Vocabulary for Speaking on topic «Travelling and Tourism»

Positive aspects of holidays (personal)

- chance to unwind
- spend quality time with family / friends
- get away from work / stressful environment
- have a change of routine / scenery
- visit new places / experience new things / cultures
- broaden your horizons
- visit family or friends abroad

Positive aspects of holidays (commercial)

- creates new jobs in tourist industry
- attracts media attention to the resort
- ensures good level of infrastructure
- improves services for local residents
- provides revenue to protect /maintain local heritage

Negative aspects of holidays (personal)

- loss of earnings (if self-employed)
- can be stressful (to be out of your comfort zone)
- can be difficult to cope in foreign country / unfamiliar place
- may encounter travel problems (plane/train delays / traffic jams)
- may not have access to health facilities
- may lose your luggage
- may not be able to speak the local language

Negative aspects of holidays (commercial)

- can cause overcrowding
- tourists may not respect local customs/traditions
- can cause excess of litter / noise
- may cause damage to local environment
- area becomes too built-up due to increase of hotels/shops
- may cause increase in prices of local services and goods

Sample Answer

- What are some of the benefits of going away on holiday?
- There are many benefits of going on holiday. **Besides** giving you a chance to unwind and relax, it also allows you to spend some quality time with your family, not only in a different environment but more importantly, away from the routine pressures of work and daily life. In addition to this, it **also** gives you the opportunity to broaden your horizons by visiting new places **and** experiencing a different way of life.

Useful nouns

Word	Meaning
A package tour (all-in package)	a tour arranged by a travel agent; transportation and food and lodging are all provided at an inclusive price
All-inclusive holiday	a holiday resort that includes a minimum of three meals daily, soft drinks, most alcoholic drinks and possibly other services in the price
Independent travel	travel in which you organize things yourself, rather t han using a company
Ecotourism	the business of creating and selling holidays that giv e people the chance to learn about a natural environment, and cause as lit tle damage to the environment as possible
Tourist traps	Somewhere where too many tourists go
Culture shock	a strong and upsetting feeling we get when suddenly faced with an unfamiliar culture

Some more useful words

Word	Meaning
Self-catering	denoting accommodation in which visitor provides and prepares his own food
Youth hotel	inexpensive supervised lodging (especially for youths on bicycling trips)
out of season	outside the main holiday period
B&B = Bed and Breakfast	a private house that provides accommodation and breakfast to guests
to embark on	to set out on a journey, to begin a journey (putting passengers in a plane or on a boat)
disembark	leaving a ship, airplane or other type of vehicle
A holiday of a lifetime	A special holiday that you are unlikely to repeat

Part 1 - sample questions

- Are there many public or national holidays in your country?
- Do you think there are enough public holidays?
- Do you like going away on holidays?
- Where did you go on your last holiday?
- Describe a place you like to go to during your holidays.
- What is the most interesting place you'd like to visit on your holidays?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe a holiday you would like to go on. You should say:

- what place you would like to go to
- how you would like to get there
- what you would like to do while you were there
- and explain why you would like to go on this holiday.

Part 3 - sample questions

- Which places in your country do visitors enjoy visiting most?
- What are some of the benefits of going away on holiday?
- Have there been any recent changes in the types of holiday that are popular in your country?
- What kinds of benefits might a significant increase in tourist numbers bring to a location?
- What are some of the negative effects of a dramatic increase in tourism?
- What developments affecting international travel might there be in the future?