Vocabulary & Pronunciation / Level 3

Unit 28 - *Holidays*

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Introduction

In this unit, you'll learn fifteen new words or phrases for talking about holidays, and you'll also improve your pronunciation with these words.

Vocabulary and Listening Task 1

You´re going to hear some short clips on the topic of holidays. The clips contain some useful words, but the words have been replaced by a beep. Listen and try to guess what the words are. After each clip you'll hear the answers.

KAMI: I don't know if you've ever lost your **(beep)** on an airline, Katie, but I learned, coming to Barcelona, that it is always important to pack the most important things to you in your hand **(beep)**, because you may not see the rest of your **(beep)** for several days or weeks.

KAMI: I don't know if you've ever lost your **luggage** on an airline, Katie, but I learned, coming to Barcelona, that it is always important to pack the most important things to you in your hand **luggage**, because you may not see the rest of your **luggage** for several days or weeks.

KAMI: My least favourite part of packing for a trip is packing **(beep)**. There are so many things to remember to bring and…and you have to think of what you're going to need for every day; toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, **(beep)** are…to me are a nightmare to pack.

KAMI: My least favourite part of packing for a trip is packing **toiletries**. There are so many things to remember to bring and…and you have to think of what you're going to need for every day; toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, **toiletries** are…to me are a nightmare to pack.

KAMI: So, with international travel…rules these days, I…I really don't like that you have to **(beep)** for your flight two hours before you leave, because if you have a six o'clock flight, you have to be at the airport at four in the morning to **(beep)**. And, I just don't understand what we…what we really have to be there two hours early, to do.

KAMI: So, with international travel…rules these days, I…I really don't like that you have to **check-in** for your flight two hours before you leave, because if you have a six o'clock flight, you have to be at

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the airport at four in the morning to **check-in**. And, I just don't understand what we…what we really have to be there two hours early, to do.

KAMI: (beep) is something that you just…you have to get used to every time you go through international travel, sometimes the lines can be, so…so many hours long and sometimes you go right through **(beep)** and they just stamp your passport and say, *Enjoy the rest of your trip.*[1]

KAMI: Customs is something that you just…you have to get used to every time you go through international travel, sometimes the lines can be, so…so many hours long and sometimes you go right through **customs** and they just stamp your passport and say, *Enjoy the rest of your trip.*

KAMI: I love **(beep)** when I'm travelling in a country or city that I've never been to before. I…I am a typical tourist sometimes, I…I love to just bring out my map and explore and…and…I ju…I love **(beep)** because for me, I come from a country where we don't have a lot of history yet, and so for me when I'm **(beep)** I see beautiful cathedrals and buildings that, are older than, my country is…(laughter).

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KAMI: When I travel I…I generally don't like to have a very strict **(beep)**, because…I really, like to be spontaneous and see if there's something else out there to see that I didn't even know existed. If I have to follow an **(beep)** it…it means that I have to be on somebody else's schedule and, I don't always get to do what I want to do, so for me, when I take a vacation, if I'm not with a big group of people I…I generally don't keep an **(beep)** I…I just do what I feel like doing, when I feel like doing it.

KAMI: When I travel I…I generally don't like to have a very strict **itinerary**, because…I really, like to be spontaneous and see if there's something else out there to see that I didn't even know existed. If I have to follow an **itinerary** it…it means that I have to be on somebody else's schedule and, I don't always get to do what I want to do, so for me, when I take a vacation, if I'm not with a big group of people I…I generally don't keep an **itinerary** I…I just do what I feel like doing, when I feel like doing it.

[1] Kami is actually talking about passport control. We often use them to mean the same thing in conversation – but customs is there to check you don't bring anything illegal into the country and passport control is there to check you are legally allowed into the country.

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KAMI: I went on a **(beep)**, a bus…a **(beep)** bus **(beep)** actually, um, through Spain, Portugal and Morocco and…I thought it was a really neat way to…to get to see a lot of different things, however I felt like it was more…of…a highlight, trip of what there is to see and what I need to go back and explore. I feel that there's a lot of limitations to **(beep)** because, you don't necessarily get to do everything you want to do…um…but the good thing about a **(beep)** is you…you learn so much information about things because you generally have a tour guide who is very knowledgeable.

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So the words we are going to work on in the first part of this unit are;

luggage / baggage

toiletries

to check in / to check out

customs

go sightseeing

an itinerary

a guided tour

Meaning and Pronunciation Task 1

Now it's time to check meaning and work on pronunciation. Repeat when you hear the beep.

Bags and suitcases that you take on a journey are called;

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luggage or **baggage**

luggage

baggage

They both have the same end sound /ɪʤ/

How much **luggage** have you got?

What's the **baggage** allowance?

Things like shampoo, cream, soap, and toothpaste are called…

toiletries

toiletries

Remember, you can't put your **toiletries** in your hand **luggage**.

When you get to the airport, or to a hotel, you need to tell them that you´ve arrived. What's the verb for this?

to **check in**

to **check in**

Have you **checked in** yet?

In a hotel, but not at an airport, you also need to tell them that you´re leaving. So, this is to **check**…

out

to **check out**

You need to **check out** by 11am.

Back at the airport, if you've flown to a foreign country, you need to go through (..?..) to check you haven't brought anything illegal into the country.

customs

The stress is on the first syllable, the second is /əmz/.

customs

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She got stopped at **customs** and they looked through her bag.

When you go on holiday, you often want to visit the important and interesting places and things in the country. What's the expression for this?

to **go sightseeing**

to **go sightseeing**

They've **gone sightseeing** for the afternoon.

Sometimes when we go on holiday, there are lots of things we want to see and do, so we make a plan of the where we're going to go, how we're going to get there etc. What's this called?

an **itinerary**

/aI/ /tIn/ /ə/ /re/ /ri/

itinerary

Number three on the **itinerary** are the transport arrangements.

If I go to a city and I don't know much about it, I might pay somebody to show me around and tell me things about it. This is to take…

a **guided tour**

a **guided tour**

Guided tours help you understand the history of the city.

Vocabulary and Listening Task 2

So now you're going to hear the second set of clips. Again, try and guess the words, then listen to the complete clip without the beeps.

DONNIE: If you're thinking of going on holiday to the British Isles, I really **(beep)** visiting the Highlands of Scotland, because I think it's a wonderful…er wonderful landscape…mountains, sea…err…a lot of nature, and…it's a great place to go, you can…do…er camping or stay in hotels or

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stay in bed and breakfasts. A lot of opportunities. But I also **(beep)** taking er…an umbrella, or a waterproof coat because it can rain a lot.

DONNIE: If you're thinking of going on holiday to the British Isles, I really **recommend** visiting the Highlands of Scotland, because I think it's a wonderful…er wonderful landscape…mountains, sea…err…a lot of nature, and…it's a great place to go, you can…do…er camping or stay in hotels or stay in bed and breakfasts. A lot of opportunities. But I also **recommend** taking er…an umbrella, or a waterproof coat because it can rain a lot.

DONNIE: I recently came back from my holidays and…the flight was…four or five hours, and everything was fine apart from, one section in the middle of the flight…the pilot…came on the radio and asked all the passengers to fasten their seatbelts because we were going through **(beep)**, and as we went through the **(beep)**, the plane began to shake, and become unstable and it felt a little bit scary for a while, but err…it didn't last very long and in the end everything was fine.

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DONNIE: One way that a lot of people go on holiday nowadays, is a **(beep)** where they, organize everything themselves on the internet, or through a travel agent, and they pay for the hotel, the food, and even excursions and activities while they're on holiday…erm, and people like **(beep)** I think because it's…it's a way to feel, *Well I've paid for it all now and eveything's going to be organised and ready for me when I get there.*

DONNIE: One way that a lot of people go on holiday nowadays, is a **package deal** where they, organize everything themselves on the internet, or through a travel agent, and they pay for the hotel, the food, and even excursions and activities while they're on holiday…erm, and people like **package deals** I think because it's…it's a way to feel, *Well I've paid for it all now and eveything's going to be organised and ready for me when I get there.*

DONNIE: When I go on holiday, I really like staying in **(beep)** accommodation, because, you can choose where you want to go for something to eat, you can, try local food, go to different restaurants, and you have more options. A lot of people also like **(beep)**, which is where you stay in the hotel or the accommodation, and usually they give you breakfast, and then the lunch, and dinner is up to yourself, it's your responsibility. Err, the last…option people choose is…is er…**(beep)**, where you stay in the hotel and they provide the lunch…the breakfast, lunch and dinner. And that's

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a…that's…the option that gives you least flexibility but it also gives you the most erm…most time to…to do what you want.

DONNIE: When I go on holiday, I really like staying in **self-catering** accommodation, because, you can choose where you want to go for something to eat, you can, try local food, go to different restaurants, and you have more options. A lot of people also like **half-board,** which is where you stay in the hotel or the accommodation, and usually they give you breakfast, and then the lunch, and dinner is up to yourself, it's your responsibility. Err, the last…option people choose is…is er…**full-board**, where you stay in the hotel and they provide the lunch…the breakfast, lunch and dinner. And that's a…that's…the option that gives you least flexibility but it also gives you the most erm…most time to…to do what you want.

DONNIE: I was on holiday recently, with some friends…err…and I was really trying to think of a **(beep)** I could buy, to take back for my family, something that was typical of the place…and unfortunately, there weren't many options or I didn't have a good imagination so I bought…er fridge magnets for everybody…(laughter)…little magnets to go on the fridge, to…er, remind them of where I had been on holiday…(laughter)…True story…(laughter).

DONNIE: I was on holiday recently, with some friends…err…and I was really trying to think of a **souvenir** I could buy, to take back for my family, something that was typical of the place…and unfortunately, there weren't many options or I didn't have a good imagination so I bought…er fridge magnets for everybody…(laughter)…little magnets to go on the fridge, to…er, remind them of where I had been on holiday…(laughter)…True story…(laughter).

DONNIE: One great thing about shopping in markets, as opposed to shopping in, shops, is that you can often **(beep)** for the price. So, if you want to buy something from a market seller, and he tells you, *Oh the price is…thirty Euros,* you can negotiate this and say, *Oh well maybe…fifteen Euros,* and you y…usually settle on…on a price in the middle, and in fact, in some countries to **(beep)** is considered a very normal part of, buying something. Erm…I wouldn't try it in department stores though. (laughter)

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DONNIE: Even though it's September now, in Barcelona, there's still a lot of sun and…I feel we're still in the summer and if you…go down to the beach you'll see a lot of people, lying there **(beep)** trying to get a tan. And it's wonderful, I really like it. I'm n…I don't really like **(beep)** though, doing it myself. I don't get very brown.

DONNIE: Even though it's September now, in Barcelona, there's still a lot of sun and…I feel we're still in the summer and if you…go down to the beach you'll see a lot of people, lying there **sunbathing** trying to get a tan. And it's wonderful, I really like it. I'm n…I don't really like **sunbathing** though, doing it myself. I don't get very brown.

This time the words were;

to recommend

turbulence

a package deal

self-catering / full-board / half-board

a souvenir

to haggle

to sunbathe

Meaning and Pronunciation Task 2

Complete the sentences or answer the question and repeat after the beep.

When we go on holiday, we have choices about our accommodation and food. If our holiday includes the flights and our accommodation, this is a…

a **package deal**

a **package deal**

You can get quite cheap **package deals** to Greece at the moment.

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If the money you paid includes your hotel and all your meals, you are going…

full-board

full-board

If you only get some meals, like breakfast, we say you're going…

half-board

half-board

And if you don't get any meals at all, just your accommodation and you need to make your own meals, then this holiday is…

self-catering

self-catering

We've decided to go **self catering** because it's so much cheaper.

Now for a verb which means to tell people that you think they should do or get something because you think it was really good.

to **recommend**

Stress on the last syllable.

to **recommend**

Our friends'd been there and they **recommended** it.

When you go somewhere on holiday, you sometimes want to buy something which is typical of that place, so that you can take it home and remember the place and the holiday. What do we call this thing?

a **souvenir**

a **souvenir**

She bought a pot as a **souvenir**.

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In some countries when you buy something like a souvenir, there's no fixed price. You have to talk to the seller and agree on a price. Maybe he says one price, and then you say a cheaper one, and this goes on and on until you agree. What's the verb for this?

to **haggle**

to **haggle**

Are you good at **haggling**?

If you go on a beach holiday, you might want to lay in the sun and try to get your skin brown - especially if you're from England because we don't get much sun. What's the verb that means to do this?

to **sunbathe**

/eI/ **sunbathe**

Don't **sunbathe** for too long or you'll burn.

And our final word in this unit. When you're on a plane and it suddenly goes up and down a little because of the air around it, what's this called?

turbulence

turbulence

You should keep your seat *(belt)* fastened because of **turbulence**.

Summary

You should now know the meaning of the words from this unit about holidays and be better at saying them. Well done.

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Extra Materials

Vocabulary Glossary

l**u**ggage / b**a**ggage /lʌgɪdʒ/ /bægɪdʒ/ (noun) - equipaje

t**oi**letries /tɔɪlətriz/ (noun) - artículos de aseo

to check **i**n / check **ou**t /tʃekɪn/ /tʃekaʊt/ (phrasal verb) - registrarse, entrar/salir OR hacer (check in) hacer (check out)

c**u**stoms /kʌstəmz/ (noun) - aduana

go s**i**ghtseeing /saɪtsiːɪŋ/ (phrase) - hacer turismo

an it**i**nerary /aɪtɪnərəri/ (noun) - itinerario

a g**ui**ded tour /gaɪdɪd tʊə/ (noun) - visita guiada

to recomm**e**nd /rekəmend/ (verb) - recomendar

t**u**rbulence /tɜːbjʊləns/ (noun) - turbulencia

a p**a**ckage deal /pækɪdʒ diːl/ (noun) - paquete turístico

self c**a**tering /self keɪtərɪŋ/ (noun) - régimen de alojamiento

full b**oa**rd /fʊl bɔːd/ (noun) - pensión completa

half b**oa**rd /hɑːf bɔːd/ (noun) - media pensión

a souven**i**r /suːvənɪə/ (noun) - recuerdo, souvenir de algo

to h**a**ggle /hægəl/ (verb) - regatear

to s**u**nbathe /sʌnbeɪð/ (verb) - tomar el sol

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Practice 1

Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

1. It's lovely and hot out there, I'm going to have a sunbath.
2. We had sightseeing yesterday around the old city.
3. It's full board so we have to eat out or cook for ourselves.
4. Shall we go on a guide tour?
5. Have you packed your toilets?

Practice 2

The words in bold have been put in the wrong sentence. Put them in the correct one.

1. I think I paid too much for this souvenir, I'm not very good at **turbulence**.
2. What time do we have to **sunbathe**?
3. The flight was terrible, there was lots of **haggling**.
4. My **customs** was too heavy, I had to pay a fine.
5. I can't wait to **check out** on the beach.
6. Is it OK to take food items through **luggage**?

Practice 3 - Pronunciation

Put the words in the correct place according to their stress pattern.

● ◦ ◦ ● ◦ ◦ ◦ ● ● ◦ ◦

sightseeing turbulence

recommend souvenir

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haggle customs

sunbathe toiletries

luggage

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Extra Materials - Answers

Practice 1

1. It's lovely and hot out there, I'm going to ~~have a sunbath~~ ***sunbathe***.

2. We ~~had~~ ***went*** sightseeing yesterday around the old city.

3. It's ~~full board~~ ***self catering*** so we have to eat out or cook for ourselves.

4. Shall we go on a guide***d*** tour?

5. Have you packed your ~~toilets~~ ***toiletries***?

Practice 2

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6. Is it OK to take food items through **customs**?

Practice 3 - Pronunciation

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sightseeing	haggle	recommend	turbulence
	sunbathe	souvenir	toiletries
	luggage		
	customs		

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