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UNIT 4

Having a Wonderful Time...

1 Look at the pictures and match them with the descriptions below.

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| 1 a hotel with a swimming pool | 3 a sunset | 7 souvlaki |
| 2 souvenirs at a market | 4 shells | 8 snorkelling |
| 5 ruins | 6 donkeys | |

2 Read the letter and answer the questions.

Dear Rachel,

I am having a wonderful time here! We are on a lovely island in the Cyclades, called Santorini. The hotel we are staying at is nice and quiet. It's got a lovely swimming pool.

The weather is hot and sunny. Right now, I am sitting outside a fantastic café by the sea. Paul is snorkelling in the clear water, as usual. He is looking for some shells to take home. Dad is visiting some ancient ruins on the island. Dad enjoys visiting old places — I think they're boring. Mum is buying souvenirs at the market. She loves the market but it's a bit noisy for me.

We go to restaurants nearly every night for dinner. My favourite one is by the sea. Mum and Dad always order seafood but I never do — it's horrible. I order souvlaki — it's so delicious! The sunsets are spectacular and the local people are really friendly, too. I love it here so much, I never want to leave! Oh well, that's all for now. See you next week.

Love,
Suzanne

P.S. There are a lot of donkeys on the island. They usually carry people's bags to their hotels. They are so patient and gentle!

- Who is the letter to?
- Which island is Suzanne on?
- Where is Suzanne staying?
- What is Suzanne doing right now?
- What is Paul doing?
- What is Suzanne's mother doing?
- What is Suzanne's father doing?
- Where is her favourite restaurant?
- What does she always order?
- Is she enjoying her holiday?

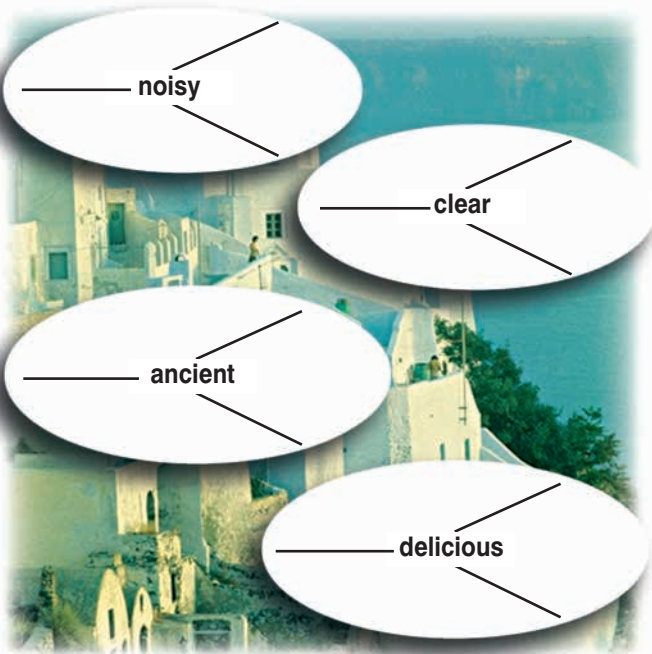


3 Match the words from the text to their definitions.

1 wonderful	a not interesting
2 quiet	b pieces of a very old building
3 ancient	c peaceful
4 ruins	d great
5 boring	e almost
6 a bit	f very old
7 nearly	g awful
8 horrible	h a little

4 Say and write which nouns go with which adjectives.

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| 1 sky | 7 town |
| 2 beach | 8 lake |
| 3 ruins | 9 café |
| 4 cake | 10 souvlaki |
| 5 hotel | 11 temple |
| 6 sea | 12 seafood |



5 Underline the correct verb.

- People on holiday visit/play in ancient places.
- You can go climbing/snorkelling in the sea.
- People buy/take souvenirs at a market.
- People get/take photographs of temples.
- You can go/do skiing in the mountains.
- You can watch/look beautiful sunsets.
- People can ask/order food in a restaurant.
- You can stay/leave at a hotel.

6 Read Suzanne's letter again and look at the items below. A) Find adjectives from the letter and write them beside each item. B) Tick which ones Suzanne *likes/doesn't like*. Finally, talk about them giving reasons for her choice, as in the example.

e.g. Suzanne *likes* Santorini *because it's lovely*.
She *doesn't like* ...

		likes	doesn't like
1	Santorini	<i>lovely</i>	✓
2	The hotel	
3	The café by the sea	
4	Ancient ruins	
5	The market	
6	Seafood	
7	Souvlaki	
8	The sunsets	
9	The local people	
10	The donkeys	

STUDY TIP

Give a **reason** when you talk about **what you like/don't like** about your holidays. Use **adjectives** such as beautiful, fantastic, lovely, noisy, crowded, delicious, spectacular, etc.

7 Look at the key and use the notes below to say what you *like/don't like* about your holidays, giving reasons, as in the example.

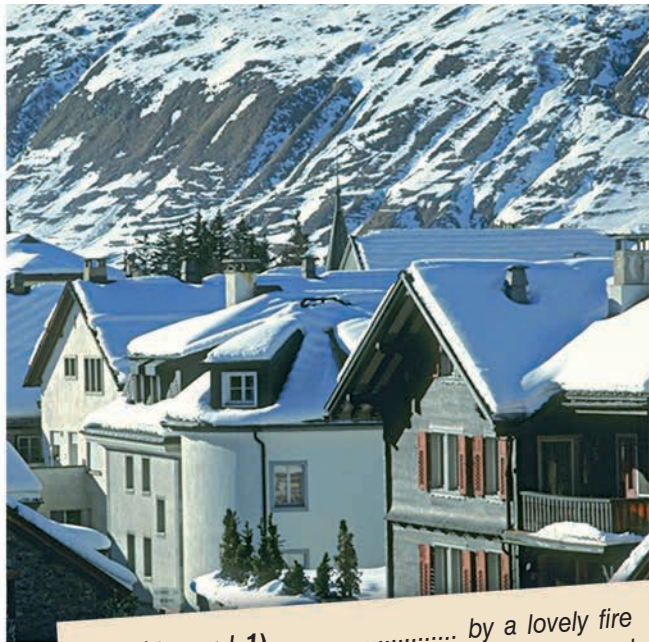
e.g. *I love eating seafood because it is delicious.*

KEY:

- eating seafood
 - snorkelling
 - visiting ancient ruins
 - watching the sunsets
 - lying in the sun
 - staying at seaside hotels
 - writing postcards
 - shopping for souvenirs
 - cafés by the sea
 - rainy weather
- love
 like
 don't like
 hate

8 Use the correct form of the verbs in the list to fill in the part of the letter below.

ski, write, sit, learn, fall, sing

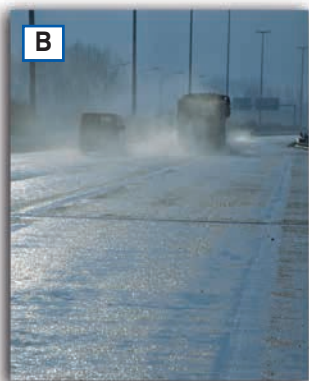


Right now I 1) by a lovely fire and I 2) to you. It's warm and friendly in here, and some people 3) beside the piano. Jack and I 4) to ski. Jack is outside now. He 5) Well, actually, right now he 6) over ...

9 A) Match the seasons with the pictures.

winter, spring, summer, autumn

B) Read the sentences under each picture and choose the one which describes it best.



- a It's cold and it's snowing.
- a The weather is hot, sunny and dry.
- b It's wet and it's raining.
- b It's cloudy, windy and wet.



- a It's sunny, bright and fresh.
- a The weather is windy and foggy.
- b The weather is icy and freezing.
- b It's hot and sunny and the sky is blue.

Study these examples.

In the north **but on** the north coast
 In the east **but on** the east coast
 In the south **but on** the south coast
 In the west **but on** the west coast



10 Look at the map of Italy and fill in the gaps below.

- 1 Rome is the of Italy.
- 2 Naples is the of Italy.
- 3 Sicily is the of Italy.
- 4 Milan is the of Italy.
- 5 San Marino is the coast of Italy.

11 Janet is on holiday in Alanya. Read her letter and fill in the topic sentences from the box. One of the sentences does not fit.

Dear Vicky,

1)
We are in a beautiful seaside town called Alanya. It is on the south coast of Turkey. We are staying at a small hotel near an indoor market.

2)
The sun is shining and it's very hot. Rob is learning to scuba-dive. Mum is visiting the indoor market. She loves shopping, but the market is too crowded for me. Dad is taking photographs of an ancient temple near our hotel. He really likes old buildings, but I think they're boring.

3)
It has some lovely restaurants. My favourite one has delicious fresh clams! After dinner we usually go for a walk around the town or have a cup of coffee in one of Alanya's great cafés.

4)

Love,
Janet

P.S. This is a picture of some shoe-shiners in front of our hotel. I like them — they're so unusual!

- A Right now, I am sitting on a beautiful beach.
- B I miss you. See you in two weeks.
- C It's raining all the time!
- D I am having a fantastic time.
- E Alanya is a wonderful place for a holiday.

WRITING

TIP

When you write a friendly letter while on holiday, write about: **where** you are, **the place** you are staying at, **the weather**, **what** you are doing, **who** you are with and **what** they are doing. Write **what you like/don't like** giving reasons, as well as what your **impressions** are. Use a variety of **adjectives** to make your letter more interesting.

13 Use the plan below to write a holiday letter to a friend.

Plan

Dear ... (your friend's first name)

Paragraph 1: • where you are on holiday and where you are staying



Paragraph 2: • the weather
• what you are doing at the moment
• who you are with
• what they are doing at the moment



Paragraph 3: • your impressions about the place, the food and general activities



Paragraph 4: • close your letter (see you soon/bye for now, etc)

Love,

.....
(your first name)

12 Read Janet's letter again and underline the sentences that describe the pictures below.

