



Planning Our Next Vacation

A. Reading

My husband and I have never taken a holiday together. We've wanted to take a holiday for a long time, but we have never had the same holiday schedule. Next month, we both have two weeks off work, so we're trying to plan a vacation. I wanted to go to Hawaii, but my husband has already been to Hawaii. He wants to go skiing in Vermont. He's never skied before. I don't like skiing. I've skied three times in my life, but I don't think I want to do it again. I'm afraid of heights and don't want to ride the gondola.

My husband also wants to go camping, but I've already gone camping twice this year. He grew up in the city and has never spent much time in the woods. I grew up in the country and have gone camping every year since I was 12 years old. I want to go somewhere I've never been before. We both want to go on a cruise. My husband has been on a cruise before. He went to the Caribbean. He had a good time, but we want to go somewhere unusual. Neither of us has been to Alaska, so we thought of taking a cruise in Glacier Bay. That is definitely an unusual vacation! There are so many unusual things to see. I have never seen whales before, and my husband has never seen icebergs. We have never hiked along glaciers. We have both decided that an Alaskan cruise is the best idea for our vacation.

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B. Questions

1. Have they ever taken a holiday together?

2. When do they plan to go on a vacation together?

3. Which of them has already been to Hawaii?

4. Has her husband ever skied before?

5. Does she want to go camping? Why or why not?

6. Has her husband ever been on a cruise?

7. Has either of them been to Alaska?

8. Why do they want to go to Glacier Bay?

9. Has she ever seen whales before?

10. Has her husband ever seen icebergs before?



I'm Very Stressed

A. Reading

I'm very stressed. It has been a very busy week, and I've fallen behind schedule at work. I was supposed to have finished typing a letter for my boss by this morning, but I haven't even started it yet. I have a meeting this afternoon with an important client, but I haven't prepared for it yet. I have to give a speech at our annual conference tomorrow, but I haven't started writing it yet. I haven't even decided what to write about. I have come up with a few ideas, but I'm scared it will be too similar to the speech that was given last year. Each time I start to write, the phone rings. Now I have stopped answering the phone because I can't get any work done with the interruptions. I haven't even eaten my lunch yet, but I haven't got time to go buy a sandwich. I have already canceled two meetings for tomorrow because I'm so behind in my work. I have to reschedule those meetings for later in the week. Even when I go home this evening, I will still have work to do. I have to buy groceries because we have eaten almost everything in the house. Also, for the last three days, I have forgotten to mail a very important letter. I will have to mail it tonight. I will be glad when this week is over!

I'm Very Stressed cont.

B. Questions

1. Why is he so stressed?

2. Has he started typing the letter for his boss yet?

3. Has he prepared for his meeting yet?

4. Has he started writing his speech for the conference tomorrow?

5. Why is it taking him so long to write his speech?

6. Has he eaten his lunch yet?

7. Why does he have to reschedule some meetings for later in the week?

8. Can he relax at home this evening? Why or why not?

9. What has he forgotten to do for the last three days?

10. What will he be glad about?



Yuko in Montreal

A. Reading

Yuko moved to Montreal this year. She has lived in Montreal for about eight months. When she moved to Montreal from Tokyo, she was a little nervous and scared, but now she feels very comfortable and knows the city very well. She has found a nice apartment downtown, and it's not too expensive. She has found a job teaching Japanese, and she likes it a lot. She's also seen a lot of places and done a lot of things in Montreal. For example, Yuko has been to Mount Royal, she has ridden on the Metro, she's eaten a Montreal bagel, and she's met a cute Montreal man. She's also learned a lot of French and improved her English. She has made a lot of friends, too. Some of her friends are from Montreal, but some of them have recently moved to Montreal just like Yuko. She has been to many bars and clubs on Saint Laurent Street. She has even joined a jazz band, and they often play in bars and nightclubs. Yuko plays piano in the band. She has taken many photographs of Montreal since she arrived. She likes the brightly painted houses. She has visited many museums and art galleries. She has even survived the cold Montreal winter! She has fallen in love with the city and all its charms.

Yuko in Montreal cont.

B. Questions

1. How long has Yuko lived in Montreal?

2. Does she feel more comfortable in Montreal now than when she first moved there?

3. Has she found an apartment yet?

4. Has she found a job? If so, what is it?

5. What has Yuko seen and done in Montreal?

6. Has she learned a lot of French in Montreal?

7. Has she made a lot of friends in Montreal? If so, describe them.

8. Yuko often goes out in the evening. What has she done that allows her to go more often to bars and nightclubs?

9. How does she feel about Montreal?

About You

A. Questions

Answer the following questions using the present perfect.

1. Have you ever been on a cruise?

2. How many times have you skied in your life?

3. Have you fallen behind in your work/schoolwork this week?

4. Have you forgotten to do something important this week?

5. Have you recently moved to a new city? If so, where?

6. Have you made a new friend recently? If so, describe him or her.

Your Own Story

A. Drawing

Draw a picture in the box, or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Using the present perfect, write a short paragraph about the picture in the box. Use your notebook if you don't have enough space below.

Your Own Story cont.

C. Questions

Write five questions about your paragraph.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. Answers

Give your story and questions to a classmate.

Have them read your story and answer your questions below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____