

Unit 1: Art Shows and Holidaying

Lesson 1: Holidaying

The importance of travelling

More than anything else, travelling is so important for us because of its advantages

First of all, travelling is a great spring of pleasure, relaxation, rest, and forgetting a whole year of stress due to studies and work.

Besides, when we travel, we nourish our knowledge and our culture because journeys make us able to learn more about one country's traditions, culture, habits, and lifestyles, Saint Augustine said ' **The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page** '

Furthermore, travelling allows us to enjoy the amazing sense of adventure also to break the ordinary daily routine as what Mark Twain said ' **Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.** '

In addition, travelling allows us to clear our minds and change our ideas about one's nation or anything else, Mark Twain also said ' **Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.** ' In the end, travelling is the sole way to relax, enjoy, and learn at the same time.

Lesson 2 : Space Tourism

□ Positive aspects of Space Tourism

- ❖ Personal experience
 - Satisfying the human desire of adventure
 - Challenge and making the impossibilities possible
 - Live a rare experience of weightlessness
- ❖ Good for humanity/ part of scientific research
 - Resolving mysteries that surround the outer space
 - Discovering an all-new world
 - Exploring space and discovering the yet undiscovered facts about space
 - Finding new minerals, new precious materials
 - Finding new human-like species in the outer space

□ Negative aspects of Space Tourism

- Dangerous : risk of death/ flying in the outer space is still not safe.
- Costly & Expensive : only the well-to-do can enjoy such an experience
The poor are deprived of the dream
- Unfair : the rich are splurging a billions of dollars to satisfy their stilly personal whims while millions of children in poor countries are starving to death

□ Space Exploration

- It's owing to it that we have thousands of satellite channels broadcasting around the world.
- It may lead to the exploration of new planets on which life can be possible, this can solve many of our daily problems such as pollution, overcrowd and soon.
- Many scientists claim that it can help a lot in the fight against many deadly diseases, namely AIDS.
- Scientific researches should have no boundaries as long as they aim at easing our life.

- Lesson 3: A Package Tour

□ Recommending about a holiday (a letter) Dear

Mr ... ,

I recently returned from my vacation in Hawaii with your company and That's why I would like to thank you very much for the great vacation. The vacation was a dream come true. We were treated like royalty !

- Accommodation : spacious room/ with a picturesque view/ calm and serenity of the place
- Options : air conditioning/ internet connection / spa/ gym
- Food : luscious & varied as expected/ taste the spicy food ...
- The residence (hotel, house...) is two-minute walk to the beach/ the city centre not far/ transport available (asadvertised)
- Staff/ guide/ room maid : friendly , helpful
- Enjoyed the scheduled programme (visits/ sightseeing/festivals/ excursions/ cruise)

We know now that we would have no hesitations about booking another vacation with you and we will highly recommend you to our friends thinking about a trip to Hawaii.

□ Complaining about a holiday

Dear Sir/Madam,

I booked a two-week holiday to Hawaii with your company. But I was extremely disappointed with the holiday. That's why I am writing to express my total dissatisfaction with the holiday you arranged for me as nothing was like what I expected.

To begin with, our bus reached the destination six hours later than planned. I must also mention that the bus driver seemed to be really unqualified and his incautious driving caused two small accidents. So, traveling by bus was very stressful.

When we had finally arrived to the hotel, I was slightly shocked – that hotel was completely different from the one described in your brochure. The room was tiny without any view on the sea as mentioned in the brochure.

Besides the hotel was not only dirty but also noisy, dust was everywhere and the bathrooms were smelly. Moreover, the food was not delicious at all, the same dish was served every night. What made matters worse, the hotel was so crowded and noisy that we could not sleep at night. Adding insult to injury, there was no guide for the tour, so we had to explore the place by ourselves and some of us got lost. In your brochure you state otherwise.

I travel frequently, and I am not used to witnessing such poor service. I believe I am entitled to a partial refund. If this is not forthcoming, I will take legal action to obtain it. Yours faithfully.

□ Package Holiday ❖

Advantages

More and more travel agencies offer package holidays, which include many services at a reasonable price. Package holidays are becoming popular with families, newlywed couples and pensioners. In spite of having multitude of advantages, package holidays also have some drawbacks.

The good thing about package holidays is you will know with a reasonable degree of certainty what the total cost of the holiday will be. Your flights, accomadation, meals and entertainment are included in the price. Another thing is that many packages offer facilities such as swimming, pool, restaurants, bars, children's clubs and activities such as cycling or tennis, so you will not get bored during your vacation.

What is more there are now a large number of tour operators offering tours to almost every corner of the world. You can spend your holidays in the Maldives, Egypt, Europe or the Far East.

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❖ Drawbacks

Package holidays have many advantages, but there are a number of disadvantages, too. To start with, you basically spend most of your time in the resort complex, so some of the more appealing tourist locations might go unvisited. It also means that you are stuck with whatever the hotel offers, which might be very good or might not be so good. However, the worst thing that might happen when you choose package holidays is that you can be cheated by the travel agency. After you get to the destination country, it may appear that your accommodation has not been paid or the hotel is below standard. On balance, it seems that package holidays have both advantages and disadvantages. They offer a comfortable and carefree way to spend your vacation, but they also have some drawbacks that people often tend to forget about.

Unit 2: Education Matters

Lesson 1: Education for all

The importance of Education

- Education develops our minds. We become good learners to understand all subjects of our study. We have the ability to understand our social rights and duties.
 - Education develops our noble obligation sense.
 - Due to education, we can make a difference between right and wrong. Through education we also understand our religious values and standards well.
 - An uneducated society cannot get success.
 - Education helps us to open our minds to improve ourselves.
 - Education is necessary for the success of every field and sector.
 - Students are the key to achievement for every country.
- So in respect to create or build good students, a good education system is needed.

□ Drawbacks of Dropping out of school Dear

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I've just received your letter which made me shocked after hearing that you are willing to drop out of school and as your close friend I find myself obliged to send you this letter to give you some tips. Obviously the first effect is that the person dropping out will not be as well educated thus it will make it harder to get a good, secure and decent paying job because some specific jobs require a minimum of high school graduation. Also, it can result in prevalence of crime, deterioration of the economy of the country, rising of percentage of illiteracy. So, my dear friend think twice and deeply before taking such a decision. I hope that you take my pieces of advice into consideration and look forward to receiving your good news.

Lesson 2: Virtual School & Online learning

❖ Advantages of Virtual School

- Easy/ flexible/ convenient : learners feel free to study whenever & wherever they like, no more obligation of attendance or travelling/ options are varied

- No rushing/No heavy bags
- Cheap : just a pc and internet connection/ less expenses for transportation, books...
- Information : available, varied, up-to-date, easy access to get
- Coping with globalization process : the world is becoming a small village where the no space are no more restricted behind walls
- Not being hustled about by large, intimidating crowds.
- Option for children with physical or personal health problems.



❖ Drawbacks of Virtual School

- Not practical/ harder : needs costly equipments (software & hardware) not attainable for the poor/ requires highly-skilled expertise (computer savvy people)
- Lack of motivation to learn / absence of competitiveness/ lazy students are more likely to fail
- Anti-pedagogic : necessity of face-to-face interaction/ the role of the teacher is minimized
- Anti-social : communication, friendship, community life more aloofness/can hamper social and verbal communication skills.

Lesson 3 : Life long Learning

□ Advantages of Lifelong learning

Lifelong learning has many benefits. It's the concept that **'It's never too late or too soon for learning'** First of all, it keeps the mind sharp and it improves the memory. Secondly, it improves self-confidence and offers an opportunity to try something new. Thirdly, it gives the learner the feeling of accomplishment. Also, it offers the learner the opportunity to keep in touch with people who share with him the same interests and make new acquaintances. Finally, it's an opportunity to acquire new skills and being optimistic and creative. Lesson 4 :

Ability Grouping

□ Advantages of Ability Grouping

- Students are not forced to rush or wait
- better achievement
- selecting suitable material, approach, assignment..
- high achievers excel, progress faster, build self-esteem, avoid boredom, compete more
- low achievers provided with more individual attention, repetition and review

□ Desadvantages of Ability Grouping

- Students May Get "Stuck" In a Group (nerdy vs dumb) /snob
- superiority vs inferiority - excuse to bullying / teasing
- lose self-esteem/ feel stigmatised
- additional work for teachers



Unit 3: Creative, Inventive minds

Lesson 1: Technology

The importance of technology

No one can deny the benefits of technology. Technology advances show people a more efficient way to do things, and these processes get results

- Education has been greatly advanced by the technological advances of computers. Students are able to learn on a global scale without ever leaving their classrooms.
- Agricultural processes that once required dozens upon dozens of human workers can now be automated, thanks to advances in technology, which means cost-efficiency for farmers.
- Medical discoveries occur at a much more rapid rate, thanks to machines and computers that aid in the research process and allow for more intense educational research into medical matters.

• The drawbacks of technology

The more advanced society becomes technologically, the more people begin to depend on computers and other forms of technology for everyday existence. This means that when a machine breaks or a computer crashes, humans become almost disabled until the problem is resolved. At the same time, human workers retain less value, which is a disadvantage of technological advances. Because machines automate processes and do the work of 10 people with one computer, companies find they don't need to employ as many people to get the job done. As machines and computers become even more advanced and efficient, this will continue to be a growing disadvantage of technology and an issue that has a global impact. Lesson 2: Internet

• The importance of internet

- Information on almost every subject imaginable and powerful search engines - Ability to do research from your home.
- Information at various levels of study. Everything from scholarly articles to ones directed at children.
- It facilitates communication between people all over the world - It allows us to save time and energy.
- Platform for products like SKYPE, which allow for holding a video conference with anyone in the world.
- News, of all kinds is available almost instantaneously. Commentary, on that news, from every conceivable viewpoint is also available.

• The drawbacks of internet

- There is a lot of wrong information on the internet. Anyone can post anything, and much of it is garbage.

- There are predators that hang out on the internet waiting to get unsuspecting people in dangerous situations.
- Some people are getting addicted to the internet and thus causing problems with their interactions of friends and family.
- Easy to waste a lot of time on the internet. You can start surfing, and then realize time has passed than you realized.
- Hackers can create viruses that can get into your personal computer and ruin your data.



Lesson 3: Video games

- The advantages of video games
 - Our concentration and presence of mind power grows up and promote attention to details.
 - It is also a good relaxation better than sleeping.
 - We get the practice to face the future difficulties in life.
 - Develop analytic ability and cognitive function.
 - We spent very less time to learn the games with the help of these play stations, on comparing with the outdoor games.
 - We got a little bit satisfaction when we won in games.
 - This gives us the inspiration to win in my life also.
- The drawbacks of video games
 - We lack in our physical health.
 - Neglect study
 - There is a possibility to become an addict to those games.
 - We lack our neighbor's contact.
 - We can't able to concentrate on the matters other than these games.
 - It makes us like a man-machine.
 - We have very less opportunity to play outdoor games with our friends.
 - It is bane to our mind.
 - Violence, copying violent video game crimes
 - taking drugs, getting drunk and smoking
 - give people false expectations of real life

Lesson 4: Brain Drain

Brain drain is the movement of highly skilled and qualified people from developing nations to developed countries to earn more money.

- The drawbacks of Brain Drain
 - This problem has become acute that many are worrying about its effects on the economic development of the country
 - Poor country are wasting efforts and energies in favour of the western nations while they are in need for their contribution in economics, education, health, planning, scientific research and technology
 - Spending a lot of money on education and training a students who will leave to other wealthy countries represent a big financial loss to poor nations.
 - Developing countries are deprived from millions of their skilled workers, doctors and engineers . Those elites represent the backbone of their economies and once they travel abroad, the economies will not flourish and promote.

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- Solution to reduce Brain Drain
 - Developing countries should reduce the push factors that make elites flee to Europe and America. - Poor nations should understand the contributions of scientists by improving their working conditions.
 - provide the highly-skilled intellectuals with the necessary tools of scientific research
 - To give extra privileges (high salaries) and encourage them to stay



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Lesson 5: Women choose to opt out

It is an undeniable fact that working women are in a more powerful position than they used to be. First of all the most important reason why women should work that it is difficult for an even elementary family to make a living by just one person's working.

Besides, women who are dependant on men financially lose their freedom and can not find their way into social life.

For instance, even if some non-working women exposed to domestic violence by their husband, as they do not have the financial means to support themselves or their children, they prefer enduring violence instead of divorcing.

Finally, working women has a positive effect on psychology and behavior of children. Children of working women start doing their own work by themselves from childhood as compared to children of non-working mother. To illustrate, if the children of non-working woman need a toy or a cloth they ask their mother to give them that toy. So they become fully dependant on their mother as their mother is easily available to them.

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Unit 4: Life issues

Lesson 1: Life concerns

□ Drawbacks of smocking

The effects of smoking on human health are serious and in many cases. The effects of cigarette smoking are destructive and widespread.

- ✓ Responsible for of pancreatic cancers.
- ✓ Increases the risk of developing bladder cancer 5-fold.
- ✓ Cause cancers of the mouth, tongue, larynx, and pharynx.
- ✓ People who smoke have triple the risk of developing squamous cell skin cancer.
- ✓ Stomach Cancer.
- ✓ Cause direct damage to lung tissue and introduce irritants that can result in airways spasms.
- ✓ Heart attack: Smokers even can have their arteries blocked with nicotine which can cause a heart attack.
- ✓ Very difficult to give up: The habit of smoking, once formed is hard to be given up.

□ How can we quit smocking

You should be bear in mind that nothing is impossible. What you need is only self confidence and strong will to solve your problem. Don't forget that it's a will, "if there is a will, there is a way" Stop smoking to save money to stand you in good stead is also a useful motto. Habit of smoking cigarette ends in addiction at last. So, it is the best way of not indulging in smoking is not to smoke the first cigarette. For a socially conscious man, it is not at all a hard job to master sufficient mental strength to turn the cigarette between his lips into the last cigarette of his life because then he can reap some positive harvests of life.

I hope that my pieces of advice will be efficient in helping you. Lesson

2: Ecodriving

□ Causes of global warming

There are many causes of the global warming which affects human lives and health in many aspects. The main cause of global warming is the human beings careless activities. Ever increasing human population are demanding more resources to live easy and healthy life such as land to live and crop cultivation, technological growth for comfort and deal with increasing temperature of atmosphere, etc. Fossil fuels burning for many reasons are highly responsible to increase global warming. People are realizing well the increase in environmental warmth however never mind their activities which are stimulating the global warming to increase. Continuously they are wasting natural resources and polluting the air, water and soil.

□ Drawbacks of global warming

- ✓ Higher sea level leading to flooding of low-lying lands and deaths and disease from flood and evacuation.
- ✓ Deserts get drier leading to increased desertification.
- ✓ Changes to agricultural production that can lead to food shortages.
- ✓ Water shortages in already water-scarce areas.

- ✓ More extreme weather and an increased frequency of severe and catastrophic
- ✓ Increased disease in humans and animals.
- ✓ Extinction of additional species of animals and plants.
- ✓ Loss of animal and plant habitats.
- ✓ Increased air pollution.
- ✓ Increased allergy and asthma rates due to earlier blooming of plants.



□ Solutions

There are things that can be done to alleviate the problem. For one, governments should seriously consider regulating the construction of factories and power plants which are not eco-friendly and imposing heavier penalties on offenders. They should also help in promoting and propagating the use of green technology among their citizens, like the use of energy saving light bulbs and electric cars for instance. Furthermore, they should conduct reforestation programs to rehabilitate forests so we have more trees to help reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air.

We may still be a long way from solving the problem of global warming, but if our leaders do their part in spearheading changes to fight the growing menace, then we will at least have lesser greenhouse gases to worry about.

□ How to save energy

- ✓ Change your travel behavior, think more in terms of public transportation, if possible, walk or ride your bicycle instead of taking the car
- ✓ Choose products that come with lightweight packaging
- ✓ Turn off lights and appliances when you are not using them, use energy-saving light bulbs
- ✓ Reuse plastic bags for shopping and storage
- ✓ Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposable batteries ✓ Minimum the use of vehicles run on gas.
- ✓ Try to avoid the wastage of water.
- ✓ Energy saving would also save your money, reduce the pollution because less vehicles will be used and in this way you will contribute to reduce global warming.

Lesson 3: Urban exodus

□ Benefits of country life

Living in the countryside has a lot of advantages, we can consider the fact that the country is less polluted and the traffic isn't so heavy. You are fit and you don't need to worry about your health condition, because in the countryside the air and water are so clean.

In the country you are free to admire the breathtaking landscapes such as huge meadows, peaceful hills or forests.

Another advantage is that you may easily build a big house and the garden, because charges for ground are much lower than in the suburbs.

Moreover, in the rural area the crime rate is much lower.

Country life is very peaceful and silent. You will enjoy the feeling of peace

