

AN ARTICLE



1 Imagine your dream holiday. In pairs, discuss the questions.

- 1 Where would you go?
- 2 What would you do?

2 Read the task. Then decide if the sentences are true or false.

Articles wanted

Everyone has a dream holiday. We want to know about yours.

Where would you go?

Who would you go with?

What exciting things would you do?

The best articles will appear on our website next month. Send us your article and we might use it!

- 1 Your article should be about your holidays in the past.
- 2 You should imagine your perfect holiday in the future.
- 3 You must answer three questions.
- 4 The article is for a school magazine.

3 Read Matteo's article. Which of his ideas for a dream holiday do you like?

Everyone likes to imagine their dream holiday. Let me tell you about the dream holiday I'm planning.

Where will I go? For me, holidays are all about hot sun, beaches and swimming in the sea, so my dream holiday will be in Australia. It has some of the finest beaches in the world! What's more, the weather in Australia is usually hot and sunny in the summer. On top of that, the people in Australia are really friendly, so I know I'll make some new friends.

Who will I go with? I'm going to go with a big group of friends because I think it'll be great to all chill out and have fun together. Even though my friends are all different, they all get on well together and they all like doing similar things.

What will we do? We'll spend most of our time on the beach, of course. We'll swim in the sea and also try out surfing. I'm sure that after a few weeks we'll be good enough to surf some big waves! Some days we might go on boat trips, too. It would be fascinating to see whales or dolphins. And in the evenings, we're going to have barbecues on the beach. We'll eat and then socialise and listen to our favourite music! How cool is that!

4 Read Matteo's article again. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Matteo's article starts with a *short / long* introduction.
- 2 Each *sentence / paragraph* answers one of the questions in the task.
- 3 Matteo uses a *formal / an informal* style of writing.
- 4 Matteo uses *questions / statements* to help the reader feel involved.

5 Choose the most interesting title for Matteo's article. Why is it the most interesting?

- A Why I want to go to Australia
- B Sun, surfing and chilling out!
- C My dream holiday with friends

6 Complete the activities that Matteo says he will do on his dream holiday. Read his article again and check.

- 1 some new friends
- 2 fun with friends
- 3 some big waves
- 4 on boat trips
- 5 barbecues on the beach

7 Look at the *Key Language* box. Complete it with words from Matteo's article.

KEY LANGUAGE FOR AN ARTICLE

Using questions to involve the reader

Where will I go? Who will I go with? ¹ we do?

Informal words and phrases

chill out, How ² is that!

Linking phrases to join ideas

also, too, what's ³, On top of that, but, even ⁴, so, because

Phrases to express your opinion

For me, ... I think ... I'm ⁵ ...

8 Choose the correct linking words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I love being active on holiday, *so / because* my dream holiday is a trekking adventure.
- 2 I love being outside. I'm *also / too* interested in animals and wildlife.
- 3 *But / Even though* I've never been on a boat before, I know I would really enjoy a sailing holiday.
- 4 There are lots of interesting places to visit. *Too / What's more*, there are plenty of cafés and restaurants where you can go in the evenings.
- 5 My dream holiday would be in the Alps *so / because* I'd love to learn to ski.
- 6 The beaches in Majorca are beautiful. There are lots of young people there, *too / on top of that*.

- 7 My dream holiday is going sailing around the Mediterranean. *But / Even though* I wouldn't sleep on the boat – I'd stay in nice hotels at night!
- 8 The weather in Spain is usually really good in the summer. *But / On top of that*, there are some amazing beaches.

9 Use the prompts to write questions about your dream holiday to involve the reader.

- 1 When / I go?
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When will I go?
- 2 What / the weather / be like?
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- 3 How / I / travel around?
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- 4 What / interesting places / we visit?
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- 5 What / exciting activities / I try?
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10 You are going to write an article about your dream holiday. Answer the questions to plan your article.

Plan your article

- Where will you go?
Why?
Who will you go with?
Why?
What activities will you do?

11 Write your article. Use your notes from Exercise 10.

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12 Review your article and check it for grammar and spelling mistakes. Have you used questions to involve the reader? Have you used informal words and phrases?