


Holidays in the US

- 1 Where do you go on holiday with your family? Do you travel by car, train, or plane?

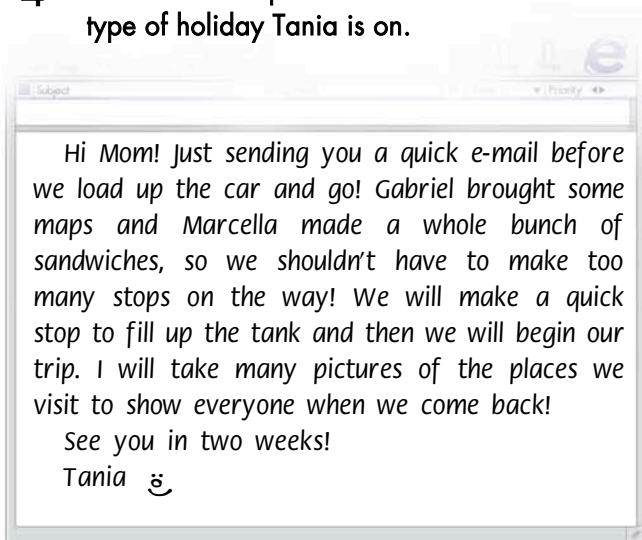
Listening

- 2  Listen and fill in the blanks. Then, read the text and check your answers.

- 1 Vacationing became popular due to the significant rise in the use of
- 2 Americans from the emerging middle class enjoyed time away from work seashores, mountains, and springs.
- 3 By the 20th century, people began going on

Reading

- 3 Read the text and explain the words in bold. Then, discuss what you learned about the history of holidaymaking in the US.
- 4 Read the description below and decide what type of holiday Tania is on.



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Hi Mom! Just sending you a quick e-mail before we load up the car and go! Gabriel brought some maps and Marcella made a whole bunch of sandwiches, so we shouldn't have to make too many stops on the way! We will make a quick stop to fill up the tank and then we will begin our trip. I will take many pictures of the places we visit to show everyone when we come back!

See you in two weeks!

Tania ☺



Today, going on vacation is something that people try to do every year in order to take a break from their daily routine.

However, this was not always the case. In the mid-eighteenth century, vacationing or travelling **for pleasure** was not something people did. It was in March 1744 when Dr. Hamilton, a doctor from Maryland, set out on a journey on horseback, "intended only for health and **recreation**", that the trend can be said to have officially begun.

Twenty years later, more and more people who could afford it started going on vacation. They were the nation's first vacationers.

Vacationing became even more popular with the **significant** rise in the use of the railroad and the automobile.

By the mid-nineteenth century, more Americans enjoyed time away from work **in pursuit of** seashores, mountains, and springs.

By the 20th century, people began going on **road trips** around the country while today, people take their vacations in destinations all over the world.



Speaking

- 5 What is your ideal holiday destination? Do you like to travel by car? train? plane? boat? Explain.

Writing

- 6 Write a short paragraph about a place where you have gone on holiday.