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Travel wishes and stays

Voudrais-tu voyager ?

Would you like to travel?

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Higher Tier
Explain travel wishes, compare stays and develop a reasoned choice.



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Wishes and reasons

Je voudrais voyager. = I would like to travel.
J'aimerais découvrir… = I would like to discover…
pour me reposer = to rest
pour me faire de nouveaux amis = to make new friends
pour sortir de la routine = to get out of my routine
apprendre une langue = learn a language
Ce serait agréable. = It would be pleasant.

Places to stay

un hôtel / un camping = a hotel / a campsite
un village sur l'eau = a village on the water
une cabane flottante = a floating cabin
une maison troglodyte = a cave dwelling
un logement insolite = unusual accommodation
un hôtel-château = a château hotel
une vieille ville = an old town

Facilities, setting and activities

une piscine / un jardin = a pool / a garden
des petits bateaux = small boats
une vue sur la rivière = a river view
près de la côte = near the coast
On peut faire du sport. = You can do sport.
profiter de la nature = enjoy nature
vivre une expérience unique = have a unique experience

Reflexive words and possession

je voudrais me reposer = I would like to rest
on peut se reposer = you / we can rest
mes amis = my friends
ses amis = his / her friends
avec ma famille = with my family
parce que / cependant = because / however
à cinq minutes de… = five minutes from…

Vocabulary workshop: reasons and places to stay

Learn full chunks with their English meanings.

Why travel?

me reposer = rest
me faire de nouveaux amis = make new friends
découvrir une nouvelle culture = discover a new culture
sortir de la routine = get out of my routine
apprendre un nouveau sport = learn a new sport

Je voudrais… / J'aimerais… = I would like…

Where and what?

une cabane flottante = a floating cabin
une maison troglodyte = a cave dwelling
un camping = a campsite
un hôtel-château = a château hotel
une belle vue = a beautiful view
un grand jardin = a large garden

C'est calme / confortable. = It is quiet / comfortable.
Ce serait intéressant. = It would be interesting.

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Imagining an ideal holiday

Des vacances de rêve

Dream holidays

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Higher Tier
Describe where you would go, how you would travel and why.



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Types and destinations

des vacances reposantes = a relaxing holiday
des vacances culturelles = a cultural holiday
des vacances d'aventure = an adventure holiday
des vacances écoresponsables = an eco-conscious holiday
à la campagne / à la montagne = in the country / mountains
sur une île / sur la côte = on an island / coast
en ville = in a town / city

Transport and accommodation

je voyagerais en train = I would travel by train
en bateau / en avion = by boat / plane
à dos de chameau = on a camel
je logerais… = I would stay…
sous une tente = in a tent
dans un hôtel de luxe = in a luxury hotel
dans une ferme / un château = on a farm / in a château

Regular conditional endings

je passerais = I would spend
tu passerais = you would spend
il / elle passerait = he / she would spend
nous passerions = we would spend
vous passeriez = you would spend
ils / elles passeraient = they would spend
infinitive + -ais, -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient

Develop the dream

je visiterais de beaux sites = I would visit beautiful sites
je mangerais des plats locaux = I would eat local dishes
je regarderais le lever du soleil = I would watch sunrise
pour me reposer / m'amuser = to rest / have fun
ce serait inoubliable = it would be unforgettable
j'irais / nous ferions = I would go / we would do
il y aurait… = there would be…

Vocabulary workshop: holiday style and setting

Learn complete chunks for an imagined holiday.

Choose the holiday

J’aimerais mieux… = I would prefer…
des vacances reposantes = a relaxing holiday
des vacances culturelles = a cultural holiday
des vacances d’aventure = an adventure holiday
à la campagne = in the countryside
sur une île = on an island
sur la côte = on the coast
en ville = in a town / city

Choose transport and a stay

en train à grande vitesse = by high-speed train
en bateau = by boat
en avion privé = by private plane
à dos de chameau = on a camel
sous une tente = in a tent
dans un hôtel de luxe = in a luxury hotel
dans une ferme = on a farm
dans un château = in a château

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Exploring Corsica

On part pour la Corse

We’re heading to Corsica

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Numéro vacances

Higher Tier
Ask for information, check details and explain what is worth doing.



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Holiday activities

goûter les plats locaux = taste local dishes
découvrir la culture corse = discover Corsican culture
faire une visite en bateau = take a boat tour
acheter des souvenirs = buy souvenirs
aller au marché = go to the market
visiter un musée = visit a museum
réserver des billets = book tickets

Advice and possibility

Il vaut la peine de visiter… = It is worth visiting…
Il vaut mieux réserver. = It is better to book.
Il faut vérifier. = You must check.
On peut louer un vélo. = You can hire a bike.
pour comprendre l'histoire = to understand history
à l'office de tourisme = at the tourist office
des renseignements = information

Questions to ask

Le musée ferme à quelle heure ? = What time does the museum close?
Combien coûte l'entrée ? = How much is admission?
Où peut-on réserver ? = Where can we book?
Est-ce que c'est ouvert ? = Is it open?
Pouvez-vous répéter ? = Can you repeat?
Est-ce que c'est accessible ? = Is it accessible?
Les chiens sont-ils acceptés ? = Are dogs allowed?

Small words and precise details

tous les jours sauf le dimanche = daily except Sunday
toutes les trente minutes = every thirty minutes
jusqu'à dix-sept heures = until 17:00
à partir de trois ans = from age three
les moins de vingt-six ans = people under 26
les animaux d'assistance = assistance animals
une réservation = a booking

Vocabulary workshop: see, taste and discover

Learn complete activity phrases and useful nouns.

Activities

goûter les plats locaux = taste local dishes
faire une visite en bateau = take a boat tour
acheter des souvenirs = buy souvenirs
aller au marché = go to the market
visiter un musée = visit a museum
découvrir la vieille ville = discover the old town
monter au sommet = climb to the summit

Information to request

l'entrée = admission / the entrance
les horaires = opening times / schedules
le prix = the price
les billets = tickets
une réservation = a booking
les renseignements = information
l'accès = access

Je voudrais des renseignements. = I would like some information.

Festivals around the world

Le monde en fête

A world of celebrations

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Numéro vacances

Higher Tier
Describe a celebration and explain what happened while you were there.



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Festival sights

une parade = a parade
des bateaux décorés = decorated boats
des masques colorés = colourful masks
des danseurs = dancers
un orchestre = an orchestra
des sculptures = sculptures
des plats locaux = local dishes

Describe and connect

Elle dure trois jours. = It lasts three days.
qui célèbre la culture = that celebrates culture
que les visiteurs admirent = that visitors admire
en France = in France
au Canada = in Canada
à Madagascar = in Madagascar
à la Réunion = in Réunion

Past experiences

je suis allé(e) à la fête = I went to the festival
j'ai goûté des plats locaux = I tasted local dishes
nous avons entendu la musique = we heard the music
il y avait des danseurs = there were dancers
je regardais la parade = I was watching the parade
c'était animé = it was lively
je vais y retourner = I am going to go back there

Grammar and useful links

qui = who / which / that (subject)
que / qu' = whom / which / that (object)
Je regardais quand j'ai entendu… = I was watching when I heard…
pendant la parade = during the parade
parce que / pourtant = because / yet
l'année dernière = last year
l'année prochaine = next year

Vocabulary workshop: sights, sounds and tastes

Learn complete phrases, then change one detail.

What you can see

des bateaux décorés = decorated boats
des masques colorés = colourful masks
des danseurs = dancers
un orchestre = an orchestra
des sculptures géantes = giant sculptures
un marché = a market

Pendant la parade, on voit des danseurs.
During the parade, you see dancers.

What visitors can do

regarder la parade = watch the parade
écouter la musique = listen to the music
goûter des plats locaux = taste local dishes
admirer les masques = admire the masks
découvrir une culture = discover a culture

C’est un spectacle amusant. = It is a fun show.
Les rues sont animées. = The streets are lively.

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Booking and reviewing hotels

Guide de voyage

Travel guide

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Numéro vacances

Higher Tier
Book a room, explain a problem and give a balanced hotel review.



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At reception

une réservation = a reservation
une chambre pour deux = a room for two
pour trois nuits = for three nights
par carte = by card
en espèces = in cash
une vue sur la mer = a sea view
le petit-déjeuner inclus = breakfast included

Describe the accommodation

La chambre était propre. = The room was clean.
Le lit était confortable. = The bed was comfortable.
Le wifi était lent. = The wifi was slow.
La piscine était fermée. = The pool was closed.
La lampe ne marchait pas. = The lamp did not work.
au centre-ville = in the town centre
dans ma chambre = in my room

Explain what happened

j'ai voulu nager = I wanted to swim
j'ai dû me plaindre = I had to complain
je n'ai pas pu dormir = I could not sleep
j'ai passé trois nuits ici = I spent three nights here
le directeur m'a aidé(e) = the manager helped me
j'aimerais y retourner = I would like to return there
je vais réserver = I am going to book

Read the small words

trop de bruit = too much noise
pas assez de place = not enough space
aucun bruit = no noise at all
aucune place libre = no free space
ni piscine ni restaurant = neither pool nor restaurant
ne… que = only
cependant / par contre = however / on the other hand

Vocabulary workshop: facilities and problems

Learn each noun with a useful description.

Positive features

une chambre propre = a clean room
un lit confortable = a comfortable bed
une vue sur la mer = a sea view
un personnel accueillant = welcoming staff
un bon rapport qualité-prix = good value for money
un petit-déjeuner savoureux = a tasty breakfast

L'hôtel est bien situé. = The hotel is well located.

Problems to report

La chambre était sombre. = The room was dark.
Le wifi était trop lent. = The wifi was too slow.
La piscine était fermée. = The pool was closed.
La carte d'accès ne marchait pas. = The key card did not work.
Il y avait trop de bruit. = There was too much noise.

Distinguish: a missing pool / a closed pool.
Use a precise detail in a complaint.

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Holidays close to home

Vive les vacances !

Hooray for the holidays!

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Numéro vacances

Higher Tier
Explore local activities and explain how the weather will shape your plans.



Knowledge organiser: weather, activities and time frames

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Weather conditions

s'il fait beau = if the weather is nice
s'il fait chaud = if it is hot
s'il fait froid = if it is cold
s'il fait mauvais = if the weather is bad
s'il pleut = if it rains
s'il y a du soleil = if it is sunny
s'il y a du vent = if it is windy

Future activities

je louerai un vélo = I will hire a bike
j'irai à la plage = I will go to the beach
je ferai du camping = I will go camping
je jouerai au basket = I will play basketball
j'enregistrerai une chanson = I will record a song
j'organiserai un concert = I will organise a concert
je créerai une appli = I will create an app

Move between time frames

d'habitude, je reste ici = usually, I stay here
j'ai passé du temps avec… = I spent time with…
j'ai décidé de rester = I decided to stay
il pleuvait = it was raining
je n'ai pas encore décidé = I have not decided yet
cet été, je ferai… = this summer, I will do…
ce sera amusant = it will be fun

Build and justify a plan

S'il pleut, je resterai ici. = If it rains, I will stay here.
on fera un pique-nique = we will have a picnic
je ferai une promenade = I will go for a walk
pour apprendre = to learn
une nouvelle compétence = a new skill
se reposer ensemble = to relax together
de toute façon = anyway

Vocabulary workshop: active and creative holidays

Learn complete future phrases and their infinitives.

Outdoor or active plans

louer → je louerai un vélo = I will hire a bike
aller → j'irai à la plage = I will go to the beach
faire → je ferai du camping = I will go camping
jouer → je jouerai au basket = I will play basketball

On fera un pique-nique. = We will have a picnic.
Je ferai une promenade. = I will go for a walk.

Creative or indoor plans

enregistrer une chanson = record a song
organiser un concert = organise a concert
créer une appli = create an app
participer à une expérience virtuelle
= take part in a virtual experience

Je créerai une appli pour apprendre
une nouvelle compétence.
I will create an app to learn a new skill.

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Holiday grammar in practice

Grammaire 1 & 2

Holiday grammar in action

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Higher Tier
Ask, describe, explain past events and make future holiday plans.



Knowledge organiser: Module 5 grammar

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Conditional: what would happen

je voyagerais = I would travel
tu voyagerais = you would travel
elle voyagerait = she would travel
j'irais / je ferais = I would go / do
je serais / j'aurais = I would be / have
je voudrais = I would like
j'achèterais = I would buy

Questions and relative pronouns

Peut-on réserver ? = Can we book?
Où est-ce qu'on va ? = Where are we going?
À quelle heure ? = At what time?
qui = who / which / that (subject)
que / qu' = whom / which / that (object)
la cheffe dont j'aime les plats
= the chef whose dishes I like

Locations and past modals

à Nice / en France = in Nice / in France
au Canada = in Canada
au centre-ville = in the town centre
dans l'hôtel = in the hotel
j'ai voulu nager = I wanted to swim
j'ai dû partir = I had to leave
je n'ai pas pu dormir = I could not sleep

Past scenes and future conditions

je regardais = I was watching
j'ai entendu = I heard
je regardais quand… = I was watching when…
s'il fait beau = if the weather is nice
je louerai un vélo = I will hire a bike
s'il pleut, je resterai = if it rains, I will stay
je n'ai pas encore décidé = I have not decided yet

Grammaire 1: the conditional

Use a future stem with imperfect endings: -ais, -ais, -ait.

Regular forms: je, tu, il / elle

je voyagerais = I would travel
tu voyagerais = you would travel
elle voyagerait = she would travel

J'achèterais des souvenirs.
I would buy souvenirs.
Check the accent in achèterais.

A Complete: Il (voyager) en train.
B Translate: You would buy a bike.

Useful irregular stems

aller: ir- → j'irais = I would go
faire: fer- → tu ferais = you would do
être: ser- → elle serait = she would be
avoir: aur- → j'aurais = I would have
vouloir: voudr- → il voudrait = he would like

J'irais à la plage parce que j'adore la mer.
I would go to the beach because I love the sea.
C Translate: She would go camping.