

SOLUTIONS UPPER-INTERMEDIATE 2

UNIT 4:

HOLIDAYS AND TOURISM

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Speaking

Interview and stimulus-based discussion

I can discuss a topic and select and justify my choice from a range of options.

- 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.

A



ONLY £20 FOR STUDENTS.


**TRAVEL THE
CANALS FOR
A COUPLE OF
HOURS.**

B



Private day trips
Have lunch in the old port.

***Only
£30 for
students.***

- 3  1.23 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

boredom

convenience

cost

interest

length of trip


safety

speed

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  1.23 Listen again. Tick the phrases the student uses.

1 I think I'll choose ... mainly because ...

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.

A

Get ready for your first paragliding experience!

No experience necessary – just a head for heights!

Only £25 for students.



B

PARAGLIDING FOR ADVENTURE LOVERS

ONLY £50 FOR STUDENTS.





SOAK UP THE SUN




**WE'RE 5 AND THIS ROOM IS TOO SMALL
FOR US!
I WISH WE ...**



I WISH WE'D BOOKED A BIGGER ONE.





**IN WHAT WAYS A
TRIP CAN GO
WRONG?
WHICH ONE IS THE
WORST?**

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
SENTENCES?**



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



**I RECOMMEND
THAT HE VISIT A
DOCTOR?**



**SHE WISHED SHE
WERE FREE TO GO
WHEREVER SHE
WANTS.**

LEARN THIS! The subjunctive



- 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

house

package

holiday

youth

hostel

house

swap

eco

tourism

camp

site

mind-

blowing

run-

down

over

crowded

breath

taking

self-catering

apartment

time

the sights

set

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

a local dish

come

across something new

sleep

rough

go

off the beaten track

put

up the tent

see

ASSIGNMENT:
WORKBOOK 4H
VOCABULARY BUILDER
GRAMMAR BUILDER
WRITING PART (PAMPHLET)

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY