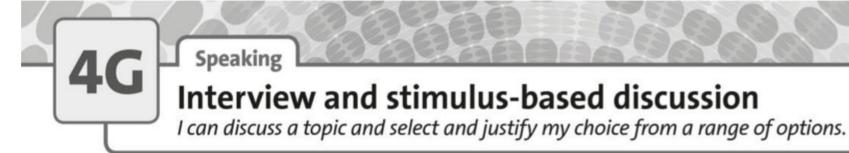
## SOLUTIONS UPPER-INTERMEDIATE 2 UNIT 4: HOLIDAYS AND TOURISM

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1 When you plan travelling for leisure, what is the most important consideration for you before you make your choice? Why? Tell your partner. Use the ideas below to help you.

cost interest location safety time your own idea

2 Read the task below. Decide which advert is more appealing to you. Think of four reasons.

You are planning a holiday abroad. Read the adverts below. Which trip appeals to you more? Say why and explain why you are rejecting the other option.





3	Read the Speaking Strategy below. Listen to a student doing the task. Tick the topics she mentions. Were any of her reasons the same as yours?			
	comfort Cost Safety	boredom	convenience length of trip sea sickness	

### **Speaking Strategy**

When you explain which item you are choosing, try to give a number of different reasons for your choice. When you are saying why you reject the other options, try again to give more than one reason. Do not simply give opposite reasons. Try to come up with different arguments.

## 4 (1) Listen again. Tick the phrases the student uses.

1	I think I'll choose mainly because	L
2	I'm opting for and that's because	
3	The best option would be the because	
4	I wouldn't pick the for the reason that	
5	I wouldn't go for the basically because	
6	The (other) reason why I'm (not) choosing the is that	

5 Read the task and look at the photos below. Compare the options. Prepare the reasons for your choice under the headings (1-4) below.

You are on holiday abroad. Which of these activities would you choose and why? Say why you are rejecting the other option.

- 1 interest for you
  2 location
  3 cost
  4 time required
- 6 Now do the task using your notes from exercise 5.



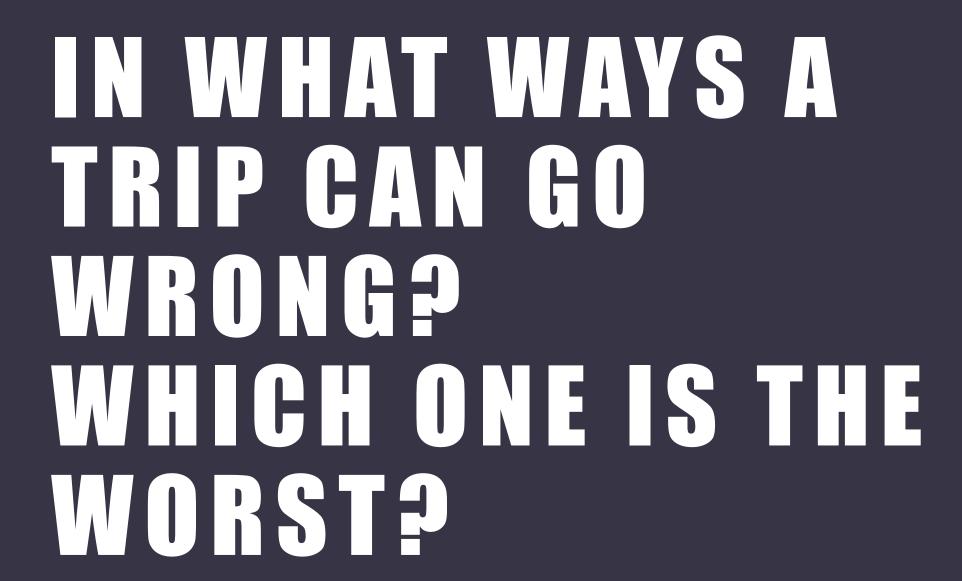












1 SPEAKING Why do people stay in youth hostels? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

2 SPEAKING Read the task. What things do you think might have gone wrong? Discuss and make a list of possible problems.

On a recent holiday, you and a group of friends stayed in a youth hostel. You were very dissatisfied with the experience. Write a letter to the owner saying why you are unhappy and suggest ways in which he/she could improve the hostel.

3 Read the letter. Were any of the complaints similar to your list in exercise 2?

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to complain about our stay at your youth hostel from 14–16 May.

I reserved a room for four with a shower room, and I received confirmation of the booking. However, when we arrived, the receptionist maintained there was no record of my reservation. I produced my confirmation slip, but she just said that 'something must have been wrong with the website that day'.

We were given beds in a fourteen-person room with ten other people. The room did not seem clean. There was one bathroom for all of us, which was dirty with no toilet paper. I complained about it, but the receptionist said that she had enough to do. Then she said the hostel was full and that we might have to do without sheets on the beds! Eventually, we found some sheets and cleaned the bathrooms ourselves. There was no apology at any point.

I feel strongly that we were treated very poorly by your organisation. Firstly, I suggest that your online booking system be reviewed, as there are clearly problems. Secondly, your staff should be trained to be more welcoming, and more helpful when problems arise. Thirdly, there should be more staff when the hostel is full. And finally, I request that there be sufficient bed linen, so that other guests are not inconvenienced as we were.

I feel we deserve some compensation and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

4 Read the Writing Strategy and find examples of each of the four points in the letter.

#### **Writing Strategy**

When you write a formal letter:

- 1 Divide your letter into paragraphs.
- 2 In the introduction, explain why you are writing. At the end, tell the reader what you would like them to do.
- 3 Use formal language and avoid contractions and abbreviations.
- 4 Use the appropriate phrases to start and finish your letter, depending on whether you know the recipient by name.

Dear Sir or Madam → Yours faithfully

Dear Mr Black / Ms White, etc. → Yours sincerely

5 Match the highlighted formal expressions in the letter with the informal words and phrases below.

do not have problems got happen looked at really think said she didn't say sorry showed her

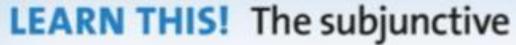
6 Read the Learn this! box. Then find two examples of the subjunctive form in the letter.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PRESENT THIRD PERSON SINGULAR VERB WITHOUT 'S'? OR PAST VERB USED IN PRESENT OR FUTURE SENTENCESP

## IT IS NECESSARY THAT THEY BE WARNED OF THE RISKS.

# IRECOMMEND THAT HE VISIT A DOCTORP







- We can use the subjunctive in formal English for requests, suggestions, demands, etc.
- The subjunctive form of the verb is the same as the base form (e.g. go, be, look, etc.)
- We use the subjunctive in that clauses with ask, demand, insist, recommend, propose, request, suggest. He insists that you leave now.
   I suggest that the showers be cleaned more regularly.

On a recent holiday you and a group of friends stayed on a campsite. You were very dissatisfied with the experience. Write a letter to the owner saying why you are unhappy and suggest ways in which he/she might improve the campsite.

7 Read the task above. Make notes about what you will complain about. Use the ideas below or your own ideas.

no food available overcrowded queues for everything shop / swimming pool, etc. was closed showers / restaurants, etc. were dirty staff were impolite / unhelpful

8 Write your letter of complaint using your notes in exercise 7.

#### **CHECK YOUR WORK**



Have you ...

- followed the structure in the Writing Strategy?
- used appropriate opening and closing phrases?
- used the subjunctive to make suggestions?

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## **Vocabulary Review**

Play Holiday Dominoes in pairs.

share apartment	guest	'	the si
house	package		off o
holiday	youth		over
hostel	house		your
swap	eco		some
tourism	camp		back
site	mind-		your
blowing	run-		a loca
down	over		acros
crowded	breath		
taking	self-catering	-	off th
apartment	time	!	up th

1 1 1	the sights	set
1 1 1 .	off on a journey	stop
	over at different places	pamper
	yourself at a spa	do
 	some volunteer work	get
	back home	recharge
	your batteries	taste
1 1 1	a local dish	come
	across something new	sleep
	rough	go
	off the beaten track	put
1 1 1	up the tent	see

## ASSIGN MENTE WORKBOOK 4H CABULARY BUILDER GRAMMAR BUILDER WRITING PART (PAMPHLET)

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY**