

Staycation Boom

Pre-Intermediate level

Task 1. The topic of the lesson

Look at the wordcloud. What are we going to talk about today?



Which personality type are you? Are you the Romantic, the Adrenaline Junkie, the Beach Bum, the Culture Vulture or the Family Man or Woman?

Task 2. Discussion

Choose and explain your choice. Would you rather ...

1. be a package tourist or an independent traveller?
2. travel on your own or with a travelling companion?
3. trek through the mountain at high altitude or swim in the crystal clear water?
4. stay at a secluded place or a place full of people and entertainment?
5. travel abroad or spend a holiday in your country?



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Task 3. Staycation

Read the advertisement from a travel agency. What is “staycation”?

Staycation once again? The smart booking guide for 2021

We may not be able to holiday anywhere just yet, but we all need something to look forward to this year. From luxury splurges to family camping and self-catering cottages, we've got your holiday at home covered.

Task 3. Check your guesses



Staycation comes from the combination of two words, “stay” and “vacation,” literally staying at home and participating in leisure activities within driving distance of their home. A staycation may or may not require spending the night out.

Staycations are a type of holiday and are extremely useful when one has a tight budget. A staycation is also perfect when travel restrictions are in place. Also, when we don't have time or interest in traveling abroad, we don't want to cope with the stress that can go along with travel.

Task 4. UK Staycations

Read the article about UK staycations and pick up one you would check out.

Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa, Wiltshire



This hotel that has it all: a sweeping drive, extensive grounds, stables, a spa with an open-air hydrotherapy pool and a Michelin-starred restaurant.

Dining in Restaurant Hywel Jones is a real treat. Enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail in the drawing room and a digestif in the library, while leafing through books. The starter of scallops with smoked eel is a dish to order. Or, if you're looking for something more low-key, The Brasserie offers relaxed, modern British cuisine.

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The Idle Rocks, Cornwall



The Idle Rocks boasts excellent sea views and fresh seafood. On this UK staycation, the food is sourced locally and the head chef Dorian Janmaat is ex Le Manoir, with a new menu focusing on seasonal produce and Cornish fish.

The village is home to St Mawes Castle, coastal and inland walks and watersports. Falmouth is a mile away by ferry, which operates year-round and Trellisick Gardens, St Austell and Truro town centres are 30-minutes drive away.

Want to amp up the glamour? You can arrive to The Idle Rocks by boat, on the Falmouth Foot Ferry.

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For a spa-cation in London that makes you feel a world away from the city, AIRE Ancient Baths is an experience like nothing else in the capital.

The subterranean spa is inspired by the Roman bath, a complex of spaces to relax, indulge and socialise. Perfect for celebrating an occasion with a partner or a friend, this luxurious haven has thermal pools for soaking, floating and soothing your muscles.

There's a hot bath, warm bath, cold baths, salt bath, the Bath of Thousand Jets and the aromatherapy steam room to discover before the bell rings for your massage. If you're feeling super-indulgent, the Wine Bath Experience is something the Romans would approve of.

AIRE Ancient Baths, London



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Devon Hills Holiday Park, Devon



A traditional escape at a holiday park is the perfect way to treat the kids to the type of staycation you had as a child, giving them plenty of opportunities to be entertained and make new friends. Whatever their age, or if you're travelling without the kids, Haulfryn Holidays' Devon Hills Holiday Park offers a luxurious twist to a classic British break. Set in the perfect countryside location near Paignton. Here, you can stay in a luxurious lodge with a few treats that go beyond the usual home comforts. There's also an indoor swimming pool, tennis courts and fitness centre. The best bit? You can bring the dog along to enjoy the pet-friendly holiday park.

Task 5. Top tourist destinations

Complete the sentences with tourist destinations

1. The best way to enjoy the wealth of wildlife in my country is ...
2. The biggest attraction for those seeking out of the ordinary is ...
3. If your budget doesn't quite stretch to a trip to another city, you can always ...
4. If you yearn to escape the crowd ...
5. If you have a thirst for adventure, ...
6. The best city break will be to ...
7. ... has a special charm all of its own.



Task 6. Staycation Pyramid

Discuss the questions: Is it worth visiting your ... ?

Language to use:

- I have no doubt that ...
- In my humble opinion, ...
- I would say that ...
- As far as I am concerned, ...
- As for me, I reckon ...
- What I mean is

