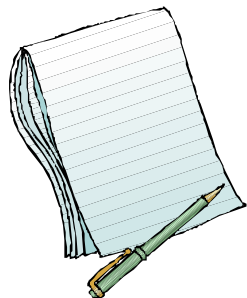


## Chapter 1: Holiday Plans



- What month is test time in your country?
- Are you good at doing tests?
- How do you study for tests?
- What do you usually do on your holidays?
- Have you ever been somewhere exciting for a vacation?

### Section A: Vocabulary

Look at the following words from the story. Do you know what they mean? Choose the correct synonym.

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| 1. _____ University   | (a) a hot season                    |
| 2. _____ Examination  | (b) make your mind up; choose       |
| 3. _____ Holiday      | (c) rush; speed up                  |
| 4. _____ Summer       | (d) place of higher education       |
| 5. _____ Cottage      | (e) agreement to do something; plan |
| 6. _____ Reply        | (f) response; answer                |
| 7. _____ Decide       | (g) test                            |
| 8. _____ Grass        | (h) log cabin; bungalow             |
| 9. _____ Hurry        | (i) day(s) off from school or work  |
| 10. _____ Arrangement | (j) lawn                            |

**Section B: Comprehension Questions**

Answer the following questions. Write your answer in full sentences.

1. What happens in May at universities in England?
2. Please describe Paul, Charles and Sheila.
3. What were the students talking about?
4. What is Paul going to do in the summer holidays? How about Charles and Sheila?
5. What is the cottage like?
6. How long did Sheila and Charles plan to stay?
7. How will they get there?
8. What station will they need to go to? On what day and at what time?
9. Did Paul meet them at the station?
10. What did they notice at the station?

**Section C: Phrasal Verbs**

One of the following phrasal verbs means to *lift*. Can you guess which one?

- (a) pick on      (b) pick at      (c) pick up      (d) pick out

Now try to put the above phrasal verbs into the sentences below. You will need to think about what the phrasal verb means, and how it fits within the sentence. Good luck...

1. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ the briefcase and left his office.
2. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ out a dress to wear to the party yet?
3. Sally, you shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ your little brother.
4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your food. Eat properly!

**Section D: Fill in the Blanks**

Use the words in the box to complete this paragraph from the story.

*You may need to change the form of some words. The first one has been done.*

usually      months      replied      Greece      stay      cottage      asked

"It's not my (1) cottage," replied Paul. "It belongs to my uncle. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ goes there for his holidays every summer. But this year he's going to (3) \_\_\_\_\_. And I'm going to stay in his cottage for two (4) \_\_\_\_\_. – July and August." "Where are you going for your holidays?" Paul (5) \_\_\_\_\_. "We don't know," (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Sheila. "We haven't decided yet." "Why don't you both come to Wales?" said Paul. "You can (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with me a week or two."