

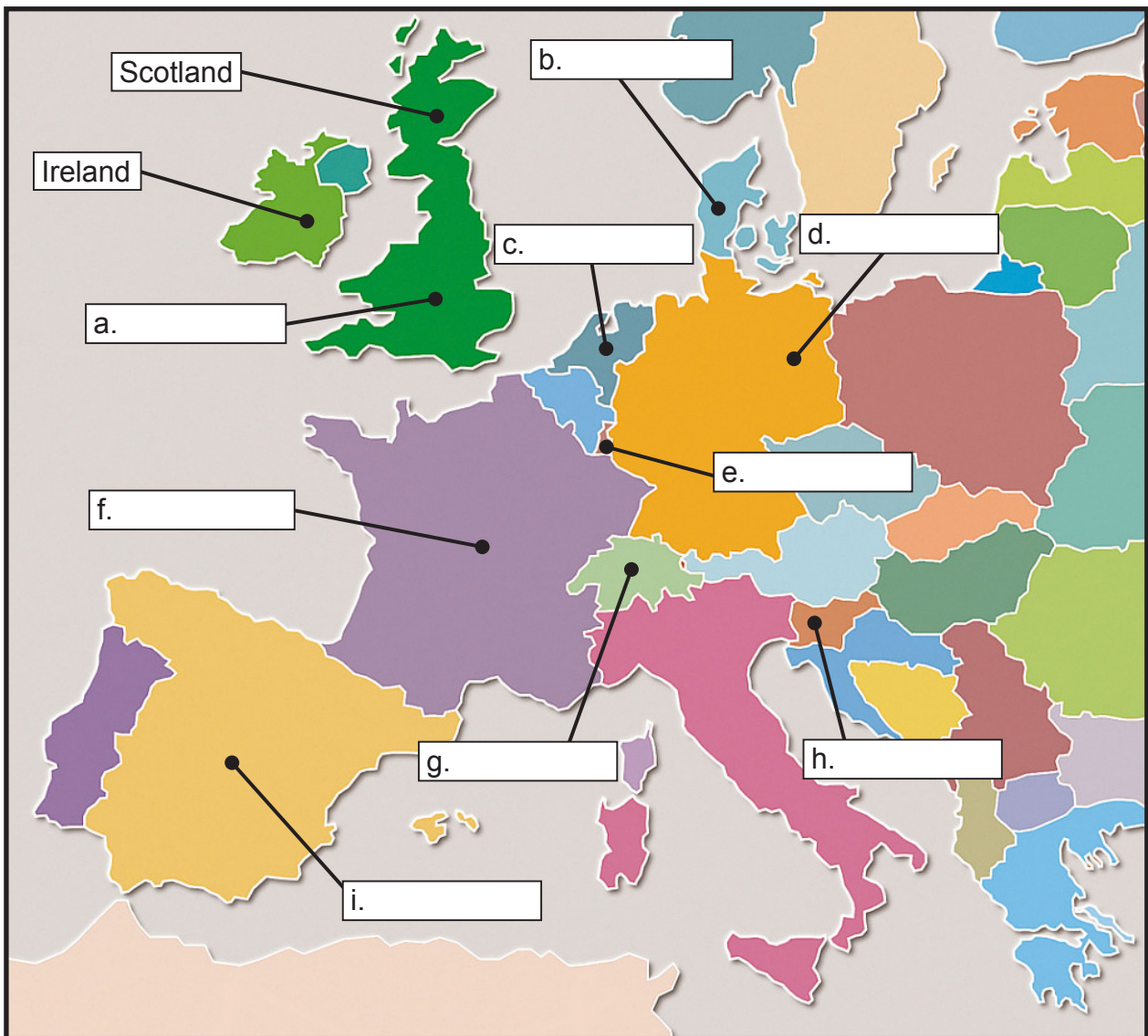
My holiday

1 QUICK QUIZ

Test your knowledge of Europe. Find and label the countries (a-i).

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| Denmark | England | France |
| Germany | the Netherlands | Luxembourg |
| Slovenia | Spain | Switzerland |

In which countries are these places: *Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow* and *Cornwall*? _____



Which country would *you* like to visit? Find someone who agrees with you.

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2 WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Match the words from the article (in boxes) with the definitions. The paragraph title will also help you find the correct word.

nature

rainforest macaw pool
dolphin moors turtle

activities

to do research to get sunburnt
to go inter-railing to go white-water rafting
barbecue to sunbathe

places to sleep or live

hut shanty town
host family hostel
tent eco-camp
prison cell

feelings

shocking
atmosphere
cool
homesick

1. Amazon adventure

a forest in a tropical region of the world where it rains a lot _____
a small simple shelter _____
an area where very poor people live in badly built houses _____
an animal with a shell and four short legs that lives on the land, in the ocean, or in rivers and lakes _____
something that makes you feel extremely surprised or upset _____
feeling sad and alone because you are far from home _____
a large ocean animal, similar to a fish, with a big nose _____
a South American bird with a long tail and coloured feathers _____
to make a detailed study of something in order to discover new facts _____

2. Holiday on horseback

the mood or feeling that exists in a place _____
attractive or fashionable _____
a small area of still liquid _____
a large area of high land covered with grass and bushes _____

3. The best of Britain

a family that provides the place for you to stay _____
to sit or lie in the sun so that your skin becomes darker _____
to get skin that is red and sore from too much sun _____

4. One trip, many places

to travel by train through Europe (using a special ticket that is valid for several countries) _____
a building where people can stay and get meals at cheap prices _____
a shelter made of cloth and supported with poles and ropes _____

5. Big holiday, small country

an institution where people are kept as punishment for committing a crime _____
a small room in a prison _____
a camp relating to the environment _____
a meal at which meat and other food is cooked and eaten outside _____
to float in a simple boat along rivers where the current is very fast _____

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MY HOLIDAY

by Ann Foulds and Paul Wheatley

Ann Foulds and Paul Wheatley speak to six teens who went to fantastic places.

1 Amazon adventure

When Amber Mezbourian, 19, went to a meeting at her school in Jersey, she didn't expect to be in the middle of the Amazon rainforest a few months later. Amber told us:

"I flew to London, then to Madrid, Spain, then to Lima, in Peru, and finally to my destination, Iquitos. The airport was just a hut – with insects all over it!

We stayed in Iquitos for three days. We saw shanty towns and markets with fruit, dead turtles and parts of monkeys – it was quite shocking! Then we went to the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, where boats became our home for six weeks.

The first week was hard. Many of us felt quite homesick, but that quickly disappeared and I started to have a good time.

On my trip we did research about the way the rainforest is changing. We studied dolphins, turtles, macaws and caimans, which are like crocodiles."

Amber's tip: "You don't want to destroy nature just so you can have fun."

2 Holiday on horseback

Jess Borer, 19, from Switzerland, and Brittany Lankston, 17, from England, have been great friends since they met on holiday.

Jess: "I wanted to go on a horse-riding holiday. My mum said yes – if I went to England. We found the school, T.M. International, on the Internet. Mum phoned and asked lots of questions.

There was a great atmosphere at the school – the instructors were cool, and everyone loved the school's owners, Ted and Mary. The food was good – we even ate fish and chips a few times! I love Cornwall. It's perfect for horse-riding! Sometimes we went to a pool on the moors and rode the horses into the water. Everybody got really wet but had a great time!"

Jess's tip: "Come prepared for all kinds of weather."

3 The best of Britain

Silke Wessels, 15, from Germany, went to England with 40 of her classmates. She lived with a host family for three weeks.

"Sometimes they spoke so quickly I couldn't understand but I really enjoyed speaking English. The best thing about Seaton was the beach – because the weather was fantastic, we went swimming in the sea. After swimming we sunbathed – we even got sunburnt!

Every morning, we had English lessons. And every Wednesday, we visited a different city.

London was the best place we visited. We saw the Hard Rock Café, walked through Hyde Park and saw Buckingham Palace.

I did lots of great things in Britain and would love to go back."

Silke's tip: "It's always good to go with a friend (or 40!)!"

4 One trip, many places

Dominic Kraus, 19, from Bavaria, went inter-railing for three weeks in 2004 with his friend Bernward. Their ticket allowed them to travel in six other countries.

"We started our trip in Munich and went to Paris, London, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Amsterdam, Denmark and Luxembourg. In most places, we spoke English, but in France it was better to use French.

We stayed in hostels in Paris and London but camped everywhere else. We nearly always found really nice places to camp. But we arrived in Belfast at night and nothing was open. We couldn't find anywhere to pitch our tent and so we slept in front of a police station!"

Dominic's tip: "Travelling is a great chance to meet new people."

5 Big holiday, small country

Deirdre McCarthy, 19, from Ireland, heard that Slovenia was great. So she and her friend Ann started planning their dream holiday!

"The best part was the Soca Valley. We stayed at an eco-camp. We ate from a barbecue, slept in a tent, went white-water rafting and talked to lots of people from different countries.

Ljubljana is a wonderful city. The castle was ... wow! Fantastic! We stayed at the Celica hostel – one of the world's best, says *Lonely Planet*. It's an old prison, and you sleep in the cells. It's full of international people, and the atmosphere is cool."

Deirdre's tip: "Say *please* and *thank you* in their language. It's not difficult!"

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3 FIND THE INFORMATION

1. Who says these things? Label them: *Amber, Jess, Silke, Deirdre.*

Hello! I'm Irish. I went to a country in Europe with my friend. We slept in a prison once!

a. _____

Hello! I'm 19 and I'm from the island of Jersey (England). I lived on a boat in a Peruvian rainforest! I studied animals.

b. _____

Hi! I'm from Switzerland. I met my best friend in England. We went riding every day. I learnt English.

c. _____

Hi! I'm 15 and I'm German. I studied English for 3 weeks in England. I lived with a host family.

d. _____

2. Read paragraph 4 again. Dominic and Bernward visited six countries. Draw their journey by marking the countries they travelled to on the map in Part 1.

3. Whose holiday do you think was the *most interesting*? Why? Can you find someone in the class who agrees with you?

4 TEEN TALK

1. Read paragraph 5 again. Match the adjectives to the words on the right.

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|--------------|----------------|
| a. great | the atmosphere |
| b. wonderful | Slovenia |
| c. fantastic | the castle |
| d. cool | Ljubljana |

2. Read paragraph 3 again. Which words does Silke use about her holiday?

The weather was _____.

I did lots of _____ *things.*

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5 WHAT'S YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY?

What is your idea of a perfect holiday? Complete the 'me' column. Then interview two classmates and write their answers in the other columns. Who has got similar answers?

What's your dream holiday?	me	student 1	student 2
1. I'd like to travel to ... a. England b. a country in Europe: _____ c. somewhere different: _____	a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
2. I'd prefer to travel with ... a. my classmates b. a friend: _____ c. international people	a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
3. I'd like to stay ... a. with a host family b. in a tent c. in hostels	a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
4. I want to travel by ... a. train b. plane c. boat	a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
5. On my trip I'd like to ... a. learn English b. learn something else (e.g. horse-riding) c. just have fun	a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
6. I would like to travel for ... a. about one week b. one to three weeks c. more than three weeks	a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.

6 WEBQUEST

Alone or in small groups, visit a website and prepare a 'dream holiday'. Decide:

- Where will you go?
- What can you do there?
- What can you learn?
- How will you travel?
- Where can you stay?
- How long will the trip be?

Then make a brochure about your holiday. Share your brochure with other groups. Vote on the best holiday!

Useful websites:

- www.istc.org
- www.interrailnet.com
- www.lonelyplanet.com
- www.aboutwysetc.org

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7 WRITE AN EMAIL

Imagine you went on one of the holidays. Write an email to one of your friends.

My holiday - Message

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To... Your friend's email address

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Subject: My holiday

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Hi _____ (your friend's name),

How are you? At the moment we're in _____ (country / city). We're staying _____ (with a host family / in a hostel / in a tent / on a boat).

The _____ is really fantastic! Yesterday we _____ (activity). It was _____ (wonderful / cool / great). ☺

Tomorrow we're going to _____ (country / city). We're going _____ (by plane / boat / bus / train).

CU soon,

_____ (your name)

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KEY

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- a. England
- b. Denmark
- c. the Netherlands
- d. Germany
- e. Luxembourg
- f. France
- g. Switzerland
- h. Slovenia
- i. Spain

Dublin = Ireland; Belfast = Northern Ireland, Glasgow = Scotland; Cornwall = England

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3

1. a. Deirdre, b. Amber, c. Jess, d. Silke
2. France, England (UK), Ireland, Northern Ireland (UK), Scotland (UK), the Netherlands, Denmark, Luxembourg

4

1. a. great – Slovenia, b. wonderful – Ljubljana, c. fantastic – the castle, d. cool – the atmosphere
2. fantastic, great