Travel and holidays ESL lesson plan (A1)

A1 (beginner) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Where did you go on your last trip?
- Do you prefer the beach, the mountains or the city?
- Who do you usually travel with?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
holiday	time away from work or school, often in another place (American English: vacation)	We go on holiday in August.
vacation	time away from work or school (American English)	Where are you going on vacation?
trip	a journey to a place and back	We took a trip to the mountains.
hotel	a building where you pay to sleep and eat	Our hotel is near the beach.
beach	the sand or stones next to the sea	Let's go to the beach!
airport	a place where planes arrive and leave	We arrived at the airport at six.
plane	a vehicle with wings that flies	The plane leaves at nine.
train	a long vehicle that runs on rails	I go to work by train.
bus	a big vehicle that carries many passengers on the road	Take the number 5 bus.
ticket	a piece of paper or a code that shows you paid to travel	Do you have your ticket?

Grammar focus (10 min): Going to: plans

It's the 31st of December. Three friends talk about the new year. Ines says: "I'm going to learn to swim. Max is going to look for a new job, and we're going to travel to Japan in the summer!" By the end of this lesson you can talk about your plans and ask about other people's.

Form	Pattern	Example
Affirmative	am / is / are + going to + base form	I'm going to learn to swim.
Negative	'm not / isn't / aren't going to	We aren't going to stay.
Question	Are you going to...? · What are you going to...?	Is she going to come? — Yes, she is.
When	tomorrow · next week · this summer · in July	next month (no preposition)

Watch for: ~~I going to study tonight.~~ → **I'm going to study tonight.**. You need be.

Speaking (15 min): Plan a weekend for a visitor

The learner has a friend arriving on Friday night with a small budget. In five minutes they plan Saturday and Sunday in their own city, then present the plan and defend each choice while you play the difficult guest (I don't like museums. Is it far?).

Useful language

- I've been to... / I've never been to...
- The best part was...
- It was worth it. / It wasn't worth the money.
- We stayed in... for a week.
- I'd love to go to... because...
- to book a flight · to check in · a delay · a layover

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about travel and holidays using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 travel and holidays vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 21 words.

Travel and holidays (A1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

city · mountain · sea · map · countries · suitcase · passport · camera

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. Paris is a beautiful _____.
2. The _____ is warm in summer.
3. Don't forget your _____!
4. My _____ is very heavy.
5. How many _____ have you visited?
6. Can you show me on the _____?
7. I always bring a _____ on holiday.
8. We climbed a _____ in Spain.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. How do you get to work or school: by car, bus, train or on foot?
2. What do you always put in your suitcase?
3. Which countries have you visited?
4. What is a good place to visit in your country?
5. Do you like flying? Why or why not?

Write

Write 80–120 words about travel and holidays. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 city · 2 sea · 3 passport · 4 suitcase · 5 countries · 6 map · 7 camera · 8 mountain