

My Internet hell

As an experiment, four volunteers each lived alone for 100 hours. They were dressed only in a bathrobe and had to get everything they needed from the Internet. A dazed but relieved Emma Gibson told of her „seedy“ ordeal yesterday after four days trapped in cyberspace. With three other volunteers, the out-of-work actress had agreed to be locked alone in a small room with just a computer and the Internet for company. One hundred hours, three marriage proposals and dozens of lewd messages later, Miss Gibson, 30, emerged blinking into the sunshine rather glad the experience was over. With the eyes of the world quite literally upon her – small cameras broadcast her every move on the web - Internet Heaven had become more of a nightmare at times. „I wanted to get out at the end. Too much Internet is bad for the health,“ she said. © Daily Mail (148 words)



Take the short text as an impulse to do the following 3 tasks:

1. You have decided to take part in this experiment. Write a formal letter of application.
2. Miss Gibson writes two weblog-entries, one on the first day of the experiment, and one on the last day.
3. What role do technologies such as the computer, your mobile phone or ipod play in your life? What are important values in your life?

<http://www.brg-woergl.asn-ibk.ac.at/neu/matura/index1.php?A=1&M=englisch.pdf>



Holidays: Dream or Nightmare?!

Look at the two pictures above. The picture on the left was used by the travel agency to promote a Dream Holiday. The pictures on the right show how the beach really looks.

- First compare the two pictures in a few sentences.
- Then write an inner monologue. Include the feelings you had before you arrived at the holiday resort, and express your anger.



Great Holidays-A dialogue! Fill in the words in brackets in the correct tense

-Hi Pete, how are you?

-I'm alright...

-You _____ (look) a bit distressed. What _____ (happen) to you?

-Well, I _____ (just come) home from my holidays.

-Oh, where _____ (you stay)?

-Actually I _____ (plan) to stay in a luxurious hotel in a lovely place at the sea, but when my wife and I _____ (arrive) at the place it _____ (rain) heavily, the temperatures _____ (freeze) and we _____ (must realize) that instead of the 5 stars hotel we _____ (see) in the catalogue, there _____ (be) an old, rotten block made of concrete.

-Oh, I see... So you _____ (not find) the hotel so great?

-Sure, the hotel _____ (be) great, at least compared to the beach...!

-What do you mean?

-Well, just look at my arm... Can you see the big wound?

-Oh, my god, yes! What _____ (you do)?

-I _____ (not do) anything special. Well, except for the fact that I _____ (want /go swimming) in the sea. Unfortunately, a big shark _____ (come) and tried to kill me... I was lucky that the big shark _____ (just eat) three other tourists before he _____ (attack) me.

-Well, that _____ (really sound) horrible! But your wife _____ (come home) safely?

-Not exactly, you see. In the hotel, my dear wife _____ (get to know) the receptionist, and on our last day there, she _____ (tell) me: 'Pete, I must tell you something. I _____ (find) the man of my dreams, Pablo the receptionist! Please _____ (not be) angry, Pete...'

-Oh, so you...

-Yes, we _____ (separate). After 40 years of marriage! She wants the divorce as soon as possible.

-I'm really sorry about this, my dear friend!

-Oh, _____ (not worry) about me! I will be divorced in a couple of weeks, and then I _____ (find) my dream wife too... I have heard that Alicia Keys is single at the moment... Or Ashlee Simpson. I'm sure they _____ (only wait) for a man like me!