

ENGLISH CLUB

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B1 weekly topic for 02/12/2020:

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

What do you like to do? Where's the best place to go?

We'll take a look at the summer holidays and discuss the places we like to go and what we like to do. We'll have a look at some vocabulary too. You'll be doing the speaking so in order to prepare you, I would like you to read the following text. It contains most of the words for describing a holiday at the seaside and some expressions that are useful. Don't worry, if you have any doubts we'll have a look at it together:

Summer holidays at the beach

Many Australian families **spend** their summer holidays at the **beach**. My family usually **go camping** on the Great Ocean Road or we visit my grandparents who live on the Gold Coast. Either way, we often **spend** the whole day at the beach. We build sand castles and play with our beach ball in the **shallow water**. Sometimes I **look after** my little sister. She hasn't learnt to swim **yet** and therefore she has to wear a **swim ring** in the water. My mum **makes us put sunscreen on** every two hours, even if it's not sunny or we're sitting **in the shade**. The sun is very strong in Australia and she doesn't want us **to get sunburnt**. That's why we always have **to wear sunglasses** and a hat as well. My silly brother usually puts on **way too much** sunscreen. He thinks it's funny.

Sometimes we eat fish and chips on the beach, I love it! But I love it even more when my parents pack a picnic and we eat together **as the sun sets over the water**. After dinner mum sometimes buys us ice creams. While we wait, I sit in a beach chair and my dad sleeps in a hammock **strung up between two palm trees**. Once there was a dog that had crept over and was quietly trying to eat the rest of our picnic, **no one noticed** what was about to happen. Luckily mum saw the dog as she was returning with our ice creams. In a rush to shoo the dog away she tripped on my little sister's bucket and an ice cream flew out of her hand, arched through the air and landed directly on my head. Eeeck, what a mess! Never mind. At least I was able **to wash it off** in one of the beach showers.

Hooray for mum! She had saved the picnic from the dog and she even gave me her ice cream!

Remember, you should also think about holidays in the mountains or abroad, maybe visiting famous cities.