

A role play: Going on holidays

The school holidays are coming up and you want to go on a trip with your family and have fun.

1. Work in groups of four. Cut out the role cards.
2. Act out the family meeting. Say what you would like to do and why. Add more ideas if you like.
3. Find a compromise¹ and agree on² what to do and where to go.



You are the mother

You want to visit your aunt Molly with your family. She lives on a farm far away from town. The countryside is nice. You like to be outside. There is a lake and you would love to go swimming.

Useful phrases

Why don't we ...?
 What do you think ...?
 I'd like ... / I'd love ...
 Don't be cheeky!
 Let's find a compromise!
 This is a good idea.
 ...

You are the father

You want to go to the seaside. There is a nice beach. You love swimming and reading. You hate walking. You don't like Aunt Molly's farm and you hate the smell of animals.

Useful phrases

Well, I'd like ... / I'd prefer ... because ...
 Oh, no I hate ...
 What do you think ...?
 Don't be cheeky!
 Let's find a compromise!
 This is a good idea.
 ...

You are the daughter

All your friends go to a big town or an adventure park on their holidays. You want to go to London. It's cool. You want to go shopping and have fun every day. You hate farms and Aunt Molly is not fun.

Useful phrases

I'd like ...
 I want to enjoy myself.
 That's not cool ... / That's boring ...
 That's not for me ... / I'd prefer ... because ...
 Are you serious?³
 OK, ... but ...
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You are the son

You want to stay at home and spend time with your friends. There is an important football match and you don't want to miss it. Your aunt Molly is cool but she may come to visit you at home.

Useful phrases

I'd like ... / I want to ...
 That's not for me ... / I'd prefer ... because ...
 Are you serious?³
 No way!⁴ I don't want to ...
 Let's ...
 OK, ... but ...
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¹compromise – *Kompromiss*; ²to agree on – *sich auf etwas einigen*; ³Are you serious? – *Im Ernst?*; ⁴No way! – *Auf gar keinen Fall!*