

HOLIDAYS; Worksheet

Read the following three statements; then do the tasks below:

Martin, 16 years

I always go on holidays with my parents and my sister. I think that's OK, because they pay everything and I don't have to care about where I'm going or how I can get there. My parents travel a lot, so my sister and I have made a lot of friends all over the world. We usually have to join our parents if they go to a restaurant, but if they go sightseeing, we can also stay at the beach or go out with our friends. They only want to know where we are going, but we don't have to be back at a certain time.

Julie, 17 years

When I was younger, I always went on holiday with my parents. That was really boring. Last year I was on holiday with my boyfriend for three days. We went to a concert, and we could do whatever we wanted. But I must admit that there is one good thing about going on holiday with your parents. You don't have to pay for everything yourself. When I was younger, I got some pocket money from my dad, and I could buy whatever I wanted. Last year, when my boyfriend and I went on holiday alone, I had to pay for the train tickets, for the food and for the campsite. So I had no money left for anything else.

Sabine, 19 years

My parents own a little house at the sea. They spend most of the summer there. I can come there when I want, and I can bring my friends, too. That's cool. I have my own big room with three beds in the house, and I can do whatever I want there. Usually I don't meet my parents very often, because I have my own car and they have their own car, and I spend all the time with my friends. Of course, we can live in the house for free, but we have to buy and cook our own food and pay everything ourselves.

Mike, 15 years

I always have to go on holiday with my parents, and I hate it. They go to museums or sightseeing in the city, but I only want to lie on the beach and enjoy the sun and the sea. I have asked my mom if I can stay at home or go on holiday with my best friend's family, but she said "no", because I'm too young. My dad said that I should be happy to go on holiday with them, because I don't have to pay for anything, but I'd rather pay my own holidays or stay at home than have to do everything my parents want in my holidays.

- 1) Who do you most agree with? Why?
- 2) Choose one of the four teenagers and write a postcard describing his/her holidays. (100 words)
- 3) Find the different arguments for and against *holidays with your parents* and complete the list below; add your own ideas:
- 4) Write a text about the advantages and disadvantages, using the questions below. (150 – 180 words)

Holidays with your parents:

	advantages	disadvantages
Martin		
Julie		
Sabine		
Mike		
your own ideas		

Some questions you should answer in your text:

- How do most of your friends spend their holidays?
- What are the positive sides of spending your holidays with your parents?
- What are negative aspects?
- How do you spend your holidays?
- What would be your ideal holiday?