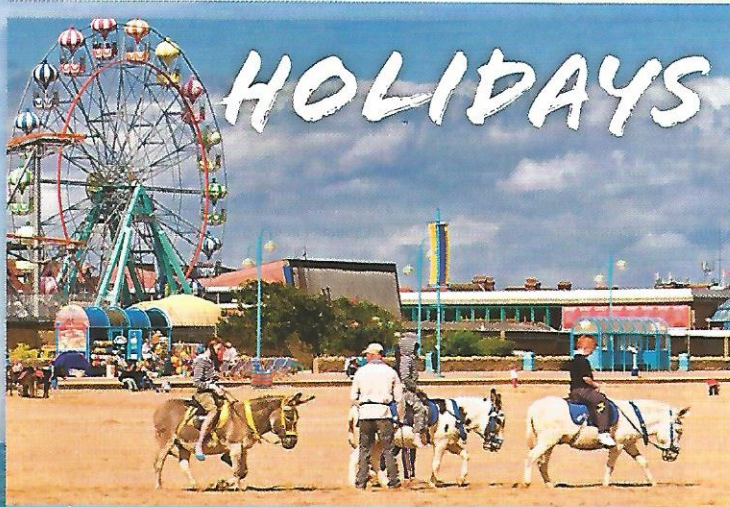




**1** **2.2** Read and listen to the text. Match these topics to the correct paragraphs.

- winter holidays
- summer holidays in Britain
- holiday times
- visitors to Britain
- summer holidays abroad



**1** Families in Britain usually go on holiday between the middle of July and the end of August, because the children aren't at school then. Most people go away for two weeks. A lot of people take a winter holiday, too. They usually go in the Christmas and Easter school holidays, or in the February half-term holiday.

**2** Some people spend their summer holidays in Britain. You can go to the beach, but there are lots of other places to go, too. There are museums, castles, zoos and safari parks. One very popular place is The Eden Project. It's in Cornwall, in the south-west of England. You can learn all about the environment there. Alton Towers theme park is very popular, too. It has got lots of exciting rides.



**2 a** Find these places in the text. Make a list.

- popular places for families in Britain
- countries that British people go to
- popular places for visitors to Britain

**b** Look at your list of places. Why do people go to each one?

**3** **2.3** Listen. Find this information about each speaker for summer and winter.

- 1 When do they usually go on holiday?
- 2 Where do they usually go?
- 3 Where did they go last year?

**4** Write about holidays in your country. Use the topics in exercise 1.

**3** A lot of people go abroad for their summer holidays, too. Spain, Italy and France are favourite places. People usually go to Spain for a beach holiday. They go by plane and they stay in hotels. When people go to France, they often go camping, so they usually go by car. You can take the ferry to France, but most people put their cars on the train to go through the Channel Tunnel.

**4** People normally go abroad for a winter holiday. Some people go skiing in countries like Austria, Switzerland and Slovenia. A lot of schools organize a skiing trip for their pupils in the February half-term holiday. Other people like to go to hot places: the Canary Islands, Florida and Thailand are popular.



**5** A lot of tourists from other countries come to Britain for their holidays. Most of them go to London to see all the famous sights there, like Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. Other popular places are the cities of York and Canterbury. They have got old cathedrals. Oxford and Cambridge have got famous universities.

