

1 Hi there,

I've just had a really great holiday with my parents. Normally I don't go on holiday with them but they decided that they wanted a different type of holiday this year. So they looked through a lot of brochures and then  
5 decided on a holiday on a boat. In England there are many different types of boat that you can hire. You can hire a sailing boat which is no fun on small rivers or if there is no wind and you have to do a lot of work all the time sailing it. You can also hire a canal boat. These are sometimes called narrow boats because they are long and thin. The last type of boat is one  
10 specially made for having holidays on. I've sent you a picture of ours and the others, too.

On our boat there were three bedrooms, a kitchen and a large sitting and eating area where you could slide the roof back - it was like having a sports car! Of course, there was also a toilet and a shower but they were  
15 small. The boat was very easy to control. Everyone had to have a short lesson first on how to control the boat; that was funny because no one had been on a boat before. But it was very easy to learn to sail it; that's funny, too, even though it has a motor you still sail it, not drive it. A week on a boat sounds boring but it wasn't. It was a lot of fun. We could stop any-  
20 where we wanted to. Sometimes we stopped in the middle of the countryside or by small towns to buy groceries and one day we even stopped in a big city. Norwich was really nice and we visited all the sights there. But usually we just woke up, had breakfast and then went further along the river. We were in the Norfolk Broads which is an area full of rivers and  
25 small lakes, called broads, that were made by monks a long time ago. Surprisingly, there's a lot to do there, too. You can even try catching fish from your boat for your dinner!

You have to stop at night when it is getting dark, so no other boats go past you. But the hardest thing to do is to go to sleep on the boat since it is  
30 always moving up and down in the water, of course, and the countryside is really, really dark; there're no streetlights. But I discovered the countryside isn't very quiet. Every morning I was woken up by the birds or the cows or a tractor or something else at 5.30 a.m. I was really tired after my holiday!

35 Why I'm telling you all this is that I'd love to go again but my parents don't want to. Would you like to come with me in the summer holidays? I remember you saying that school finishes then. It's not too expensive, about £ 300 each, but I know you also need to travel from Germany. Let me know if you are interested. Maybe your parents will pay - you can always  
40 tell them it's good for your English, then I'm sure they'll want you to go! I hope you'll let me know soon. I can send you more pictures, if you want.

Have fun,

Sam



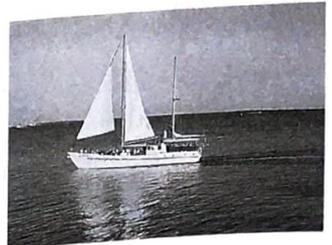
Fotos



A



B



C

Worksheet

1. True or false? Tick (✓) the right answer.

- a) Sam enjoyed the holiday.
- b) Sam's parents bought a boat.
- c) The boat was very small.
- d) Sam was bored on the boat.
- e) It is forbidden to sail at night.
- f) Sam found the countryside noisy.
- g) Sam does not want to go again.
- h) Sam took many photographs on holiday.

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2. Look at Sam's photographs and read the first paragraph carefully.

a) Which is the boat Sam and his family used? Mark with a cross.

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b) Name the type of boat in each photograph.

Photograph A \_\_\_\_\_

Photograph B \_\_\_\_\_

Photograph C \_\_\_\_\_

c) What is the area called where Sam and his family were on holiday and where exactly was the boat at the time the photograph was taken?

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3. Answer the questions using one sentence, or complete the statements.

a) Sam doesn't normally \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b) Where did Sam's parents find out about their holiday?

\_\_\_\_\_

c) What type of boat didn't Sam want to go on?

\_\_\_\_\_

d) Sam and his parents had to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ the boat.

e) What did the family do in Norwich?

\_\_\_\_\_

f) Why did Sam wake up early on his holiday?

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4. Tick (✓) the right ending to each sentence.

a) They stayed every night ...

in Norwich.

somewhere different.

near small towns for groceries.

b) The Broads ...

are rivers.

were made by people.

are near Norfolk.

c) The countryside was dark because ...

there were no streets.

the streetlights were switched off.

there weren't any streetlights.

d) Sam wants to know ...

if you are doing anything.

if you have enough money for a holiday.

if you are interested in a holiday together on the Broads.

e) The holiday will cost you ...

more than £ 300.

£ 300.

less than £ 300.

f) Sam thinks that maybe your parents will pay because ...

they like boats, too.

it will help you.

it's in the summer holidays.

