Episode 1: Making Travel Plans

Pre-Reading

Match up as many words and meanings as you can. Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

1. a week/day/month off a) an airplane trip
2. resort b) on the Internet
3. cruise c) time free from work
d) to make a reservation, to save a place
e) a place to go for holidays and recreation
f) a harbor, a place where ships load and unload
6. all-inclusive package g) a holiday that includes air, hotel, and often food for one price
7. hiking h) to look for information
i) taking a long walk (usually up a mountain)
8. travel agent j) a large cruise ship
9. online k) to visit tourist places
l) a pleasure trip on a boat
10. check out m) a person who helps others plan trips
11. book n) a live theater performance
12. flight o) a building that displays works of art
13. sightseeing
14. gallery
15. play
Reading

Read the dialogue out loud with a partner. Underline any words or phrases you don't understand.

Hi, honey. How was your day?

Great! I've got wonderful news. My boss is giving me a week off in May because of all the overtime work I did last month. Where would you like to go for a holiday?

How about a Mediterranean cruise? Those luxury liners visit so many interesting ports.

I don't think so. I sometimes get seasick. We could take an all-inclusive package holiday to a resort in Mexico instead. We could swim, suntan, drink margaritas...

No. It will be too hot in Mexico in May. A hiking trip in Italy might be fun. And think of all those wonderful Italian restaurants.

I don't really feel like hiking. I have an idea we would both love. What do you think of a week in New York? We could do some sightseeing, visit art galleries and museums, see a few Broadway plays, and you could do lots of shopping!

That sounds perfect! Should we call a travel agent?

No. Let's go online right now and check out some hotels ourselves. Then we can book a flight.

Oh, I'm so excited!
Comprehension

A. Multiple-Choice

Circle the correct answer for each question.

1. Why did Martin have a great day at work?
   a) His boss gave him a week off.
   b) He got a raise in pay.
   c) He started an interesting new job.
   d) He didn't have much work to do.

2. What kind of holiday did Ellen first suggest?
   a) a road trip
   b) a ski trip
   c) a cruise
   d) a beach holiday in Mexico

3. What kind of holiday do Ellen and Martin decide to take?
   a) a trip to New York
   b) a cruise
   c) a hiking trip
   d) an all-inclusive trip to Mexico

B. True or False?

Read the statements below.
If the statement is true based on the reading, write T beside the sentence.
If it is false, write F and correct the information in your notebook.

1. Ellen doesn't want a cruise because she gets seasick.
   (F)
   Correct: Ellen wants a cruise because she likes the sea.

2. Ellen thinks she won't like the weather in Mexico in May.
   (T)

3. Ellen and Martin are going to use a travel agent to plan their holiday.
   (T)
Vocabulary Review

Complete the sentences using the vocabulary on page 1. You may need to change the word forms.

1. The Eatons are planning to spend their vacation at a winter _________________ where they can ski, snowboard, and skate.

2. The ship has been at sea for ten days. It will arrive in _________________ later tonight.

3. Nowadays, most children spend more time _________________ than they do reading books.

4. Let's go shopping today so I can _________________ all the sales.

5. The children have two months _________________ for summer vacation.

6. It's a beautiful day. Let's take a picnic lunch and go _________________ in the mountains.

7. The artist is having a show of all his work at the new _________________ in town.

8. We thought the _________________ was very boring. We left the theater before it was over.
Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:
In this lesson, Ellen and Martin Baxter make travel plans. Students listen to the couple’s conversation and practice it. Includes a vocabulary and comprehension check.

LEVEL: Int
TIME: 1 hour
TAGS: travel, travel plans, travel English, making plans

Pre-Reading
1. c  4. j  7. i  10. h  13. k
2. e  5. f  8. m  11. d  14. o
3. l  6. g  9. b  12. a  15. n

Reading (and/or Listening)
Play the audio as your students read along. Then have students practice reading the dialogue with a partner. Monitor their pronunciation. Go over any difficult vocabulary and useful phrases as a class.

Comprehension
A. MULTIPLE-CHOICE
1. a  2. c  3. a

B. TRUE OR FALSE?
1. F – Martin doesn’t want a cruise because he gets seasick.
2. T
3. F – Ellen and Martin are planning their holiday online.

Vocabulary Review
1. resort  4. check out  7. gallery
2. port  5. off  8. play
3. online  6. hiking

Dialogue Building
This optional task is included at the end of the lesson. Students should cut up the strips and rearrange them into the correct order.
1. f  3. i  5. c  7. e  9. h
2. b  4. a  6. g  8. d

Word Bank
This optional sheet is included at the end of the lesson. Here are some ideas for use: Give to students for extra review, cut up the entries and definitions to use for a matchup task, give to students and have them write their own example sentences in their notebooks, have students keep it in a vocabulary journal, etc.

SPELLING NOTE:
This lesson shows the American spelling of the words Harbor, Theater, and Practice. Most other English-speaking countries spell these words this way: Harbour, Theatre, and Practise (when used as a verb; Practice when used as a noun). Make it a challenge for your students to find these words in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spellings.
**Dialogue Building**

The dialogue below is not in the right order. Cut up the strips and work alone or with a partner to rearrange them into the correct order. Then practice the dialogue.

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<td>a large cruise ship</td>
<td>We sailed around the Mediterranean on a beautiful luxury liner.</td>
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<td>a harbor, a place where ships load and unload</td>
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<td>The Louvre is a famous art gallery in Paris.</td>
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