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BIG ENGLISH



2ND EDITION
STUDENT'S BOOK



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Vacation Time

Language in Context

I will learn to talk about vacations.



Read and complete these fun facts about vacations. Use words from the box. Then listen and check.

cell phones kayak mosquitoes sunburned

1 Lost and Found

In 2011, more people lost their _____ than their sunglasses while they were traveling!

2 Ouch!

Every year, _____ make 700 million people sick!

3 Cover up!

Be careful! You can get _____ on a cloudy day if you don't wear sunscreen!

4 Why not fly?

In 2010, a British woman took the longest _____ trip that anyone has ever taken – more than 3,200 kilometers!



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Match. Then listen and check.

a helmet

a windbreaker

a life jacket

water bottle

insect repellent

sunscreen

a warm jacket

a map

sunglasses



3 Work with a partner. Ask and answer.



What happened when she was hiking?

She got thirsty.



THINK BIG

What are the five most important things you should take with you when hiking?

I will understand a text about a camping trip.



Listen and read. Why did Jenny enjoy the weekend?

The BEST WEEKEND EVER

by Alison Green

Jenny and her mother were getting ready for a camping trip. Mom was packing their food when Jenny walked into the kitchen.

"Can't we stay at home?" Jenny asked. "I really don't want to go camping," she said.

"But camping is so much fun!" said Mom.

"Sleeping in a tent?" said Jenny. "No TV? That's fun?"

"Yes, it is. We can go hiking! We can make a fire! We can cook hot dogs outside!" said Mom.

Jenny and her mother arrived at the campsite. They took everything out of the car. Jenny looked up at the sky.

"It's getting cloudy," said Jenny. Suddenly they heard thunder. KABOOM!

"Oh, no!" said Mom. "Let's set up the tent!"

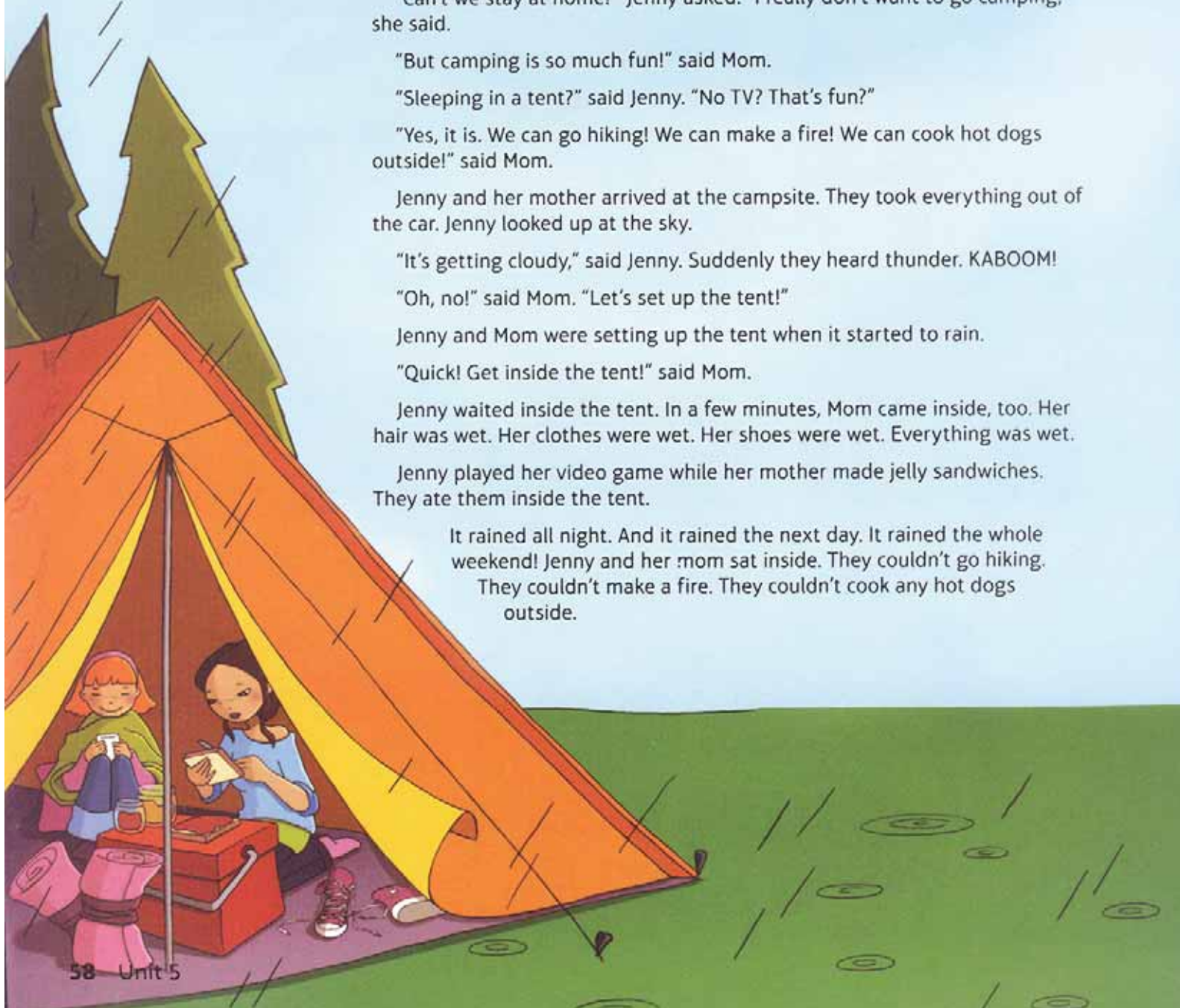
Jenny and Mom were setting up the tent when it started to rain.

"Quick! Get inside the tent!" said Mom.

Jenny waited inside the tent. In a few minutes, Mom came inside, too. Her hair was wet. Her clothes were wet. Her shoes were wet. Everything was wet.

Jenny played her video game while her mother made jelly sandwiches. They ate them inside the tent.

It rained all night. And it rained the next day. It rained the whole weekend! Jenny and her mom sat inside. They couldn't go hiking. They couldn't make a fire. They couldn't cook any hot dogs outside.

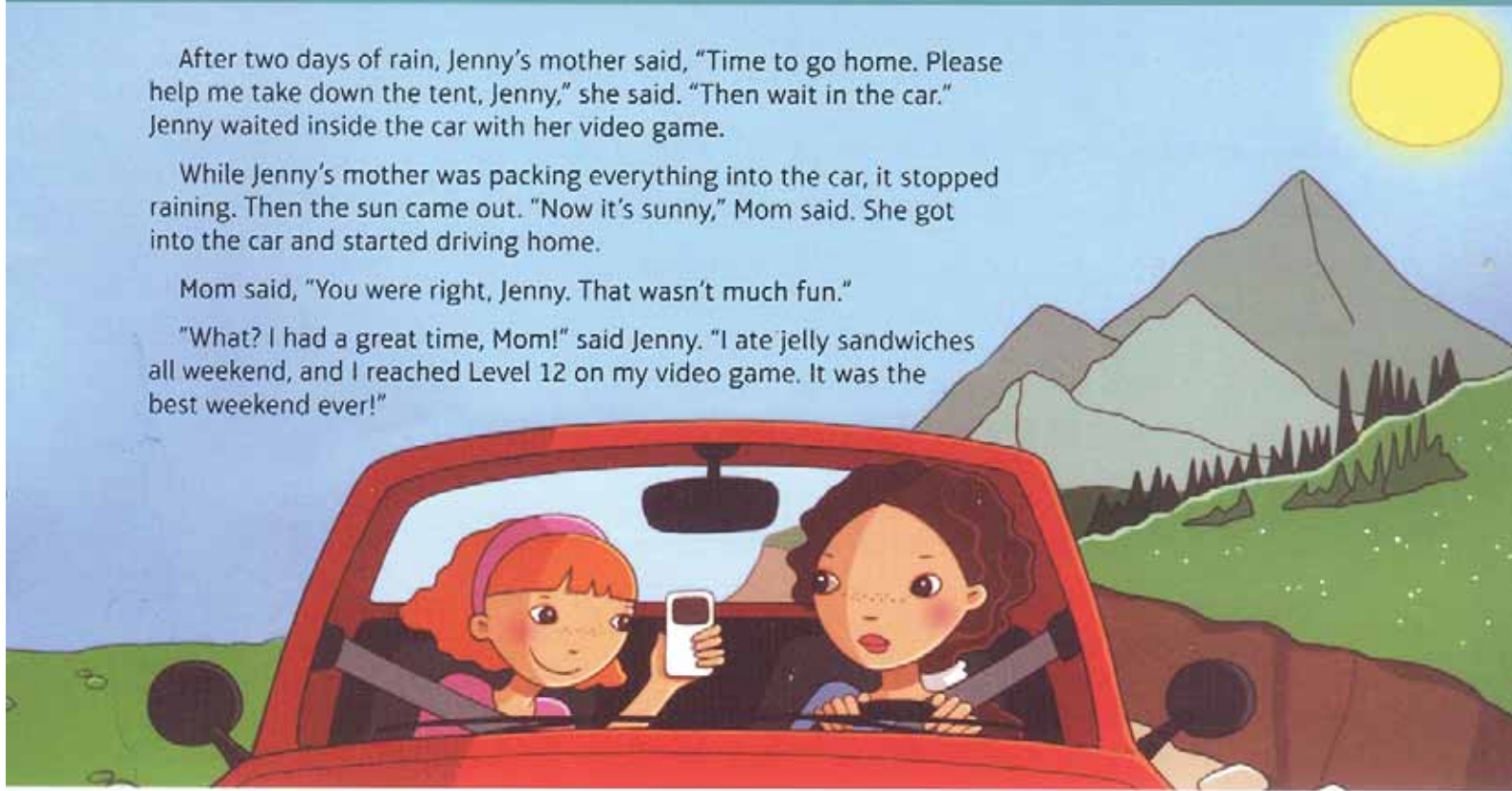


After two days of rain, Jenny's mother said, "Time to go home. Please help me take down the tent, Jenny," she said. "Then wait in the car." Jenny waited inside the car with her video game.

While Jenny's mother was packing everything into the car, it stopped raining. Then the sun came out. "Now it's sunny," Mom said. She got into the car and started driving home.

Mom said, "You were right, Jenny. That wasn't much fun."

"What? I had a great time, Mom!" said Jenny. "I ate jelly sandwiches all weekend, and I reached Level 12 on my video game. It was the best weekend ever!"



Reading Comprehension

5 Choose the correct answers.

- When Jenny was looking at the sky, what did she hear?
 - She heard thunder.
 - She heard rain.
- What was Jenny doing while her mom was packing the car to go home?
 - She was making a fire.
 - She was waiting in the car.
- Why didn't Jenny and her mom go hiking?
 - Because it rained all weekend.
 - Because Jenny was playing her video game.
- What did Jenny think about the camping trip?
 - She hated it.
 - She loved it.



Do you like camping? Why/Why not?

Language in Action

I will understand a dialog about a vacation.

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Listen and read. Why was this Daniel's best vacation ever?

Louise: Hi, Uncle Daniel. It's Louise. How was your vacation?

Daniel: Hi, Louise. It was great. It was the best vacation ever!

Louise: Oh, really? What did you do?

Daniel: Well, the first day, I went to the beach. While I was lying on the sand, I fell asleep and woke up with a terrible sunburn.

Louise: Oh, no. Really?

Daniel: Yes, so the next day I went hiking in the forest. While I was hiking, I got dozens of mosquito bites.

Louise: Oh, no!

Daniel: Yes. And so the next day I went horseback riding. While I was riding, the horse got scared and jumped. I fell off the horse and broke my leg.

Louise: Oh, that's awful! But Uncle Daniel, I'm confused. So why was this the best vacation ever?

Daniel: The doctor says I need to stay at home for a week. I can finally rest and relax!



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Practice the dialog in 6 with a partner.

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What happened on Gina's vacation? Listen and stick. Then complete the sentences.

eating reading shopping sleeping

1



She was _____ when it happened.

2



She was _____ when it happened.

3



She was _____ when it happened.

4



She was _____ when it happened.

Grammar

I will learn to use the past progressive to talk about past events.

What **was** he **doing** when he got hurt?

He **was** horseback **riding** when he got hurt.

What happened while they **were hiking**?

They got lost while they **were hiking**.

9 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 Samuel _____ when he got thirsty. (hike)
- 2 What happened while they _____? (raft)
- 3 They _____ for the bus when it started to rain. (wait)
- 4 Alicia broke her leg while she _____. (ski)
- 5 What _____ she _____ when she lost her necklace? (do)



Was he **biking** when it started to rain?

Yes, he **was**./No, he **wasn't**.

Were you **swimming** when you got sunburned?

Yes, I **was**./No, I **wasn't**.


10 Complete the dialogs.

- 1 (when/Tim/Was/hiking) _____ his sunglasses broke?
Yes, _____.
- 2 (Billy and Lisa/biking/Were/when) _____ they suddenly heard thunder?
No, _____.
- 3 (shopping/Dan/when/Was) _____ he lost his cell phone?
Yes, _____.
- 4 (when/you/Were/horseback riding) _____ you got stung by the bee?
No, _____.
- 5 (Were/in the hotel/his parents/when) _____ the lights went out?
Yes, _____.

I will learn to make calculations.

CONTENT WORDS

calculations customer disposable camera power outage price list

 Listen and read. What happened to the backpack?

First Day at Work!



You just started helping out at the gift shop at Greenfell Mountain National Park. Unfortunately, there has been a power outage and you have to do all the calculations yourself and write them down in your notebook. Here's a short price list:

sunscreen \$11.99	disposable camera \$16.99	chips \$1.49
insect repellent \$9.19	map of the park \$3.50	apple 95¢
sunglasses \$22.99	bottle of water \$1.80	postcards \$1.10



Mr. Briggs: "Hello. This is my first time hiking, and I need some suggestions for what to get. Oh, never mind. I see you've put up a list of suggestions. Perfect! Let's see... insect repellent, sunscreen, two bottles of water, and a map. I think that's all. I don't need to buy anything else. Wait. I'll have an apple and a bag of chips, too. How much is it?"

Miss Lee: "Hi. I'm so glad this shop's here. While we were driving here, I realized I didn't have any insect repellent. Can I get three bottles of that, please? Oh, and I forgot to bring a snack for my Grade 5 students. So I need 15 apples. How much is that?"

Amanda: "Oh, hi. Listen. Guess what happened to me? I was out hiking this morning when I saw this beautiful flower. I tried to take a picture of it. But while I was opening my backpack, I heard an animal sound and dropped it. My backpack fell down the side of the mountain! Grr! One disposable camera, please. I'm going to try again. Oh, and I need to buy a bottle of water and a pair of sunglasses, too. Everything was in that bag! So, how much is it altogether?"



12 Look at 11. How much should each customer pay?

- 1 Mr. Briggs: _____
- 2 Miss Lee: _____
- 3 Amanda: _____



Do you buy souvenirs from the places you visit? Why/Why not?

I will learn about unique vacation destinations.

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Listen and read. What did Scott Wilson do?

CONTENT WORDS

Arctic expedition fascinating founder frozen guide guided tour head over igloo particularly poison poisonous

Unique Vacation Destinations

Every year, millions of people around the world go on vacation. Some visit their families who live far away. Some like active vacations like hiking in national parks, and others like spending all day on the beach with a good book. Some people want to do something unusual and exciting. How about you? Would you like to try something different for your next vacation? Here are a few suggestions.

Try looking at some bad art! The Museum of Bad Art (MOBA), near Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., has more than 600 pieces of the world's worst art. But is the art really that bad? Well, it's enough to say that its founder, Scott Wilson, had the idea when he found a particularly bad painting in the trash!

Put on your warmest coat (we really mean it – a very warm coat) and head over to Ilulissat, Greenland. From there, you can go on an expedition into frozen lands where Arctic foxes, polar bears, and other amazing animals live. When else will you have the chance to stay overnight in an igloo?

The Alnwick Garden in Northumberland, U.K., has beautiful flowers and plants, but if you visit, remember it's also home to the Poison Garden. Yes, as the name suggests, it's full of poisonous plants! Pay close attention to the signs that say, "Do not touch the plants. Do not even smell them!" But don't be afraid. If you take the guided tour of the garden, the guides will tell you everything you need to know about these dangerous but fascinating plants.

The Museum of Bad Art



Igloo Village



The Alnwick Garden



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Look at 13. Correct the sentences.

- 1 The founder of MOBA painted the first painting himself.
- 2 You can spend the night in a luxury hotel during your expedition to the frozen lands.
- 3 You can't touch the poisonous plants in Alnwick Garden but it's OK to smell them.

**THINK
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Which of these places would you like to visit? Why?

Writing | Postcards

I will learn to write a postcard.

15 Read Helen's postcard.

date →
greeting →
body →
closing →

February 22

Dear Heather,
I'm having a great time with my family here at Playa del Carmen! The food at our hotel is great. There are many fun things to do on the beach. But yesterday I got sunburned while I was playing on the beach. I wasn't wearing enough sunscreen! ☹️
See you soon!
Your friend,
Helen



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UNITED KINGDOM

16 Read the Writing Steps and write a postcard to a friend about your vacation.

Writing Steps

- 1 Think of a vacation place.
- 2 Write a date and greeting.
- 3 Write about where you are.
- 4 Write about why you like it or don't like it.
- 5 Write about a problem on your vacation.
- 6 Write a final sentence.
- 7 Write a closing and sign the postcard.
- 8 Write an address.



17 Work in a small group. Take turns reading your postcards. Who had a good vacation? Who had a bad vacation?

Life Skills | Be safe on vacation.

I will learn to talk about being safe on a vacation.

- 18** Work in pairs and discuss. Where do you like to go on vacation? Copy the chart into your notebook and list the kinds of places. Then take turns writing safety tips.

Vacation Place	Student 1 Tip	Student 2 Tip
The beach	Don't swim right after eating.	
The mountains		

- 19** Work with another pair. Take turns asking about their vacation plans and giving safety tips.



Project

- 20** In your group, make a poster about one of your vacation places. Include your safety tips. Add pictures. Share your poster with the class.

SAFETY TIPS for the Amusement Park

- 1 Always wear sunscreen.
- 2 Take along a water bottle. Drink water often.
- 3 Know how to contact your parents.
- 4 Decide on a time and place to meet.
- 5 Hold onto your camera and other important items.
- 6 Don't talk to strangers.



Listening and Speaking

I will review the sounds *cl* and *tw*.
I will learn to talk about vacations.

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21 Listen, read, and repeat.

1 *c-l cl* 2 *t-w tw*

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22 Listen and blend the sounds.

1 *cl-ow-n clown* 2 *tw-i-n twin*
3 *tw-i-s-t twist* 4 *cl-o-ck clock*
5 *tw-e-l-ve twelve* 6 *cl-a-p clap*

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23 Listen and chant.

It's twelve o'clock. Time to twist.
It's twelve o'clock. Time to clap.
Twist, twist, twist! Clap, clap, clap!



24 Play the **Crazy Vacation** game.

1 far away	clean	romantic	dirty
2 skiing	drawing	biking	bird-watching
3 best	worst	most boring	most exciting
4 delicious	old	expensive	spicy
5 Antarctica	the Himalayas	Easter Island	the Sahara Desert
6 get hot	rain	snow	get windy

Ted: I just got back from vacation.
Joanna: Really? How was it?
Ted: It was the ³_____ vacation ever.
Joanna: Wow. Where did you go?
Ted: I went to ⁵_____.
Joanna: That sounds great.
Ted: Yes. The food was ⁴_____, and the hotel was ¹_____.
Joanna: Wow. That sounds really nice.
Ted: Uh-huh. But I had some problems, too. While I was ²_____, it started to ⁶_____.
Joanna: Oh, no! That's terrible.
Ted: Yes, but it turned out OK. I'm happy to be home now.



Review

25 Copy and complete the chart. Some words can be used more than once.

a helmet a life jacket a map a windbreaker
 a water bottle insect repellent sunscreen walking shoes


What should you take along when you go...

kayaking?	hiking?	biking?

26 Write questions and answers about the vacations.

- (Were/you/rafting/fell in the water) _____?
 (Yes/was) _____.
- (Was/he/hiking/got sunburned) _____?
 (No/horseback riding) _____.
- (What happened/Jess and Jo/camping) _____?
 (cold/camping) _____.
- (What/Ben/doing/broke his sunglasses) _____?
 (skiing/broke his sunglasses) _____.


27 Practice the dialogs in 26 with a partner. What do they need?



Were you rafting when you fell in the water?

You need a life jacket.

Yes, I was.



I Can

- use words related to vacations and vacation problems.
- talk about past events using the past progressive.
- talk about vacations and vacation problems.
- write a postcard about my vacation.



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Vacation Time

Language in Context

1 Which vacations do you see in the pictures? Write the numbers.



___ biking in the forest

___ kayaking down a river

___ lying on the beach

___ skiing in the snow

___ hiking in the mountains

___ rafting on a lake

2 Look at 1. Which vacation would you like the best? Which vacation would you like the least? Rank the vacations and write their numbers in the chart.

The least	👍👍	👍👍👍	👍👍👍👍	👍👍👍👍👍	The most

3

Write the words in the correct rows.

a helmet a life jacket a map a warm jacket a water bottle
 a windbreaker insect repellent sunglasses sunscreen

useful clothing

useful for eyes

useful for skin

useful for safety/health

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Look at 3. Complete the sentences.

- I'm wearing _____ because there are a lot of insects in the woods.
- Take _____. You'll get thirsty on the hike.
- When you go horseback riding, wear _____. You could fall.
- I'm glad we took _____ on our bike trip. We almost got lost.
- It was very cold in the mountains, so I wore _____.
- The captain of the boat gave me _____ because the water was rough and dangerous.
- I didn't put on enough _____ at the beach, and now I have a sunburn.
- When you walk on the beach in the winter, it can be windy and wet. Be sure to wear _____.



I'm going to go biking on a forest path on a very sunny day. It's sometimes windy in the afternoons. What should I take to be comfortable and safe?

**THINK
BIG**

 _____, and _____

How did I do?





Listen and read. Then answer the questions.



A Family's Kayaking Trip

Joe felt awful when he woke up. His head hurt. His stomach hurt. His ears hurt. He was sad because his family was going kayaking soon. His mom looked at him and said, "Sorry, Joe, you're too sick to go with us. You're going to stay at home with Grandma." Joe was angry! It wasn't fair!

His family said goodbye and left. Joe was staring at the TV when his grandma came in. She said, "Don't worry, Joe. You'll go kayaking another day."

Joe stared at the ceiling. He was thinking about his family. They were probably having a wonderful time. He closed his eyes and pictured them. They were in their kayaks on the river, laughing and having fun. There were deer and rabbits on the river banks and birds everywhere.

He was sleeping when his family returned. He woke up as they came into his room. They looked miserable. His mom said, "We had a terrible time. We all got mosquito bites. I fell and hurt my arm on the way to the river. Your sister fell into the river when she got out of her kayak. Your dad hit his head on a tree branch hanging over the river. You're very lucky that you stayed at home."

1 What did Joe's family do?

2 Why didn't Joe go with his family?

3 How did Joe imagine his family's day?

4 Why was Joe surprised when he saw his family?



Answer the questions. Explain your answers.

1 Do you think Joe still wants to go kayaking?

2 Do you think his family wants to go kayaking again?

3 Do you want to go kayaking?



Language in Action

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Listen. Then circle the correct answers.

Eve: So how did your vacation go?

Gina: It was terrible. On the second day, we went shopping in a small town. I was pretty excited at first. One shop had great souvenirs. You know, T-shirts and magnets, stuff like that.

Eve: I bet you got something wonderful.

Gina: Well, I had my eye on a really cute pair of earrings. But while I was shopping, I lost my wallet. By the time I found it, all the shops were closed!

Eve: Aw, that's too bad. But I guess you saved a lot of money that way!

Gina: Ha! Ha! Very funny!



- 1 Did Gina have a good time?
a Yes, she did.
b No, she didn't.
- 2 Did Gina really think Eve was funny?
a Yes, she did.
b No, she didn't.

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Look at 7. Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Eve asks, "How did your vacation go?" What does she want to know?
a How did Gina go on vacation? b What happened on Gina's vacation?
- 2 What other "stuff like that" can you buy at a souvenir store?
a postcards, tourist books, and maps b stoves, refrigerators, and desks
- 3 What does Eve mean when she says, "I bet"?
a I guess. b I know.
- 4 Gina "had her eye on" earrings. What did she want to do?
a She wanted to buy them. b She looked at them closely.
- 5 When Eve says, "too bad," what does she mean?
a I'm sorry you didn't feel well. b I'm sorry the stores were closed.

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Complete with three of the expressions in 7.

A: Last week I went to a great Mexican market. I ¹ _____ some cool scarves there. ² _____ you'd like them. They were in your favorite colors.

B: What else did they have there?

A: Local food and traditional pottery... ³ _____. It was all amazing!

How did I do?



Grammar

What **was** he **doing** when he got hurt?

He **was** horseback **riding** when he got hurt.

What happened while they **were hiking**?

They got lost while they **were hiking**.

10 Find and circle the 8 verbs in the iguana's tail. Use the verbs to answer the question.



What was the iguana doing when it got hurt?

1 It was riding.

2 _____.

3 _____.

4 _____.

11 Match the two parts of the sentences. Write the letters.

— 1 While Jack was hiking in the snowy mountains...

a he got lost and very cold.

— 2 Sue and Ben sang songs...

b when he rode into a tree.

— 3 Steve was riding his bicycle...

c while they were kayaking down the river.

12 Look at 11. Answer the questions.

1 What was Jack doing when he got lost in the mountains? _____

2 What happened while Sue and Ben were kayaking? _____



Was he **biking** when it started to rain?

Yes, he **was**./No, he **wasn't**.

Were you **swimming** when you got sunburned?

Yes, I **was**./No, I **wasn't**.

13

Complete the questions with the correct form of **wear**. Then write the answers.



- 1 Was he wearing
sunglasses when you saw him on
the beach?

Yes, he was.



- 2 _____
life jackets when they got wet?



- 3 _____ a jacket
when she climbed up Big Mountain?



- 4 _____
a hat when you saw her?



- 5 _____ a helmet
when he fell off his bike?



- 6 _____
sunscreen when you saw her at
the beach?

How did I do?



14 Read and ✓.

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| 1 when you add numbers together | | |
| a multiplication <input type="checkbox"/> | b addition <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2 someone who buys things | | |
| a customer <input type="checkbox"/> | b receipt <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3 something you buy | | |
| a item <input type="checkbox"/> | b price <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 4 when you add the same number several times | | |
| a addition <input type="checkbox"/> | b multiplication <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 5 a list of what things cost | | |
| a souvenir <input type="checkbox"/> | b price list <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6 when you find the answer using math | | |
| a calculation <input type="checkbox"/> | b sell <input type="checkbox"/> | |

15 Read and complete. Then listen and check.

chips customers items multiplication
price list sunburned sunscreen water

Jim's Problem

One day, Jim was lying on the beach when he realized he was ¹_____. He was also hungry and thirsty. So he went to Beach Shack. He looked at the ²_____ to see what to buy. He picked up five ³_____: three bags of ⁴_____, a bottle of ⁵_____, and some ⁶_____. But when Jim went to pay, the girl who was serving the ⁷_____ said, "That's \$11.51, please." Oh, no! Jim didn't have enough money! He wasn't very good at addition and ⁸_____. He solved his problem by putting back two bags of chips.

How about you? How would you solve the problem?



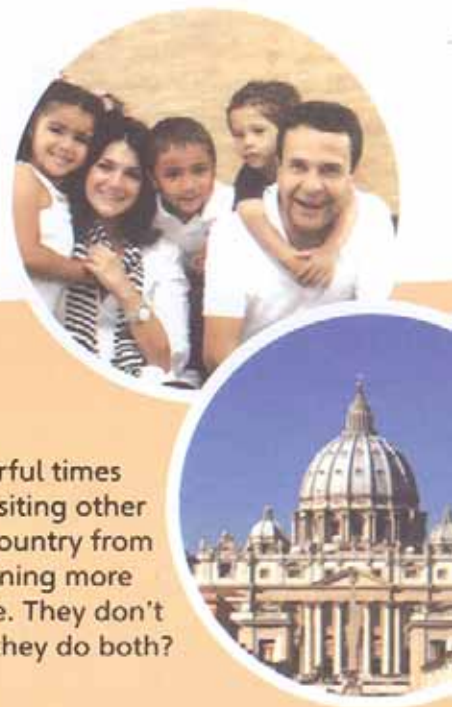
16 Match the words with the definitions. Write the letters.

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|--------------------|--|
| ___ 1 expedition | a very interesting |
| ___ 2 guide | b the area around the North Pole |
| ___ 3 arctic | c especially |
| ___ 4 fascinating | d a trip around a place with a guide |
| ___ 5 particularly | e someone whose job is to show a place to tourists |
| ___ 6 guided tour | f a long trip that is carefully planned |



17 Listen and read. Match headings A–E with paragraphs 1–5. Write the numbers.

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| A Different Types of Family Vacations | ___ |
| B Cultural Activities on a Staycation | ___ |
| C Going on a Staycation | ___ |
| D Advantages of a Staycation | ___ |
| E Example of a Staycation | ___ |



A Staycation in Italy

- 1 Every year, families all over the world go on vacation. Vacations are wonderful times to be with family and explore new places and cultures. Many families like visiting other countries while on vacation and learning about the history of a particular country from guides. Other families enjoy discovering parts of their own country and learning more about their own history and culture. Sometimes families like to stay at home. They don't like to travel, but they do like to explore new places and cultures. How can they do both? These families can go on a "staycation."
- 2 Here is how a staycation works. Your family decides on a culture and a country that they want to know more about. They do research and find out about that country's music, crafts, food, art, and other things. Then they try to create the culture in their home during the vacation.
- 3 For example, say that your family wants to learn more about Italian culture. Your family would do research and find out about the following things:
 - popular Italian food
 - popular Italian stories
 - Italian vacations and other events
 - popular Italian music
 - Italian art
 - the Italian language
- 4 During the staycation, your family would plan activities to do together, to learn about Italian culture. You might eat at Italian restaurants, go on a guided tour at a museum to study Italian artists, and see Italian movies.
- 5 Staycations are a great way to enjoy your family, stay at home, and learn fascinating things, too!

How did I do?



Writing postcards is a great way to share your vacation with friends and family. Choose a postcard with a picture of a place you visited or plan on visiting. On the other side, there is space for the address of the person you are writing to and space for a short note about the picture or your trip. A postcard includes (in this order):

- the **date** (*July 5th*)
- a **greeting** (*Hi or Dear ...*)
- a **body** with information about the place or your plans (*I'm having a great time! We went to the beach yesterday.*)
- a **closing** (*See you soon! or I miss you!*)

Don't forget to sign your name. You want your friends and family to know the postcard comes from you! And on the right side of the card, don't forget to put the full address of the person you are writing to (name, street address, town/city, postcode, country).

18 Write the parts of the postcard.



- _____ August 22nd
- _____ Dear Aunt Edna,
- _____ I'm so happy. I'm having a wonderful time with my family in South Africa. The weather's warm. The animals in the safari park were amazing. Tomorrow we're going to Cape Town.
- _____ See you soon!

19 Imagine you are visiting a place you know well. Answer these questions.

- What's the name of the place? _____
- What are you doing there? _____
- What exciting things have you seen? _____
- Are you enjoying yourself? Why/Why not? _____

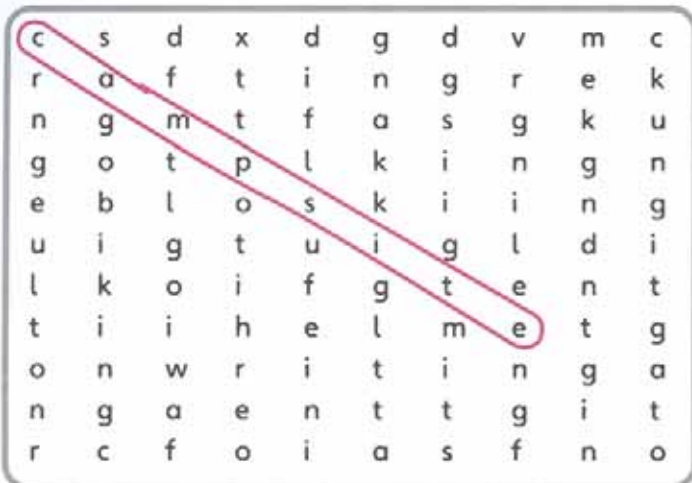
20 Use your answers in 19. Write a postcard to your teacher about that place.



Review

21 Find and circle the words. Then write the words in the correct group.

biking campsite helmet rafting skiing tent



Vacation activities

Vacation things

campsite

22 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in the box.

driving looking putting on reading

- 1 We _____ to the amusement park when it started to rain.
- 2 My dad _____ at a map when he saw the bear right in front of him!
- 3 My mom got sunburned while she _____ her book on the beach.
- 4 I _____ sunscreen when I got stung by a bee.

23 Read. Then answer the questions.

Yesterday morning, Tim and Jill were swimming in the lake.
Yesterday afternoon, Jill went hiking while Tim was at a picnic.

- 1 Was Tim hiking yesterday morning?

- 2 Were Tim and Jill swimming in the lake yesterday?

How did I do?

