

Holiday Packing

Thea is six years old. She is going on holiday to St Ives with her Mum and Uncle Sam. Mum is busy getting the suitcases out of the loft ready to pack. Uncle Sam is off to work.

Uncle Sam: *I'm off to work now. If you two girls get all the packing done today we will be able to make an early start in the morning.*

Thea & Mum: *Bye!*

Thea: *Can I pack my own suitcase Mum?*

Mum: *Only if you are sensible and think carefully about everything you will need to take with you for a week. Here, take the smallest suitcase and see how you get on.*

Thea wheels the smallest suitcase into her bedroom and closes the door. She looks around her room at all of her things and wonders, which are the sensible things to take.

Thea: *Well first of all there is Pop the Monkey. I couldn't possibly think of going anywhere without him.*

Thea places Pop the Monkey in the case. She looks around her room to see what else is needed.

Thea: *I love making things with Lego such as little cars and sitting rooms for the Lego people and shops and gardens and all sorts of things. I can't possibly go a whole week without making something from Lego.*

Thea places the Lego in the case.

Thea: *I'd also better put in my box of crayons and colouring books, my toy drum and drumsticks and the Play-Doh.*

Thea folds up the toy pushchair and squeezes that into the top of the case.

Thea: *Little Ted is needed to ride in the buggy. The dolls' tea set is needed because Pop the Monkey and Little Ted will get hungry on holiday and will need feeding.*

Thea opens her wardrobe and turns her attention to clothes.

Thea: *I think I will take my 'Pretty Pink Fairy' dressing up clothes.*

Thea takes the outfit off the hanger, folds it carefully and places it inside the suitcase. After much pushing and pulling she manages to zip up the lid of the suitcase.

Thea: *Finished packing Mum!*

Mum: *Good girl. That was quick. Did you remember to pack a warm sweater in case it gets cold and enough socks for every day of the week?*



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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Mum was getting the suitcases out of the loft. Uncle Sam said he was off

1 to work. on holiday. to do a job. to the shops.

Thea asked her Mum if she could

2 go out. pack a suitcase.
go to the park. have a sweet.

After Mum agreed, Thea wheeled the

3 largest smallest biggest newest

suitcase into her room. First she packed

4 Pat Pop Pip Poppy

the Monkey. She decided she couldn't go a whole week without her

5 cars. shops. Lego. sitting rooms.

Finally she packed her

6 sweater socks dressing up clothes sweets

and told her Mum she was finished.

Section B

1 Where was Thea going for her holiday?

2 Why did Uncle Sam want the girls to get all the packing done while he was at work?

3 What sort of things did Thea make out of Lego?

4 Why was 'Little Ted' needed on holiday?

5 Who 'will get hungry on holiday'?

6 What items of clothing did Thea pack?

7 How do you think Mum will react when she checks what Thea has packed?

Section C

Make a list of all the things you would like to take with you on a seaside holiday.

Planning a Journey

Mitch was going on holiday with his family to Tenerife. He had never been on a plane before and so he was constantly quizzing his Dad about what it would be like. When will we set off? How will we get to the airport? Why do we have to leave so early? These questions kept buzzing through his mind so he decided, with help from his Dad, to write down exactly what would happen on their journey.



How I will get to Tenerife

- 3.00 am Taxi arrives to take us to the airport.
- 4.00 am Join long queue to check in bags at the airport.
- 4.30 am Enter the secure part of the airport. I will have to go through a metal detector and I will have to put my rucksack on a conveyor belt.
- 5.00 am While we are waiting to go to the boarding gate, we will look round the shops in the airport.
- 5.45 am Queue at boarding gate until plane is ready.
- 6.30 am TAKE OFF!
- 7.15 am Eat breakfast on plane.
- 10.15 am Land at Tenerife South airport.
- 10.30 am Collect luggage from carousel.
- 11.00 am Board tour bus to hotel.
- 11.45 am Arrive at hotel, put on swimming trunks and dive into the pool! Hooray!

Planning a Journey

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Mitch was going on holiday with his family to

- 1 **Turkey.** **Tibet.** **Torquay.** **Tenerife.**

He decided to write down what would happen on the journey with help from his

- 2 **Mum.** **Dad.** **sister.** **brother.**

At 3.00am the taxi would take them

- 3 **to the shops.** **to the port.** **to the airport.**

He would have to go through a metal detector at

- 4 **4.00am.** **4.15am.** **4.30am.** **4.45am.**

He would take off at exactly

- 5 **6.20am.** **6.25am.** **6.30am.** **6.35am.**

He would dive into the pool after arriving at the

- 6 **airport.** **leisure centre.** **hotel.** **seaside.**

Section B

- 1 Complete the table below:

10.15am	
	Collect luggage from carousel.
11.00am	
	Arrive at hotel.

- 2 How do you think Mitch would feel when the taxi arrived to take him to the airport?

- 3 How do you think Mitch would feel about being in a long queue at four o'clock in the morning?

- 4 Which word or phrase suggests Mitch liked swimming?

- 5 How do you think Mitch felt about going on a plane for the first time? Give a reason for your answer.

- 6 What did Mitch do to help him understand everything that would happen on the journey?

- 7 Why do you think Mitch's Dad helped him to do this?

Section C

Write a timetable of events telling of a long journey you have been on.

The Journey



Doors slam,
Engine throbs,
Wheels turn,
Journey's begun!

Pace quickens,
Motorway beckons,
Engine's rhythm,
Steady onward,
Fields, cows,
Sheep, farms,
Rushing past,
Gushing rivers,
City skyscrapers,
Neat back gardens,
Fly from view.

Gears scraping,
Engine's slowing,
Street sign calling,
Here at last!

The Journey

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Before the journey began, the doors

1 **close** **shut** **slam** **clatter**

and the engine throbs. The pace quickens and the

2 **road** **highway** **countryside** **motorway**

beckons. Along the way we pass fields, sheep, cows

3 **farms** **buildings** **pubs** **garden centres**

and rivers. The city skyscrapers

4 **stand up tall.** **reach for the clouds.** **fly from view.**

The end of the journey is signalled by the engine

5 **revving.** **racing.** **slowing.** **stopping.**

The final street sign suggests

6 **they are in town.**
 the journey has just started.
 here at last!

Section B

1 Which three phrases suggest the journey has begun?

2 What does the phrase 'pace quickens' suggest?

3 What do you think is meant by the phrase 'engine's rhythm'?

4 Which words suggest the journey goes through the countryside?

5 Which words suggest the journey goes through a city?

6 What is meant by the phrase 'fly from view'?

7 Which phrases suggest the journey is near the end?

8 Does the phrase 'Here at last!' suggest a long or a short journey?
 Give a reason for your answer.

Section C

Write a poem about a journey you have been on.