

3 ON HOLIDAY

FIRST HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Most of us can't wait to go on holiday without our parents. We can choose where to go, what to do and who to go with. But are first holidays with friends always great? Read about Sophie, Fred and Chris. Where did they go? Did they have a good time?

Last summer, after we finished our exams, I invited my friend Paula to go on holiday to Greece with me. We got a flight to Athens and then we went by ship to the island of Milos. We were really tired when we got there, but we both wanted a swim, so we went to the beach. You can guess! We lay down and closed our eyes and when we woke up TWO hours later, we were really hot and thirsty – and red! Never again! **Sophie, 16**

My first holiday was a weekend in London. Jim, Simon and I travelled by tram from my house to the bus station. When we arrived there, I put my hand in my pocket but my wallet wasn't there! Where was it? I think I lost it on the tram. Jim and Simon each lent me money for the coach. We stayed at Jim's aunt's house in London and we had a fantastic weekend. **Fred, 13**

My first holiday was with my friend Tom at a campsite in a forest near our town. We didn't want my parents to drive us there, so we went by bus and then on foot. It was a long walk to the forest and it was raining! I put the tent up quickly because I knew how to do it, but all our things were wet. Then the sun came out the next day. We dried everything and had a great time! **Chris, 12**



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VOCABULARY Holidays: Ways of travelling



1 Complete the transport words with the missing vowels.

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| 4 c _ _ _ _ ch | 8 s c _ _ _ _ t _ _ r | |



2 Complete the table with the words in Exercise 1.

What kind of transport travels ...
on the sea?



on a road or path?



on a railway line or track?



in the sky?



plane



3 Match the sentence halves.

- I need exercise so I go to school
- My dad drives me to school, but we don't have a car. I go to school
- I sail from my home to school across a river. I go to school
- I live very near one of the stations so I go to school
- There are too many cars on the roads, and I often dream of flying to school

- by underground.
- by helicopter!
- by motorbike.
- by bike or on foot.
- by boat.

GRAMMAR Past simple



1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- The train to London _____ (be) really fast.
- Martin's family _____ (go) to Paris by coach because it was the cheapest way.
- Jane was only 15 but she _____ (know) more than most adults about computers.
- How _____ you _____ (get) to Moscow?
- _____ (be) Tom in Ankara or in Istanbul last week?
- We _____ (not have) a good time on our holiday because we were all ill.
- There _____ (not be) any trams yesterday because it snowed.