

## Back from Holiday (video lesson)

level: elementary (A1) +

class: 1-to-1

time: 90 min

skills: speaking, listening, writing

*This lesson is ideal to use after a break when your students (and you) have been away on holiday.*

### Warm up

1. If you've really been away, cut out *newspaper pictures* representing events that happened while you were away. Explain to your Ss that you had no chance to follow the news on your holiday and ask them to update you, choosing one picture and talking about it. Help with any necessary vocabulary.
2. If you haven't been away, start with a *picture* taken from 0:08 of the sitcom *IT Crowd*:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khyfYITihV0>  
Explain to your Ss that this picture represents your topic today and let them guess what it is.

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3. Check that they know at least something about the sitcom and then *play the whole video*. At this stage, Ss just watch and enjoy the episode, without completing any tasks. If they have problems understanding, you can give them the transcript while they watch for the second time (see worksheet 1).
4. With lower level Ss, *sum up* the story and what happened.
5. Ask your Ss to think of at least 3 different *feelings* for each character (i.e. 3 for Moss and 3 for Roy and Jen). Let them explain their choice. (possible answers: Moss – disappointed, surprised, furious; Roy and Jen – confused, shocked, embarrassed)
6. Ask your Ss *what* they think *happened next*. Elicit a number of possible scenarios.
7. *Role-play the scene again* with you as Moss and your Ss as Jen/Roy, but this time being better actors and not letting Moss know that in fact they have no idea he's been away!
8. Discuss your Ss' *personal experience* and their colleagues' holiday: 'Is this like you or do you usually know when and where your colleagues are going on holiday? Which of your colleagues do you envy this year? Who wouldn't you swap places with? Who's travelled the furthest this year? Who's had the busiest holiday?' Adapt the vocabulary for lower level Ss if necessary.

### Dream Holiday?

9. Ask your Ss to make a list of 10 *activities* that best *describe their holiday* this year and ask them: 'How does all this compare to your dream holiday?'
10. Explain to them that you're going to *watch a promotional video* about a place that is a dream holiday for some people. Watch this video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WYBtaiPyfg> starting from 0:50 and ask them whose dream holiday this is. As soon as they know the answer, they can tell you, you don't need to watch the whole video at this point. Once they give the

- correct answer (Real Madrid fans or football fans), pause the video and explain that this is a *holiday resort* that *Real Madrid* is building in the UAE and that is going to open next year.
11. Ask them to put together a list of *facilities* they would expect to find in such a resort.
  12. Watch the full video now (again starting from 0:50), this time your Ss have to write down all facilities that they can really see.
  13. Use this article <http://www.newslevels.com/products/perfect-holiday-with-real-madrid-level-3-a12/> as 'cough dictation'. Explain to your Ss that you're going to write a dictation, but since you have a little cold, they might not hear all the words. If they hear you cough, they should simply write down any words that fit the gap. Here's a suggestion of what words you could choose to omit (in italics):

Real Madrid is a big football club. It is *not* just that. It is also a business trademark which *makes* a lot of money. Real Madrid has *a* huge project. They want to build a special place *for* all football fans and their families. They want to build a holiday resort in the United Arab Emirates. The project will cost 1,8 billion *dollars*.

What is the plan? They want to build an artificial island with *a football* stadium which will be open to the sea. There will also be an amusement park and five-star *hotels*.

The park will be designed mostly for *people* from Arabic countries and Asia. 2 billion people can reach the park within 4 hours by plane. They expect about 1 million *visitors* every year and the project will be finished *in* 2015.

14. Ask your Ss to read the text back to you with their answers. Accept any answers that are different from the original but still fit both logically and grammatically. Then, give them a copy of the original article and ask them to check the spelling (see worksheet 1). Monitor and check any mistakes which your Ss might overlook. Check any words that your Ss don't know.
15. Ask your Ss: 'Would you be attracted to go? Why/why not?'
16. *Role-play an interview* between a couple deciding where to spend their holiday. One of them really wants to go to Real Madrid Resort, the other one really doesn't. Let your Ss choose which one they wish to be.

### Cooler

17. Do a *quick revision* of all vocabulary that was new/difficult for your Ss today, e.g. 'What was Roy and Jen's feeling after Moss left? – Embarrassed. What do you call the place where footballers play football? – Stadium. What's the past simple form of *leave*? – Left.' etc.

### Homework

18. Use worksheet 2 to let your Ss *draw a map of a holiday resort of their own*, designed for their hobby. They're going to describe the map and explain why they included the facilities in the map.

## Back from holiday – IT Crowd

*Moss:* I am back.

*Roy:* What, what do you mean?

*Moss:* I am back from holiday.

*Jen:* You were on holiday?

*Moss:* Yeas, I was on holiday.

*Roy:* Oh, that's right.

*Moss:* You didn't know I was on holiday?

*Roy:* No, no, no, we did. Where did you go?

*Moss:* You didn't know I was on holiday.

*Roy:* We did, we did. We missed you.

*Moss:* I've been gone a week.

*Jen:* A week?

*Roy:* Wow.



## Perfect holiday with Real Madrid - level 3, A12



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Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Real Madrid is a big football club. It is not just that. It is also a business trademark which makes a lot of money. Real Madrid has a huge project. They want to build a special place for all football fans and their families. They want to build a holiday **resort** in the United Arab Emirates. The project will cost 1,8 billion dollars.

What is the plan? They want to build an **artificial** island with a football stadium which will be open to the sea. There will also be an amusement park and five-star hotels.

The park will be **designed** mostly for people from Arabic countries and Asia. 2 billion people can reach the park within 4 hours by plane. They expect about 1 million visitors every year and the project will be finished in 2015.

You can see how the park will look like in the video.

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Interesting words: **resort, artificial, designed.**

## My Dream Holiday Resort

*Make sure there's a lot of variety:*

- *houses and buildings*
- *facilities for your hobby*
- *nature/water*
- *places to meet other people*
- *places to be alone*
- *something else?*

