

Lesson 12

Summer Vacations

Look at these pictures. Say something about them.



John and Freddy are at the gym.

John and Freddy are at the gym. They are talking about their summer vacations. People like to do many different things during summer vacation. Some people take trips to different countries. Some people go sightseeing in their own city. Some people visit relatives and friends. Some people like to enjoy nature. Some people like to stay home and relax.

John did a lot over summer vacation. He went to an amusement park. He rode on the roller coaster and ate cotton candy. He went to a museum. He saw many beautiful paintings and sculptures. He visited his sister in Dallas, Texas. He took a trip to Las Vegas and won a lot of money. He won \$500 in a casino.

Freddy also did a lot over summer vacation. He went to the beach with his friends. He went water skiing and played volleyball. He went to a jazz music festival. He also took a trip with his girlfriend. They went camping in the mountains for one week. They hiked, fished and made a campfire at night. They slept in a tent. Today, John and Freddy are talking about what they did during their summer vacations.

Dialogue: John and Freddy are talking about summer vacation.

John: *Hey, Freddy. Long time no see.*

Freddy: *Yeah. How was your summer vacation?*

John: *It was great!*

Freddy: *Really? What did you do?*

John: *I went to an amusement park and rode the roller coaster. It was exciting!*

Freddy: *That sounds like fun. Did you do anything else?*

John: *I also visited my sister. Then, I flew to Las Vegas and won \$500.*

Freddy: *You must have had a great time. I wish I could say the same.*

John: *Didn't you enjoy your summer vacation Freddy?*

Freddy: *It was terrible.*

John: *Really? What happened?*

Freddy: *Well, I went to the beach and went water skiing.*

John: *Water skiing sounds great.*

Freddy: *It was, but I forgot to put on sunscreen and got sunburned.*

John: *Oh, that's too bad. Did you do anything else?*

Freddy: *Yeah. I went camping in the mountains with my girlfriend.*

John: *I love camping. Did you go hiking and make a campfire.*

Freddy: *Yes but mosquitoes bit us and it rained for three days.*

John: *That's awful. You should have checked the weather forecast.*

Freddy: *That is what my girlfriend said.*

Questions:

1. Where are John and Freddy?
2. What are they talking about?
3. What did John do at the amusement park?
4. What did he see in the museum?
5. Where does his sister live?
6. What did he do in Las Vegas?
7. How much money did he win?
8. Where did Freddy go with his friends?
9. What did he do at the beach?
10. Where did he go with his girlfriend?
11. What did they do at night?
12. Where did Freddy go water-skiing?
13. What did he forget to put on at the beach?
14. Did Freddy check the weather forecast?
15. What did Freddy's girlfriend say?

Activity: Vacations

Fill in the chart with these expressions.

It was great. Awful. Not bad. Terrible. It was fantastic.
 Terrific. Nothing to do. Not too good. Nothing special.
 I had a wonderful time. So-so. Boring. It was all right.

Enjoyed the vacation	The vacation was OK	Not a good vacation

Think about your last vacation. Fill in the chart.

Where did you go	What did you do and see	Did you enjoy it

Ask your classmates about their last vacation. Fill in the chart.

Where did they go	What did they do and see	Did they enjoy it

Discussion Questions:

1. How was your last vacation?
2. Where did you go?
3. What did you do and see?
4. When did you go there?
5. How long were you there?
6. What did you like the most?
7. Would you go back again?
8. Was there anything you did not like?
9. Who did you go with?

10. Do you like taking long vacations or short vacations?
11. Have you ever gone on vacation by yourself? Where did you go?
12. Do you like staying home on vacation or going away?
13. What was your favorite vacation? Why?
14. When is your next vacation?
15. What will you do during your next vacation?
16. What won't you do during your next vacation?
17. When is the best time to take a vacation? Why?

Grammar Focus: Change these sentences into past tense.

1. I go on vacation to Hawaii. _____
2. I see many volcanoes. _____
3. They are amazing. _____
4. I go swimming in the ocean. _____
5. We take many pictures. _____
6. I go to go the beach everyday. _____
7. We go shopping. _____
8. Water skiing is fun. _____
9. We go on a sightseeing tour. _____
10. We have a wonderful vacation _____