**Speaking – Holidays**

This is the true story about my last holiday, which was in Barcelona a few months ago. Write down the vocabulary as you hear it:

We decided sp\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go on holiday, on the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It was a f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ visit

The weather was g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I wanted to get a nice t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I was feeling k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I needed to r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my batteries

We stayed in a b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hostel

It was cheap and c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bags in the hostel

And h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the beach

We spent the afternoon s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up the sun

We decided to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_cuisine

We went to a f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_restaurant

The mum was the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The service was really f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We had the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_menu..

..because we were a bit b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We ate so much we were completely s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_tip

The next day we decided to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_bus t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It was a d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, o\_\_\_\_\_\_-t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bus

A h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bus

I p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_\_\_ some t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ souvenirs

I forgot to p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my watch f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Spain is one hour a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the UK

…so I m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the time

We had to d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_airport

So I h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a taxi in the street

And asked the driver to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on it

I thought we were going to miss the plane, but a\_\_\_\_ it t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_\_ we didn’t..

We made it to the airport with half an hour to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary Revision:** ask your partner, and get them to use the vocabulary:

* Did he stay in Barcelona for a long time? - ‘No, ***it was a flying visit’***
* Did he book in advance?
* Was the flight expensive?
* What was the weather like in England?
* What kind of hostel was it? Was it expensive?
* Why did he want to go to Spain?
* What did they do with the bags when they first arrived?
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* What type of menu did they have? Why?
* What type of restaurant did he go to?
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* How did they feel at the end of the meal?
* How did they see the famous places in Barcelona?
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**Speaking questions:**

1. Have you ever been on a f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to another country?

2. When did you last feel like you needed to r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your batteries? What did you do?

3. Have you ever stayed in a c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hotel?

4. Do you like going to f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-r\_\_\_\_\_\_ restaurants?

5. Have you ever t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bus t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a city?

6. On your last holiday, did you p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_ any presents for your family or friends?

7. Have you ever h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a taxi in Portsmouth?

8. Do people l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tips in your country? How much is standard?

9. Have you ever had to d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ somewhere when you thought you might be late?

10. When you go to a new country, do you like to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the local food?

11. Are you feeling k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today? When did you last feel this way?

12. When did you last have a meal that was so good that ate a lot, and you were really s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**Tell your partner about your last holiday. Make notes about:**

* Where you went, and how long for
* What you had to eat and drink
* Which places you visited
* Where you stayed
* What you did there
* And what was the best part of the holiday.

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**Vocabulary Practice:**

1. I went there just for a short time.

It was a f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I booked the holiday two days before we left.

It was a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_holiday.

1. We stayed in a cheap hotel for students.

We stayed in a b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hostel.

1. It was cheap, but nice.

It was c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I was really tired, and I needed to get some energy back.

I needed to r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The restaurant wasn’t a chain, it was owned by one family.

It was a f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ restaurant

1. We had the cheap menu, with no choice.

We had the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ menu.

1. I gave them some extra money, because the food was so good.

I l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a big t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. We got on a bus to look around the city.

We t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bus t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I bought some souvenirs to take home.

I p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some souvenirs.

1. I had to go really quickly to the airport.

I had to d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the airport.

1. We decided to look at all the famous places.

We decided to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. The weather was dark, and the sky was grey.

The weather was g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. It was a bus with two storeys and no roof.

An d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, o\_\_\_\_\_-t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bus

15. We left the bags in the hotel, and went out.

We d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bags in the hotel.

16. We were completely full.

We ate so much we were completely s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. I forgot to add one hour to my watch.

I forgot to p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my watch forward

18. I got the time wrong.

I m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the time

19. I called a taxi by sticking my arm out in the street.

I h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a taxi

20. I asked the driver to go faster.

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**Lewis’s holiday**

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**Lewis’s Holiday**

I’m going to tell you about my last holiday, which was a trip to Barcelona earlier in the year. One day in March I was talking to my friend at work, and we decided spontaneously, on the spur of the moment to go for a weekend in Barcelona two days later. It was a flying visit, we flew out on the Saturday morning, and came back on the Sunday night.

One of the reasons to go to Spain was to get away from the awful weather in English – it was really gloomy and overcast, and it kept raining all the time, so we really wanted to get some sun, and get a tan. Also, I was feeling knackered because I’d been working for ages without a break, and I really needed to recharge my batteries.

When we arrived in Barcelona, we got a bus to the hostel, we stayed in a backpackers’ hostel, it was only 20 euros a night, but it was really cheap and cheerful. We dumped the bags in the hostel, and headed for the beach. We spent the afternoon soaking up the sun, lying on the beach.

In the evening, we were hungry, so we decided to go out for something to eat. We really wanted to sample the local cuisine, so we found a little family-run restaurant. It was really nice, the dad was the chef, the kids were the waiters and waitresses, and the mum was the front of house. The food was amazing, and the service was really friendly and attentive. We had the set menu, because we were a bit broke, but we ate so much that we were completely stuffed. At the end, we left a big tip, and then went back to the hostel.

The next day, we only had a few hours, so we decided to take a bus tour, to see the sights of Barcelona. It was one of those double-decker, open-top buses, where you could hop on and hop off wherever you liked. At the end of the tour, we did a bit of shopping, I picked up a couple of souvenirs, including a tacky t-shirt for my sister.

Then suddenly, I realised we were pushed for time. I had forgotten to put my watch forward when we came to Barcelona, and as Spain is one hour ahead, I had misjudged the time, and I found we were in danger of missing the plane. So I went out into the road and hailed a taxi, and asked the driver to step on it. Luckily there wasn’t much traffic, and we made it to the airport with about half an hour to spare.

**Vocabulary: find a phrase from the text with a similar meaning**

1. It was a short trip – ***it was a flying visit***

2. The weather was dark and grey: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Get browner skin in the sun: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. I was really tired: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. I needed to get some energy back: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. A cheap hostel for students: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Cheap but good quality: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Put the bags down quickly: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Try the local food: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. A restaurant owned by one family: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. The cheap menu where you have no choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. We didn’t have much money: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. Money you leave at the end of the meal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Completely full: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. See a city by bus: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. The famous places in a city: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. A bus with two floors and no roof: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

18. Buy something quickly: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. Get a taxi in the street: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20. Ask the driver to hurry up: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anything else?