

**Text A:****Anna:**

I'd like to take my family on holiday this summer - but I don't have a lot of money - any suggestions?

Julie:

I've always loved camping: the freedom to travel anywhere with your car and your tent! In recent years, campsites have become more expensive - but they do have many facilities. Sometimes you can ask a farmer if you can spend the night on his or her land, that's usually a lot cheaper.

Francis:

I totally disagree with Julie. Spending my holiday in a hot, sweaty tent is my idea of hell! I think a package holiday at the beach is a great idea: hotel, meals and flights all included. Your kids can have fun in the sand and you can relax - it's a real no stress solution!

John:

I think a campsite is a good idea - but a tent isn't the only option. You could consider a caravan or mobile home if you want electricity and running water. A lot of campsites have swimming pools and clubs for kids, and there are sometimes shops and even restaurants if you don't feel like cooking!

Text B:

We're all looking for a stress-free holiday but if you have kids, it's not always so easy! Follow our guide to keeping them safe and entertained this holiday season!

- **Remember to pack cards, paper and pencils: they might seem old-fashioned, but they're great when the batteries run out!**
- Encourage your kids to keep active with easy to pack items such as beach balls, table tennis bats and swimming gear.
- **If your kids have phones or tablets: download some films or games to keep them occupied during the journey!**
- If you are travelling abroad, it's a good idea to disable calls and internet on your children's phones! This can prevent some very expensive bills when you come back!
- **Remember sun protection - take a high factor suncream and pack hats and sunglasses.**
- Pack a simple first aid kit: antiseptic wipes, plasters and cream for insect bites can really come in useful for kids and adults!

Text C:

Save Money this Summer: Stay at Home!

We all think we have to spend a lot of money to give our kids a great holiday but it's not always the case. Peter stayed at home with his family last year and he would do it again!

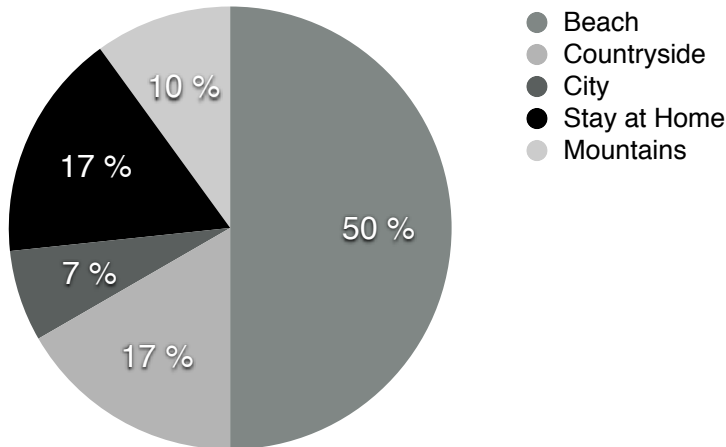
"The kids had a great time playing with all their friends all summer. We had plenty of money for day trips to the beach and amusement parks. We even put up a tent in our back yard for a few days - the boys loved it!"

It's a boost for the local economy too: cafes, parks, museums - and even the cinema on a wet day - there are so many options - why not try a "stay-cation" this year?



Text D:

Where do you prefer to go? We asked 150 eight to ten year olds!
Here is what they told us!



Write text A,B or C. You can use each letter more than once.

Which text:

1. Gives advantages and disadvantages of different types of holiday?
2. Shows that not all children prefer to go away on holiday?
3. Talks about helping local shops and businesses earn more money?
4. Includes the opinion of a father talking about what he did with his sons?
5. Talks about taking technology on holiday?

True or false:

A package holiday usually includes the cost of flights and accommodation
You have to go to a campsite in order to go camping
It's always difficult to fit sports equipment in your suitcase
You can be prepared for minor injuries
A "stay-cation" can help local businesses
Over half of eight to ten year olds are keen on going to the beach
A city isn't a popular destination among eight to ten year olds

Fill in the gaps with 1,2 or 3 words taken directly from the text.

1. If you have a tent and a car, you can travel you don't have to make a plan.
2. At the beach, children can enjoy the sea and while mum and dad relax!
3. If you don't on your kids' phones, you might return home to a massive bill!
4. It's easy to a tent at home and kids love it!
5. A "stay-cation" could be a for your personal finances as well as for local shops.