

LESSON 2

PRESENT SIMPLE

My Perfect Vacation

STORY TASK 1.

Do you know the words/expressions below? Try to translate them into your native language.

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| 1. to spend time somewhere | 23. a national park |
| 2. a village | 24. to go kayaking |
| 3. the south | 25. to ride a horse |
| 4. a beach | 26. to climb a mountain |
| 5. a sandcastle | 27. to ski |
| 6. clear | 28. to ice skate..... |
| 7. a walk | 29. to ride a snowmobile |
| 8. a stranger | |
| 9. pasta | Words/phrases with prepositions or adverbs: |
| 10. to wash the dishes | |
| 11. to choose something | 30. at one's (my, your, her, etc.) grandmother's |
| 12. to plan something | house |
| 13. a trip | |
| 14. to arrive | 31. in the sea |
| 15. to visit a place | 32. to talk to somebody |
| 16. to try something | 33. to go abroad |
| 17. a foreign language | 34. for a week |
| 18. to meet somebody | 35. to speak to somebody..... |
| 19. to make friends | 36. to learn about something |
| 20. lovely | 37. at the swimming pool |
| 21. to fly..... | 38. to come back to a place..... |
| 22. charming | |

STORY TASK 2.

Discussion starter. Answer the questions below. Try to speak for around 3-5 minutes in total.

1. Where do you usually go on your vacation? Why do you usually go there?
2. What do you usually do on your vacation?

STORY TASK 3.

Read the text and answer the questions in as much detail as possible. Also, try to use the highlighted vocabulary from the text.

1. Do Isabella and her brother always spend the first two weeks of August at their grandfather's house?
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2. Does Isabella like talking to tourists?
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3. What do Isabella and her grandma often make for dinner?
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4. Do Jason and his girlfriend sometimes plan their trip after they arrive somewhere?

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5. How many foreign languages does Jason know?
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6. Does Michael drive to Canada with his family every year?
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7. Is Banff National Park the youngest national park in Canada?
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8. Does Michael's wife like climbing mountains?
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My Perfect Vacation

My younger brother and I always spend the first two weeks of July at my grandmother's house. My grandma lives in Positano. It is a beautiful village in the south of Italy. We go to the beach every day, build sandcastles, and swim in the sea. The water is really warm and clear. My brother loves long walks in the village, and he loves talking to tourists, but I don't like talking to strangers. In the afternoons, I usually help my grandma cook dinner. We often make pasta with tomato sauce. My brother doesn't cook with us, but he always washes the dishes.

- Isabella, 19 years old, Italy

I don't go abroad very often, but every summer my girlfriend and I choose one European city and go there for a week. We don't have a car, so we walk everywhere. We are very active, so we don't relax too much. We always plan our trip before we arrive. We love history, so we visit a lot of museums and historic places. We try local food and wine. I know five foreign languages, and I like speaking to strangers, so I usually meet a lot of people, make friends, and learn about their cultures. My favorite city in Europe is Prague. The atmosphere there is magical, and the people are lovely.

- Jason, 26 years old, England

My family and I fly to Canada every year. Our favorite place to go to is Banff. It is a small, charming city. We always visit Banff National Park, the oldest national park in the country. In the summer, we go kayaking on the beautiful Lake Louise, ride horses, and climb mountains. My wife doesn't like climbing, so she usually stays in the hotel and relaxes at the swimming pool. In the winter, we ski, ice skate, or ride snowmobiles. Our kids don't ski, but they love playing in the snow. In the evenings, we go to our favorite restaurant close to the hotel. We come back to Banff once or twice a year, and we love it.

- Michael, 38 years old, USA

STORY TASK 4.

Look through the text again and make some notes. Retell all three stories to your teacher/fellow students. Try to use as much vocabulary from STORY TASK 1 as possible. There shouldn't be any full sentences in your notes.

STORY TASK 5.

Now, it is your turn to ask questions. Think of 10 more questions about all three stories and ask them to your teacher/fellow students.