



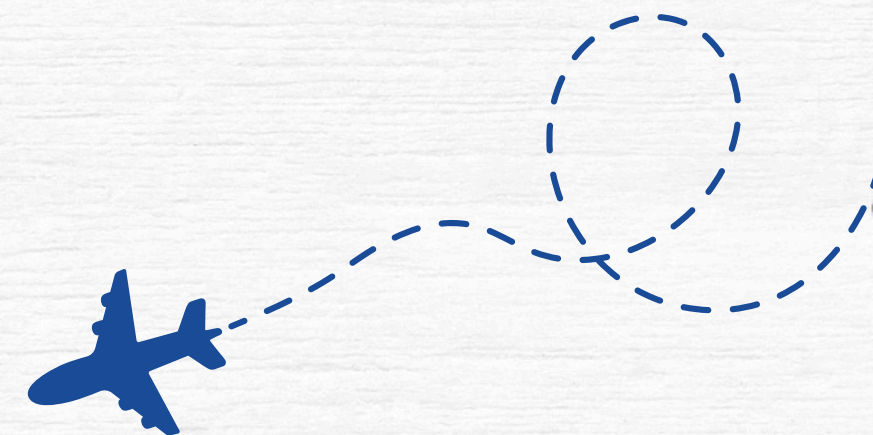
SPEAKING LESSON

DREAM VACATION

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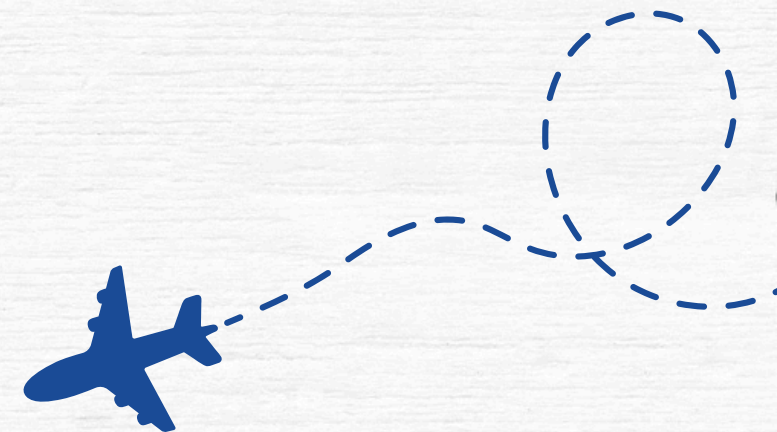
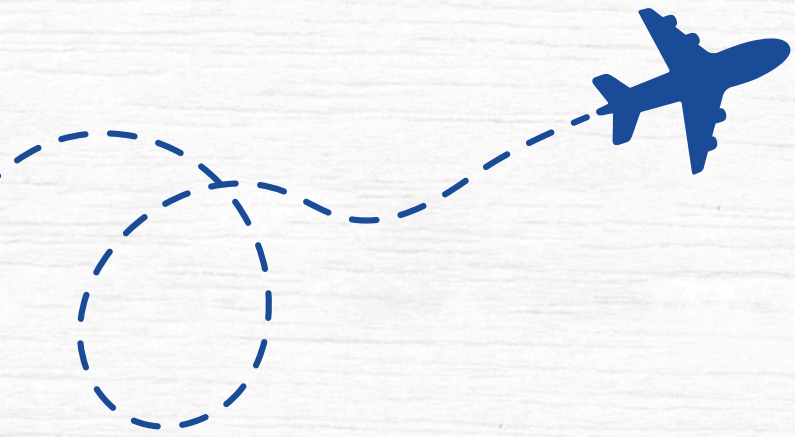


**Name 5 words related
to holidays.**



Answer the questions.

- 1) Where did you go on your last trip? Talk about where you went and what you did.
- 2) What is the best place for a vacation in your country? Why is it good?
- 3) How long should a vacation be? How long does it take you to really relax?



Read the comments. Match the underlined phrases with their definitions.



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- 1) _____ - to go to a different or more interesting place, often to feel refreshed or break from a routine. It implies a change in environment.
- 2) _____ - to have a very good time, often involving spending money, going to parties.
- 3) _____ - to relax and enjoy yourself freely; to become less formal and serious.
- 4) _____ - something new, refreshing, or different that makes things feel better or more exciting. It can refer to a person, an idea, or a situation.
- 5) _____ - to decide how to deal with a situation as it develops, rather than planning in advance. To be flexible and adapt to circumstances.
- 6) _____ - doing something with very little money.



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- 1) *Have a change of scenery* - to go to a different or more interesting place, often to feel refreshed or break from a routine. It implies a change in environment.
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- 5) *Play it by ear* - to decide how to deal with a situation as it develops, rather than planning in advance. To be flexible and adapt to circumstances.
- 6) *On a shoestring* - doing something with very little money.

Complete the statements with the correct words.
Do you agree with these statements? Explain your answer.

I'm the person who always needs to have a change of (1) _____ for my vacations. I can't go to the same place twice!

I'm the person who likes to (2) _____ it up a little on vacation. I think it's the perfect time to enjoy nice food and maybe buy a special souvenir.

I'm the person who really wants to let my hair (3) _____ on vacation. I just want to relax and forget about all my worries from home.

I'm the person who usually travels on a (4) _____. I like to find cheap ways to see new places and save money.

I'm the person who likes to (5) _____ it by ear when I'm on vacation. I don't like too many plans, I prefer to decide what to do each day.

I'm the person who really needs my vacations to be a (6) _____ of fresh air because my normal life can be a bit boring.

a play

c scenery

e down

b shoestring

d live

f breath



Describe the photos using the idioms below.
You can make negative or interrogative sentences.



play it by ear

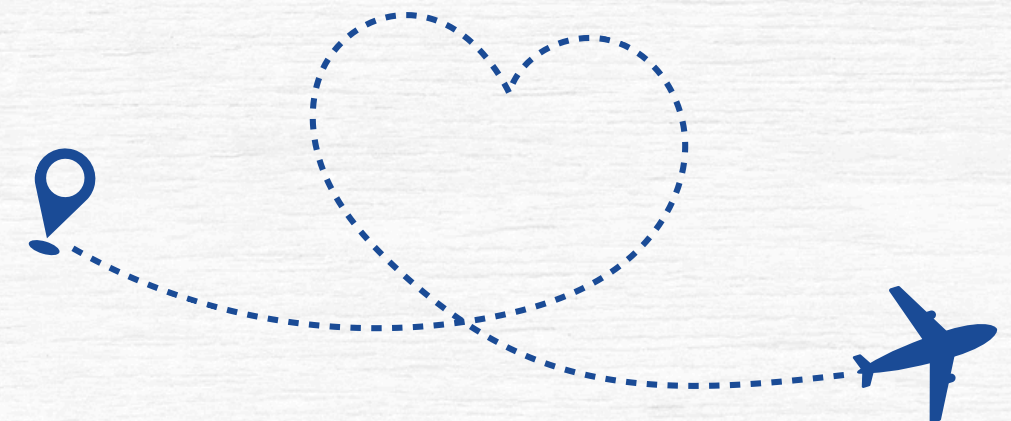
on a shoestring

let your hair down

live it up

have a change of scenery

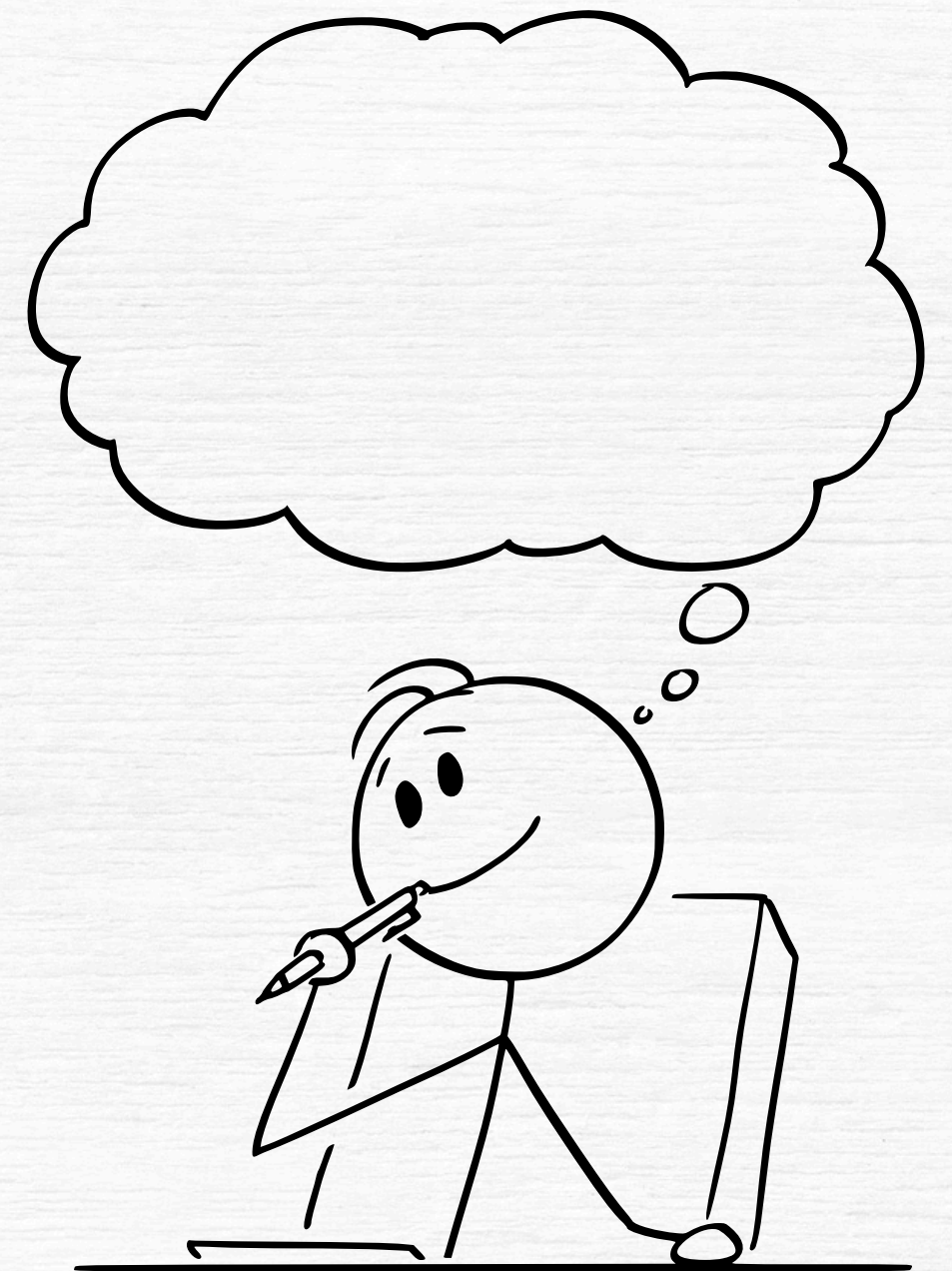
a breath of fresh air



Unscramble the words and answer the questions.



- Do you like to lte yuor ihar donw completely when you're on holiday, or do you still prefer to have a strict schedule? What do you do to relax?
- When going to a new city, is it better to have a clear plan or to plya ti yb aer to discover new things?
- If you had a lot of money and wanted to live ti pu on your next vacation, where would you go and what luxurious things would you do?
- After a long and stressful period, what kind of short trip or activity could be a brtaeh fo fesrh iar for you?
- Have you ever travelled no a sheotsnrig? What was your experience like, and what tips would you give for a budget trip?
- What kind of vacation do you usually prefer when you want to ahve a cahgne fo scneery? Do you prefer mountains, the beach, or a big city?





Imagine you have won a small travel prize! You can choose one of the amazing places for a 4-day, 3-night vacation. Look at the photos and read the descriptions carefully. Choose the place that sounds most interesting to you. Explain your choice. Then follow instructions after it.



1



Kyoto, Japan

Ancient capital with beautiful temples, traditional gardens, and geisha districts. Very spiritual and calm, but also modern.



Kinkaku-ji



Fushimi Inari-taisha

What to do :

- ✓ *visit historical temples (Kinkaku-ji, Fushimi Inari-taisha).*
- ✓ *explore bamboo forests.*
- ✓ *experience a traditional tea ceremony.*
- ✓ *try delicious Japanese food (sushi, ramen).*



ramen



tea ceremony

2



Reykjavik, Iceland

The capital of Iceland, known for its unique volcanic landscapes, geothermal pools. It's very modern and eco-friendly.

What to do :

- ✓ *relax in the Blue Lagoon (geothermal spa).*
- ✓ *visit Hallgrímskirkja church.*
- ✓ *explore the city's vibrant art and music scene.*
- ✓ *go on a Golden Circle tour (geysers, waterfalls).*



*Blue Lagoon
(geothermal spa)*



*Hallgrímskirkja
church*



waterfall



geysers

3



*Amsterdam,
Netherlands*

*A charming city
with beautiful
canals, historic
houses, world-class
museums, and a
relaxed, bike-
friendly
atmosphere.*



Anne Frank House



Van Gogh Museum



Jordaan district



stroopwafels

What to do :

- ✓ *visit the Anne Frank House.*
- ✓ *explore the Van Gogh Museum.*
- ✓ *walk through the Jordaan district.*
- ✓ *try Dutch cheese and stroopwafels.*

4



Siem Reap,
Cambodia

The gateway to the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, surrounded by lush jungle. A spiritual and historically rich destination.



temples of Angkor
Wat



floating village on
Tonlé Sap Lake



Khmer cuisine



Apsara dance show

What to do :

- ✓ explore the temples of Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and Bayon at sunrise/sunset.
- ✓ visit a floating village on Tonlé Sap Lake.
- ✓ enjoy Khmer cuisine.
- ✓ watch an Apsara dance show.

My Dream Vacation Planner

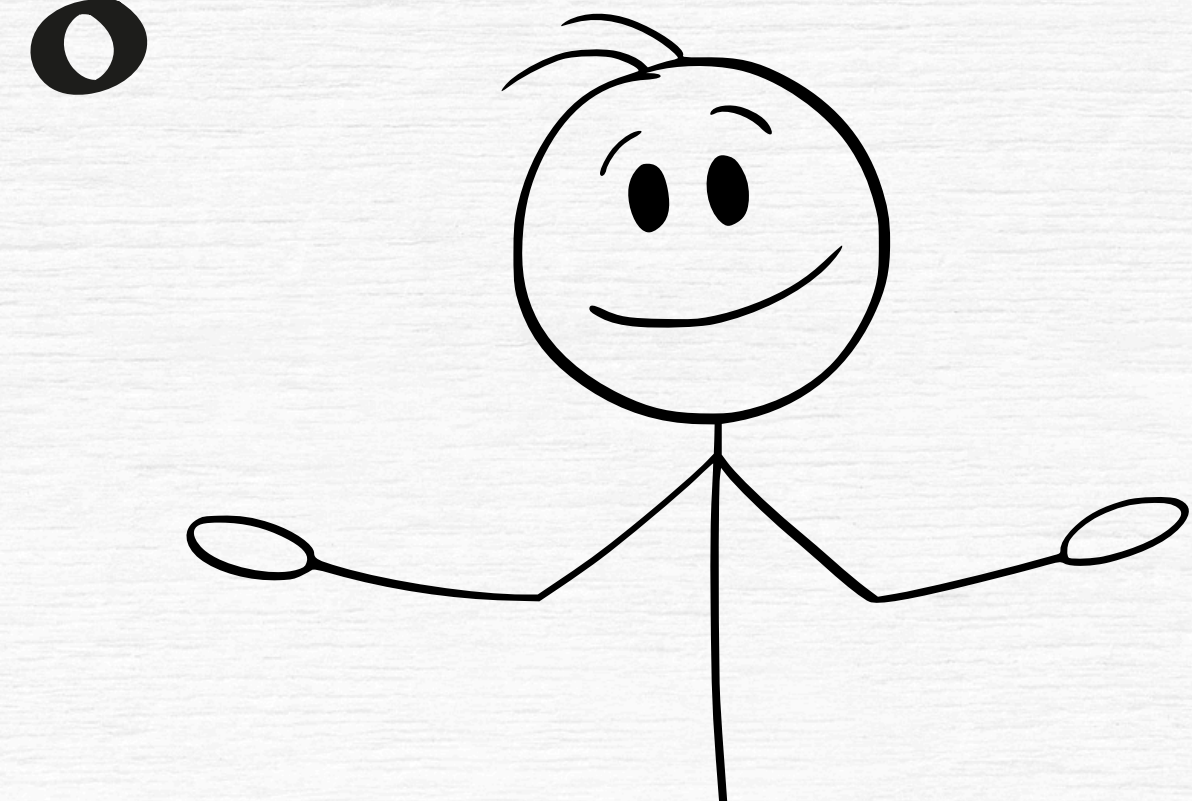


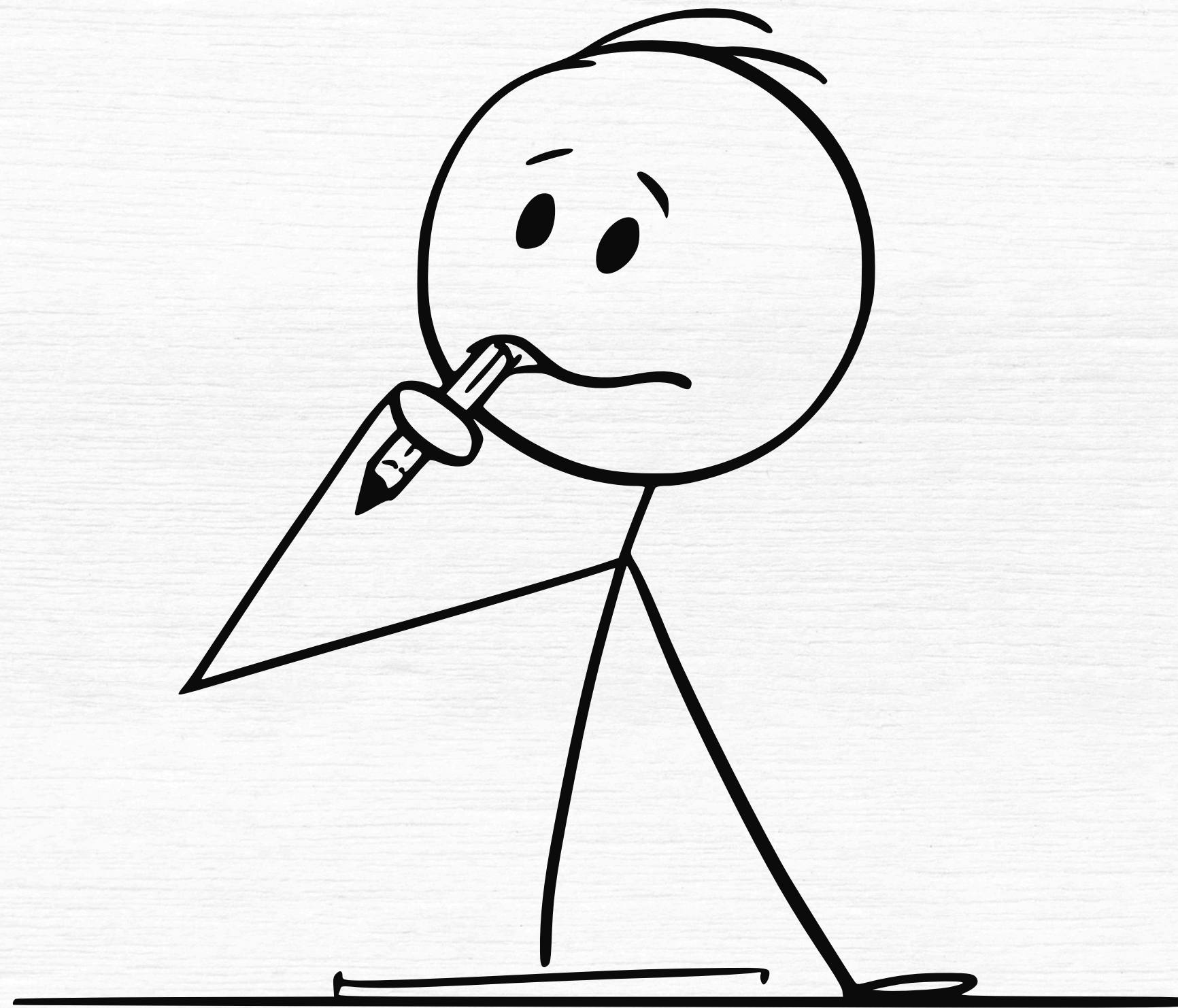
Now it's time to plan your perfect 4-day, 3-night vacation! Think about what you are going to do each day. Use the idioms from the lesson.

Think about these things:

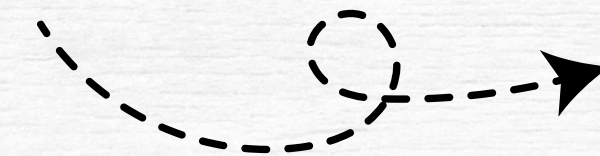
- **Accommodation:** Where are you going to stay? (e.g., a hotel, a hostel, an Airbnb)
- **Activities:** What are you going to do each day? (Choose 2–3 main activities for each day)
- **Food:** What local food or drinks are you going to try?
- **Transport:** How are you going to get around the city/country?
- **Mood/Feeling:** What kind of experience are you going to have? (e.g., relaxing, adventurous, cultural)

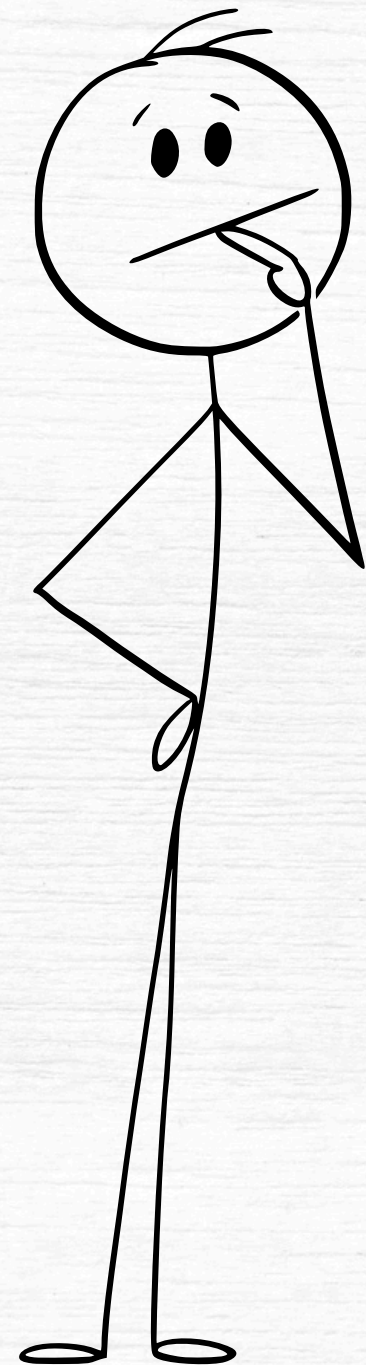
I chose Kyoto, Japan, because I am going to have a change of scenery and experience a very different culture.





*Read the situations and think about
the best solution. Explain your
answer.*

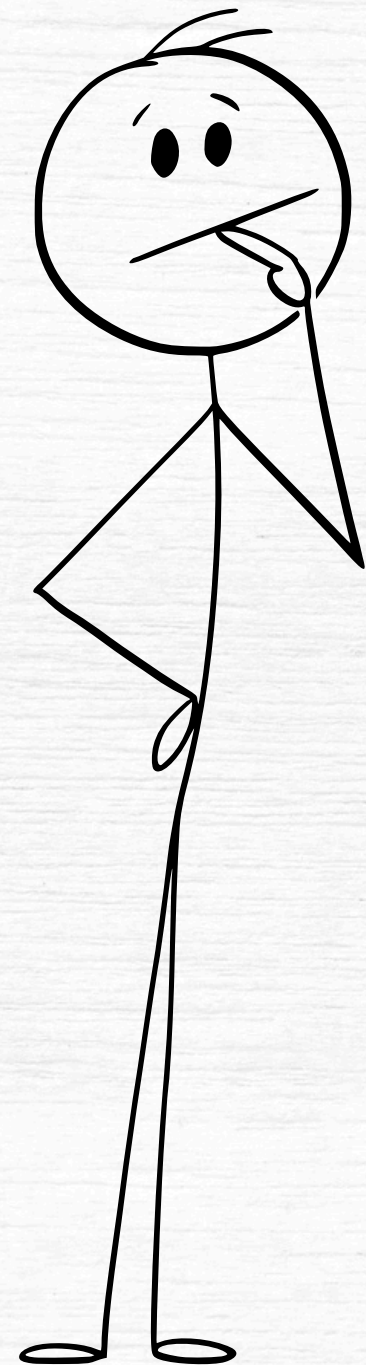




Mark feels bored and uninspired by his daily routine. He goes to the same office, does the same work, and sees the same people every day. He needs to have a change of scenery, but his job doesn't allow for much travel.



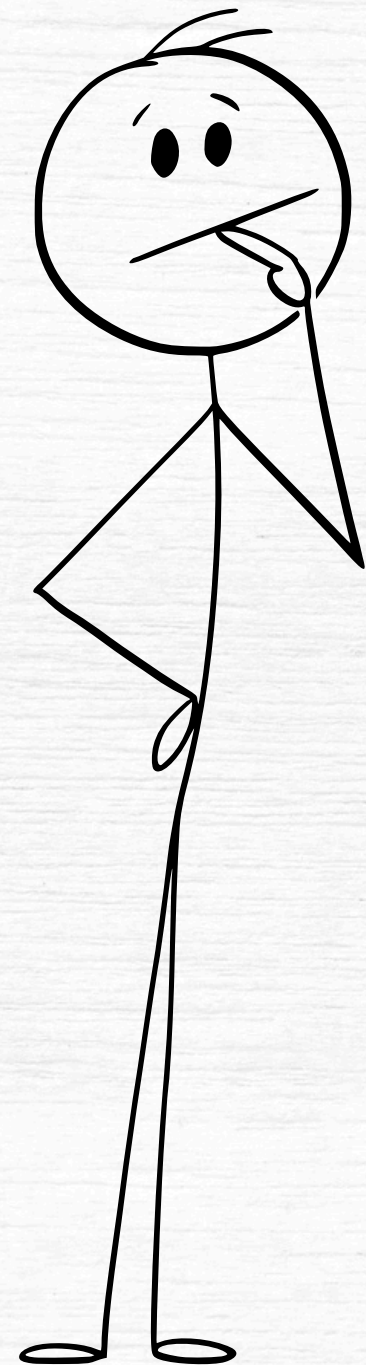
How can Mark find a change of scenery without quitting his job?



A group of friends wants to celebrate their graduation with a trip. However, they don't have much money. They want to live it up and have an unforgettable experience, but they have to do it on a shoestring.



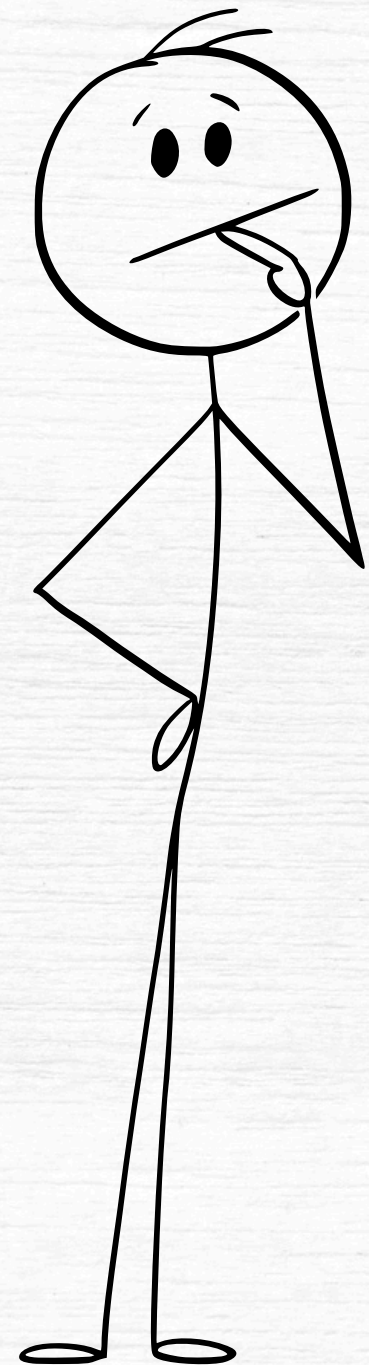
How can the friends have a great time and celebrate without spending a lot of money?



Sarah has a very important work trip coming up. She's been working long hours and feels tense. She knows she needs to let her hair down after the meetings, but she's not sure how to relax in an unfamiliar city.



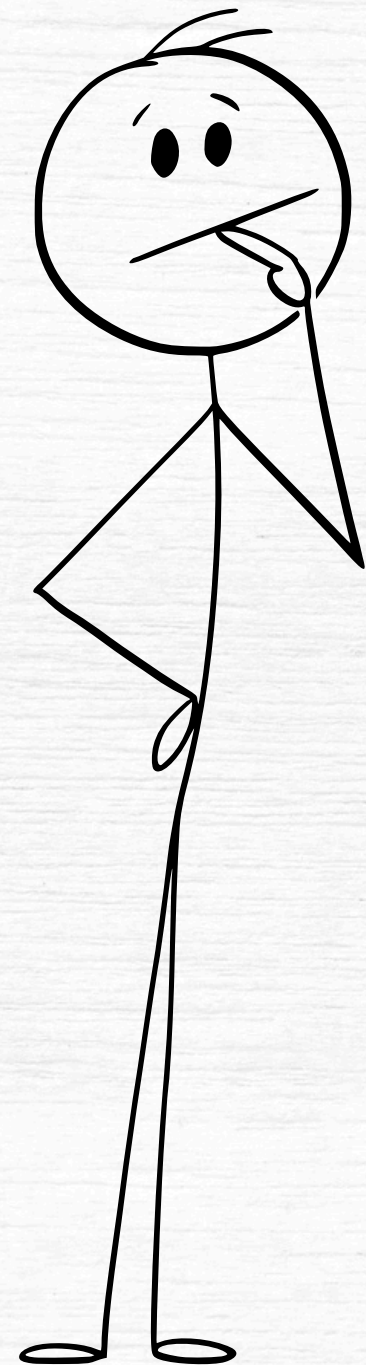
How can Sarah relax and let her hair down after her stressful work trip?



A group of friends decided to go on a road trip, but they didn't plan anything. They don't have a set itinerary or any hotel reservations. They want to play it by ear, but they're also worried about missing out on the best sights and experiences.



What are the pros and cons of playing it by ear on a road trip? How can the friends balance spontaneity with planning?



Lisa is traveling to visit her family, but her flight has a long, unexpected layover in a city she's never been to. She didn't budget for this extra time, so she's traveling on a shoestring. She wants to make the most of her time, but she doesn't want to spend a lot of money.



How can Lisa enjoy her unexpected layover without spending much money?