

EPISODE 45
LEVEL A1.2/A2.1

READING COMPREHENSION



IDIOMS TO TALK ABOUT HOLIDAYS



I know I **need to get away from it all** (= to run away from all everyday problems), so I've decided to **have a short break** (= to have a short holiday) and spend some time **in the middle of nowhere** (= far from other places).

I like places **off the beaten track** (= places where not many people go) and I usually **travel light** (= without taking heavy things) so I don't think I will take too much luggage with me. I hope I will have **a whale of a time** (= a great time, a lot of fun) because I think I will go hiking every day which I really love. I'm sure I will **recharge my batteries** (= I will feel energetic again) because my destination is peaceful and quiet without any people around. After a week I will probably think **there is no place like home** (= I will be happy to come back home).

More contexts for the new words:

- **It's just what the doctor ordered.**
(= It's exactly what I needed.)



EXERCISE 1

Match the columns to make correct expressions.

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| 1. there is no place | a. nowhere |
| 2. have a whale of | b. break |
| 3. recharge | c. track |
| 4. get away | d. like home |
| 5. in the middle of | e. a time |
| 6. off the beaten | f. my batteries |
| 7. have a short | g. from it all |



EXERCISE 2

Complete the questions with the key words from the text. Then answer them.

1. Do you usually take a lot of luggage, or do you prefer to travel? Why?
2. What do you usually do to recharge your?
3. Where do you usually go when you need to get away it all?

ENGLISH IN USE



This time we will focus on talking about the future once again. The sentences for today are:

*I don't think I **will take** too many things with me.*

*I think I **will take** too many things with me.*

As you can see, in both sentences we use "will". The part of the sentence with future simple tense stays the same. When we want to make a negative sentence, we change the part of the sentence with "think". And here some more examples:

*I think the weather **will be** nice.*

*I don't think the weather **will be** nice.*

*I think I **will buy** it.*

*I don't think I **will buy** it.*

IDIOM CLOSE-UP



A/ What are your plans for the next long weekend?

B/ I think I will **LET MY HAIR DOWN**.

If you **let your hair down**, you behave more freely than usual and enjoy it.

PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP



1. If a train **PULLS IN**, it arrives at a station.

*The train **pulled in** exactly on time.*

2. If a train PULLS OUT, it leaves a station.

*I didn't catch the train – it **was pulling out** just as I arrived at the platform.*



EXERCISE 3

Complete the dialogues with person's B replies. Use the prompts in brackets and the idiom/phrasal verbs you have learned.

A: Did the train arrive on time?

B: [Yes]

A: And did you manage to relax during the trip?

B: [Yes]

A: I've heard you didn't catch the connecting train.

B: [No]

NEWS



NO PLACE LIKE HOME

One of the latest surveys suggests that the majority of Poles do not travel anywhere during their summer holidays, and even a greater percentage choose to stay at home during the winter break. During the summer months, 56% of people in Poland usually stay at their usual **place of residence**, and 70% do so during the winter months. When asked to give reasons for this **lack of** travelling, most respondents mention having **inadequate funds**. Unfortunately, travelling on holidays is still too expensive for the average Pole. The second reason involved children and pets, and not having anyone to leave them with. Obviously, it's hard to leave a dog or a child in an empty flat for a week. The third explanation was – surprisingly – laziness. Many people are too lazy to do research into holiday offers, and to check the prices and the **destinations**, so they choose the easier version – stay at home and watch TV!

GLOSSARY

- **place of residence** - home
- **lack of** – no
- **inadequate funds** – too little money
- **destinations** – places we travel to

KEY TO EXERCISES

Ex.1

1. d
2. e
3. f
4. g
5. a
6. c
7. b

Ex.2

1. light
2. batteries
3. from

Ex.3

1. Yes, it pulled in exactly on time.
2. Yes, I let my hair down.
3. No, it pulled out before I reached the platform.