

CHAPTER 1

Jess and Steve were going on holiday to Mexico from the UK. They had just got married, and this was their **honeymoon**. They were looking forward to spending some time together on their own. However, they met some really nice people on the way over who were also young couples from the UK. Jess and Steve wanted to get to know their new friends better and decided to spend time with them as well.

Meg and Rick had brown hair like Jess and Steve. They were a quiet couple who were always taking photos. They didn't want to miss any of the incredible **sights** on this amazing trip.

Tim and Samuel had been together for over ten years. Tim had blonde hair, and Samuel had brown hair. They were very funny, and their **continuous** jokes made everyone laugh.

Chloe and Al were **engaged**. They were the youngest couple. Al had black hair, and Chloe had blonde hair.

honeymoon (noun) a holiday that newly married couples take

sights (noun) interesting places

continuous (adjective) going on without stopping

engaged (adjective) having formally agreed to marry



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“What do you do?” Jess asked Chloe.

“I’m a teacher,” said Chloe.

“Really?” said Jess. “I’m a teacher too!”

“That’s a **coincidence**,” said Tim. “I’m a teacher too!”

“What do you teach?” said Jess.

“He teaches dogs to sit!” said Samuel. “He works at a puppy training school in his spare time!”

Everybody laughed. It was good to travel with friends.

They were all on holiday in Mexico for two weeks, and they all started their holiday in the same hotel in Mexico City. During the first few days, the group sat together for breakfast in the mornings. As the week went on, they saw each other more and more. They would share lunch in the hotel bar together or go out into the city together. Everyone enjoyed being in the group, and they all became good friends.

In the evenings, they started going out for dinner together. They asked the hotel staff for **recommendations** and found some really good restaurants.

coincidence (noun) chance or luck

recommendation (noun) someone or something that has been suggested as the best choice

They went on trips together to **explore** the city. They loved learning about history in the museums and going to art galleries to see famous Mexican paintings by Frida Kahlo. They all very much enjoyed a trip to the *Templo Mayor*, an Aztec **temple** right in the city. It's thought to be on the **exact** spot where the Aztecs saw a golden eagle on a cactus holding a snake – the symbol of Mexico today. Meg and Rick took lots of photos there.

Now though, it was time for Jess and Steve to say goodbye to Mexico City and their new friends. They were going to Puerto Vallarta.

“I will miss you when you leave tomorrow,” said Chloe, giving Jess a **hug**.

“I will miss you too,” said Jess. “Hey! Why don't you come with us to Puerto Vallarta?”

“We were going to go to Puerto Vallarta later,” said Tim. “But maybe we should go earlier?”

“We should all go tomorrow!” said Al.

explore (verb) to look around a place or to learn more about it

temple (noun) a building used for worship

exact (adjective) correct or true in every way

hug (noun) an act of putting your arms around somebody

The group wanted to stay together, so they all decided to go to Puerto Vallarta at the same time. The hotel booked them all onto a coach together, but they had to get different hotels. The group had become such good friends they were really looking forward to spending a week swimming and relaxing in the sunshine together.

The next morning, the coach driver greeted the group as they got on the coach.

“Hello. I’m your driver,” he said with a big smile. “And this is Lucy.”

Lucy was their holiday **representative**. She was very **cheerful** and had blonde hair in a ponytail.

“Good morning everybody,” she said. “Find a seat and we’ll soon be on our way.”

The group found some seats together and began to **settle in** for the journey. It would be a long drive, but Lucy said they would break up the journey with some exciting stops.

representative (noun) someone who acts or speaks for or in support of another person or group

cheerful (adjective) feeling or showing happiness

settle in (phrasal verb) to make oneself comfortable and happy in a new position

Quiz-2

Complete the sentences with *when, since, until, yet, whenever,* or *as soon as*.

1. I won't be going to the wedding I have wrapped the present and got my shoes on!
2. I have big plans to build and sail my own boat I retire or win the lottery.
3. I can't believe I'll ever stop enjoying skiing, but then I haven't crashed and hurt myself
4. I finish school, I'll go to university and hopefully get my English degree.
5. It's been very quiet around here the police closed the illegal firework factory.
6. I will go out to the supermarket and get the cat food it stops raining.
7. I can't get out of the pool I've completed my 100 lengths for charity.
8. I hear that song, it reminds me of the first time we met.
9. I haven't been back to my music lessons I failed my exam because I feel like such a failure.
10. "No! We're not ready to leave because you haven't fed the fish, closed the windows, or locked the gate!" said Mandy.

VOCABULARY QUIZZES

Quiz-1

Fill in the gaps with the correct words.

petals headdress pale seasick nightmare
spicy cheerful tip kicked flight attendant

1. After the excellent meal, we left the waiter a generous
2. Sam dribbled the ball then it directly into the goal.
3. The served them drinks on the plane.
4. “Ugh!” said Amanda. “That food is too for me!”
5. Just before she fainted, the lady looked incredibly
6. The dancer wore beautiful feathers in her
7. She always felt more after receiving flowers.
8. Harold hated going on boats because they made him
9. Kayla wanted flowers with pink to match her bridesmaids’ dresses.
10. He woke up in the middle of the night after a terrible

Quiz-2

Choose the correct answer.

- Pip and Nadal had just got married. They went to Malta for
a) yacht b) honeymoon c) boat
- She was not surprised by the attention she received because people told her she was stunningly beautiful.
a) immediately b) frequently c) eventually
- “I am looking for a nice local restaurant,” said the man.
“Can you anywhere good?”
a) host b) challenge c) recommend
- It felt so to sink into a nice, warm bath after a hard day at the office.
a) luxurious b) energetic c) courageous
- On sunny holidays, it is nice to relax and
by the pool.
a) sunbathe b) swim c) sink
- You cannot just walk into your neighbour’s garden because it is a garden.
a) pretty b) busy c) private
- “No need to you are too busy to see me,” said Mum. “Just tell the truth.”
a) pretend b) deny c) agree
- It was a funny that they’d both attended the same school as children.
a) opinion b) joke c) coincidence
- “I don’t remember the time I saw the robber last night,” he said to the police.
a) delayed b) exact c) stuck
- “I’m sorry, this toilet is,” said Sandy, when someone knocked on the door.
a) empty b) engaged c) vacant