

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**

Read the article again and answer the questions

- 1** What does the article mean by 'first holidays'?
- 2** What did Sophie and Paula do when they arrived at the island?
- 3** What happened while they were sleeping?
- 4** What did Fred lose?
- 5** How did he pay for the coach?
- 6** What was the weather like when Chris and Tom were putting up the tent?

Imagine you are traveling without
your family.

Who do you invite?

Where do you go?

How do you get there?

What do you do there?

6 Look at the photos A–K on page 20. Discuss the questions with your partner.

- 1** Do you like these different ways of travelling? Why? / Why not?
- 2** Do you think riding a bike is difficult? Why? / Why not?
- 3** Do you think going in a boat or a ship is enjoyable? Why? / Why not?
- 4** Now tell your partner which of these ways of travelling you like best.
- 5** How do you like to travel when it's very hot?
- 6** Do you prefer going on holiday to the sea or in the mountains?