

Coffee Break **English**

Season 1, Lesson 1



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Bonus lesson notes

In this bonus episode, we listen to a conversation between Josie and Mark about holidays. Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

QUESTIONS

The answers are after the conversation.

1. Does Mark like beach holidays? Why / why not?
2. What doesn't Josie like about beach holidays?
3. Does Josie live in the city or in the countryside?
4. Where is Mark staying in his dream holiday?
5. What does Mark do in the evening on his dream holiday?
6. Where is Josie on her dream holiday?
7. Where is she staying on her dream holiday?
8. What does Josie do in the evening on her dream holiday?

Conversation

Josie: What kind of holidays do you like, Mark? Do you like beach holidays?

Mark: Not really. I think beach holidays are a bit boring. I prefer going on a city break. I love exploring a new city and sightseeing.

Josie: Me too, I think city breaks are more interesting than beach holidays. I don't like hot weather, so one hour of lying on the beach is enough for me!

Mark: I think that's normal for Scottish people! Do you like holidays in the countryside?

Josie: Yes, I do. I live in a city, so being in the countryside is very relaxing. I love being in the middle of nowhere, maybe in the mountains. So, imagine you are on your dream holiday. Where are you? What are you doing?

Mark: Oh, that's a difficult question! I think on my dream holiday I'm in Paris. I'm staying in a really nice hotel in the city centre. Every morning I go to a cafe for a coffee and a croissant, and then I walk around the city all day. I go sightseeing - to the Eiffel Tower, and the Louvre, and the Arc de Triomphe. In the evening I go to a nice restaurant and eat delicious food.

Josie: That sounds very nice!

Mark: My mouth is watering thinking about all of that tasty French food! What about you? Where are you on your dream holiday?

Josie: Hmm, I'm in Scotland on my dream holiday! I'm in the countryside, on one of the islands off the west coast. I'm travelling by car, and I'm staying on a campsite in a tent. I'm by the beach, but it's quite cold! Every day I go hiking on the island, and if I'm feeling brave I swim in the sea! In the evening I cook dinner outside and watch the sunset.

Mark: Well, that's very different from my holiday, but it sounds lovely!

Vocabulary

to sightsee

to visit interesting places and monuments in a new place

countryside

a rural area; not in a town or city

the middle of nowhere

far away from towns, cities, and people

my mouth is watering

the food sounds delicious; I want to eat it

tasty

(food) having a nice flavour

campsite

a place to camp, using a tent or caravan

hiking

going for a long walk, usually in the countryside or mountains

brave

not scared; showing courage

sunset

the time in the evening when the sun disappears

ANSWERS

1. No. He thinks they are boring.
2. She doesn't like hot weather.
3. She lives in the city.
4. He is staying in a nice hotel in the city centre.
5. He goes to a restaurant to eat delicious food.
6. She is on an island off the west coast of Scotland.
7. She is staying in a tent, on a campsite.
8. She cooks a simple dinner and watches the sunset.