About My Summer Holiday

Here are some short texts written by young Norwegians about their holidays.

Runa: This summer I went to Italy with my family. We also visited Sicily. There we saw Etna, a large volcano. It is still active. The crater is about 200 metres deep. Italy is a lovely country.

Martin: I went to France for three weeks to learn French. There was school every day, except Saturdays and Sundays. We learnt a lot and I made many new friends. I had so much fun that I am going back next summer. I miss the beach and the sun.

Jeanette: In my summer holiday I went to Tunisia. There are shops everywhere. I didn't buy any souvenirs, but people gave me things. I would love to go back. But I didn't like it when some boys said they loved me and asked my dad if they could buy me for a camel.

Word Power

written – skrevet
holidays – ferier
visited – besøkte
volcano – vulkan
still – fremdeles
crater – krater
lovely – vakkert
country – land
except – unntatt
a lot – mye
miss – savner
beach – strand
everywhere – overalt
buy – kjøpe
dad – pappa
camel – kamel

Task 1
Answer the questions:
A What are the names of the three Norwegians? _______________________
B Which countries did they visit?
Runa visited _______________________
Martin went to _______________________
Jeanette went to _______________________

Task 2
Read the text and fill in the missing words:
A This summer I went to Italy with my _______________________.
B We also _______________________.
C The ________________________ is about 200 metre deep.
D I ______________________ the beach and the ________________________.
E There are shops _______________________.

Task 3
Who says what?
A I had so much fun that I am going back next summer. _______________________
B I didn't buy any souvenirs. _______________________
C Italy is a lovely country. _______________________
D We learnt a lot. _______________________
E I would love to go back. _______________________
A Warning to All Parents

We had planned the holiday well. My wife, my two teenage girls and I were going to drive around England for ten days. We wanted to visit many places. Everybody was happy.

The boat trip was fine. The girls played on the slot machines and watched films. When we left the ship they asked: "When will we arrive at the hotel?" "How far do we have to drive?"

I said it would only take two hours.

Then one of the girls got sick. She had eaten too much chocolate. We stopped. We had been in England for half an hour.

Every day was like this: In and out of hotels, lunch at McDonald’s and dinner at Pizzaland or Pizza Hut, then TV till after midnight. Every morning the girls went shopping.

The family was not interested in anything. One day we passed Stonehenge. "Look," I said, "there is Stonehenge. Let’s stop here." But nobody wanted to stop.

Ten days later we were back on the ship. I spent most of the time in our cabin. My wife was reading and the girls had the tax free shop, the slot machines and the cinema.

It was nice to be back home again. Next summer we’ll stay at home.

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Task 4

Put the sentences in the correct order. Write a number in front of the sentences.

1. Everybody was happy.
2. Next summer we’ll stay at home.
3. Then one of the girls got sick.
4. Every morning the girls went shopping.
5. We had planned the holiday well.
6. But nobody wanted to stop.
7. We wanted to visit many places.
8. Ten days later we were back on the ship.

Task 5

True or false?

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Read and write chapter 1: travel

Task 6

Answer the questions:

A. Where did the family go?
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B. What was the boat trip like?
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C. What did the girls do on the boat?
_______________________________________________

D. Why did one of the girls get sick?
_______________________________________________

E. Where did the family eat?
_______________________________________________

F. What did they do every day?
_______________________________________________

G. How many days did they spend in England?
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H. What did they do on the boat on their way home?
_______________________________________________

I. What will they do next year?
_______________________________________________

Task 7

Cross out the wrong words:

We had planned the holiday (badly – well – slowly).
My wife, my (three – four – two) teenage girls and I were
going to (walk – swim – drive) around England for ten
(days – weeks – months). We wanted to visit many (castles –
places – beaches). Everybody was (free – happy – sad).

The (train – plane – boat) trip was fine. The girls (slept –
played – danced) on the slot machines and watched (films –
TV – shows). (Before – When – After) we left the ship, they
asked: “When will we arrive at (Pizzaland – McDonald’s –
the hotel)”? “How far do we have to (drive – run – cycle)?”
I said it would only take (five – four – two) hours.

Task 8

How did you like A Warning to All Parents?
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Illustrate the text with a drawing or a photo:
**India**
*By Air from London*

This is a wonderful 9-day trip to India. Here are big cities and fantastic temples.

**Included** in the price: flight to Delhi, 8 nights in good hotels and sightseeing trips.

**Egypt & Nile Cruise**
*By Air from London*

This is a wonderful 11-day holiday to Egypt. Egypt has a very old culture.

**Included** in the price: flight to Luxor, 7 nights cruise and 3 nights in Cairo.

**Prices from**
£889 per person.
4–12 February 06

**Prices from**
£19 per person.
November–December 01–1 February 02

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**Word Power**

by air – med fly
wonderful – vidunderlig, herlig
cities – byer
temples – templer
included – inkludert
flight – flyreise
culture – kultur
stay at – bo på
park passes – inngangsobilletter
**Gulliver’s Travels**

_Gulliver’s Travels_ is the story about Lemuel Gulliver, who travels to unknown parts of the world. Here he travels to Brobdingnag. The people who live there are giants, 18 metres tall.

**A Trip to Brobdingnag**

I stayed at home with my family for just two months. Then I went to sea again. The first part of our trip was nice. But one day there was a bad storm.

We had plenty of food on the ship, but little water. So when we saw land, the captain sent us to get water.

We did not find any water. The other men stayed on the beach, but I walked inland. There was no water, so I went back.

When I came back, I could see the other men, rowing back to the ship. They had left me! Then I saw why. There was a giant chasing them!

I ran. From a hill I could see what the country was like. I could not believe my eyes! The grass was as tall as a house and the corn was at least 12 metres high.

I walked along a road. At last I came to a big field. There I saw many giants. I was afraid, and tried to hide. But one of the giants saw me. He picked me up and took me to his master.

The master took me back to his farm. His children put me on the table, where they could see me.

The farmer’s wife gave me some bread, and I started to eat. The farmer’s wife filled her smallest cup (it was as big as a bucket) with water, but I could not drink it all!

Later on, the daughter made a bed for me. This girl was nine years old and only 12 metres tall! She called me Grildrig, which meant ‘Little Man’. I liked her very much.

**Task 13**

Make a list of all the characters (personene) mentioned in _A Trip to Brobdingnag_:

| A | Who stayed at home with his family for two months? |
| B | Who sent them to get water? |
| C | Who stayed on the beach? |
| D | Who walked inland? |
| E | Who were rowing back to the ship? |
| F | Who was chasing the men? |
| G | Who took Gulliver to his master? |
| H | Who put him on the table? |
| I | Who gave him bread and water? |
| J | Who called him Grildrig? |
**Task 15**

Fill in the missing words from the text:

I ran. From a ____________ I could see what the ____________ was like. I could not ____________ my eyes! The grass was as ____________ as a house and the corn was at least 12 metres ____________.

I walked along a _____________. At last I ____________ to a big field. There I ____________ many giants. I was ____________, and tried to hide. ____________ one of the ____________ saw me. He picked me up and ____________ me to ____________ master. The master took me ____________ to his farm. His children put ____________ on the table. ____________, they could see me. The farmer’s wife ____________ me some ____________, and I ____________ to eat. The farmer’s ____________ filled her ____________ cup (it was as big ____________ a bucket) ____________ water, but I could ____________ drink it all!

**Task 16**

Match the different halves of these sentences:

1. I stayed at home with my family  
2. The first part of our trip  
3. The other men stayed on the beach,  
4. There was no water,  
5. When I went back,  
6. There was a giant

A. chasing them!  
B. I could see the other men.  
C. so I went back.  
D. but I went inland.  
E. for just two months.  
F. was nice.

**Task 17**

Write about your dream holiday.

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