are their plans for tonight? Write one guess for each person.

B Listen to the people talk about their evening plans. What are they really going to do? Complete the chart.

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C. LET'S LISTEN

People are discussing vacations with a travel agent. Which trip do they prefer? Listen and circle the correct answer.

1. a. Hawaiian vacation
   b. trip to the Philippines
2. a. ski vacation
   b. Malaysian jungle trip
3. a. Nile River trip
   b. Australian outback trip
4. a. Grand Canyon rafting trip
   b. African safari
5. a. Southeast Asian trip
   b. China tour
6. a. European bus trip
   b. Russian train trip
D. LET'S LISTEN

**Task 1**
People are talking about their vacation plans. Will they visit these places? Listen and check (✓) the correct answers in the charts.

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E. LET'S LISTEN

Task 1
People are talking about vacations they want to take. What does each person want to do? Listen and circle the correct answer.

1. a. travel alone  
   b. travel with a friend  
   c. take a group tour

2. a. visit small towns  
   b. visit big cities  
   c. stay in expensive hotels

3. a. have a boring vacation  
   b. stay in cheap hotels  
   c. see and do everything

4. a. spend time on a quiet beach  
   b. spend time in Bangkok  
   c. see and do everything

5. a. spend a month in Mexico City  
   b. visit a small town  
   c. travel with other tourists

6. a. stay in cheap hotels  
   b. stay in expensive hotels  
   c. travel alone

Task 2
Listen again. Why do the people want to take the vacations they describe? Write the correct letter.

1. She ___  a. has been busy at work.
2. He ___  b. wants to practice speaking Spanish.
3. She ___  c. heard the beaches are great there.
4. He ___  d. wants to be free.
5. She ___  e. needs some excitement.
6. He ___  f. needs to go somewhere quiet.
**Unit 15: Going away for the summer?**

**Conversation 1**

Judy: Hey, Eric. So, what are you doing over the summer? Any plans?
Eric: I don’t know really. Um, I’d kind of like to travel, you know, maybe go somewhere and get away from it all for a while.
Judy: Know what you mean, just relax, take it easy.
Eric: But I’m going to have to stay here. I’ll probably get a part-time job and maybe just hang out, surf the web.
Judy: That sounds a bit grim.
Eric: Yeah, well... I might go somewhere later if I can save some money, but I doubt I’ll be able to. How about you Judy? Are you going to see your folks?
Judy: Yeah, I’m going to drive down this weekend.
Eric: Should be fun. They’ve got a beach house, right?
Judy: Yeah, so I’m going to take it easy, go to the beach, you know, just do nothing. But I know my parents are going to tell me to find a job.
Eric: Know what Judy? They sound like mine.
Judy: Yeah, so I’ll probably have to, but maybe I’ll be able to work at night, a coffee shop or something.
Eric: Hmm. So, have a good vacation, yeah? I’ll see you after the break.
Judy: Thanks, you, too. Have a good break.

**Conversation 2**

Ian: So, what are you going to do over the holidays, Chrissy? Are you going anywhere?
Chrissy: You know what Ian? I really wanted to go somewhere, you know, swim, get a tan. But I doubt we’ll be able to now. We’re going to be here over the break.
Ian: How come?
Chrissy: Justin’s got to work. Just yesterday, his boss calls him in and tells him he has to work. Then he found out the reason is his boss is going on vacation, so Justin’s got to cover for him.
Ian: Oh, that’s too bad.
Chrissy: Yeah, well. So anyway, I’m going find something to do with the kids while he’s at work. We might go to the beach or something when his boss gets back. How about you, Ian? What are you guys up to?
Ian: We’re not going to do anything special either. We may just drive up to the mountains and spend a few days there. The kids can play, and we can just read or hike. We’ll probably end up just watching TV.