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Postcards from Summer

BOOKR Class Activity Tips

Run time: 3 minutes

Topic: summer holiday

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Vocabulary: name of summer activities

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Focus of the games: reading comprehension (quiz), grammar (gap-filling, sentence ordering)

Ages: 9-12

Language level: beginner

Description: Kieran and Zoe are best friends from school. They both went on a summer holiday and are eager to share their experiences. Read their postcards and find out more about their holiday destinations.

Activity Tips

Answering Yes-No Questions

#language skills

What did you do on your summer holiday last year? The teacher asks some yes-no questions, in the past simple tense which are answered by a learner. For instance "Did you go swimming?", "Did you visit your grandparents?" Then, the learners form pairs and ask each other the same way.

Differentiation:

For a stronger class, the collocations of the activities are written on the board while for weaker students the whole question can appear to facilitate communication.

Verbs in the Past Simple tense

#grammar

The teacher makes the learners look for verbs in the text in the past simple tense. She writes some of the learners' findings on the board then they revise their present form, too. Attention is drawn to the difference between regular and irregular forms and their pronunciation, especially the -ed ending and read-read.

Postcard

#grammar #language skills

Talk about the parts of a postcard by using the one written in the book (greeting, beginning sentence/question, the body, ending sentence, closing.) Then, use the template from the worksheet section and ask your learners to write their own postcards. They can draw a picture as well. Ask them to share these postcards with you.

Mingle the ready postcards and read one of them. Encourage the learners to guess who the author is. How well do they know each other?



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Summer Memories

#language skills #grammar

Look for photos from previous summer holidays. Create sentences about them: 2 have to be false and 1 has to be true.

OR

Put the pictures of the summer holiday on the board. Ask one of the learners to describe her/his memory about that holiday. The other learners have to guess which photograph the learner is talking about.

The Loch Ness monster

#arts&crafts

What does the Loch Ness monster look like? Ask the learners to do a mini-research and to draw a picture and bring them to the next class. Collect the pictures and put them on the board. Ask one of the learners to describe his/her picture, the others' task is to guess which picture the one in the front talks.

The perfect holiday destination

#language skills #project

Ask your learners to pick one of the holidays: Cannes in France or Morteheo in UK and do research on the place and its area. Encourage them to go online or open some guidebooks. Why is it a great choice? What activities can you do there? What should tourists definitely try? Their task is to create a brochure, come up with a plan for an imaginary week-long holiday, argue and try to convince their partner to go there on holiday.

Activity

#cognitive skills #vocabulary

Print and cut up the following set of cards and play activity in class. You can use a dice to decide if the learner should draw, act out or explain the word or you can let them choose from the three options.

- 1 and 4 - Draw it!
- 2 and 5 - Act it out!
- 3 and 6 - Explain it!

postcard	school	hill
pool	car	seat
swimming	film star	squid
campsite	pub	bakery
shop	wave	crab
anemone	surfing	wetsuit
bodyboard	rain	fish and chips
seagull	tea	scone

Gap-filling activity

#language skills #cognitive skills

Give a letter from Kieran or Zoe for each of the learners. Ask them to fill the gaps. You can find the letters in the worksheet section.



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Dear Zoe,

I haven't seen you for ages! I hope you're having a _____. I'm not looking forward to starting school, but it will be good to see you! I had a great summer holiday in France. I thought I'd write to tell you about it. We went to a city called Cannes. It was great! We stayed in _____. We had to go up a big hill to get there. There was a pool and everything! My mum and dad hired _____. It was a Mercedes. It had lots of gadgets and leather seats. I thought it was great. In Cannes, I saw lots of Ferraris and Lamborghinis. I think there must be lots of millionaires there! Cannes is quite a big city but it also has a sandy beach. You can walk around the city and then just go to the beach and swim in the sea! The water was _____. We went swimming a lot. Did you know that there is a film festival every year in Cannes? It's one of the most _____ ones in the world. It happens in May so we missed it, but we looked around the famous movies theatres and saw pictures of _____. The food is really nice in France. We ate at restaurants, but not _____. We cooked at the house too. We ate squid. It was weird _____. Have you ever tried it?

I'll sign off now. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Love,
Kieran



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Dear Kieran,

Thanks for your letter! It's nice to hear from you. I'm looking forward to seeing you too. It sounds like you had a great summer holiday. We _____ camping in Devon. It was fun though. The campsite was in a tiny village called Morteheo. It's beautiful. A _____ seaside village. There's a pub and bakery but no shop. It's very small. From the campsite we could see _____. It was beautiful. There was a little beach near the campsite. It was rocky and the waves were really big. It _____ to swim there. We also went to a sandy beach in a town called Woolacombe. The beach there is huge. _____ miles long! My sister and I played in the rock pools. We found loads of crabs and sea anemones. It's a good place for surfing because the waves are big. We hired wetsuits and bodyboards. It was fun but even with the wetsuits on, we got cold. We were _____ the weather though. I didn't rain at all! The food was great. We didn't have squid but we ate _____ by the harbour. It was tasty but a seagull stole half of my fish! Luckily, _____ had a big portion. He shared it with me. We also had cream tea. That's a classic Devon treat. It's a scone with jam and thick cream. And of course a nice cup of tea. It was delicious!

My mum's calling me, so I should go now. See you at school.

Love,
Zoe

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