

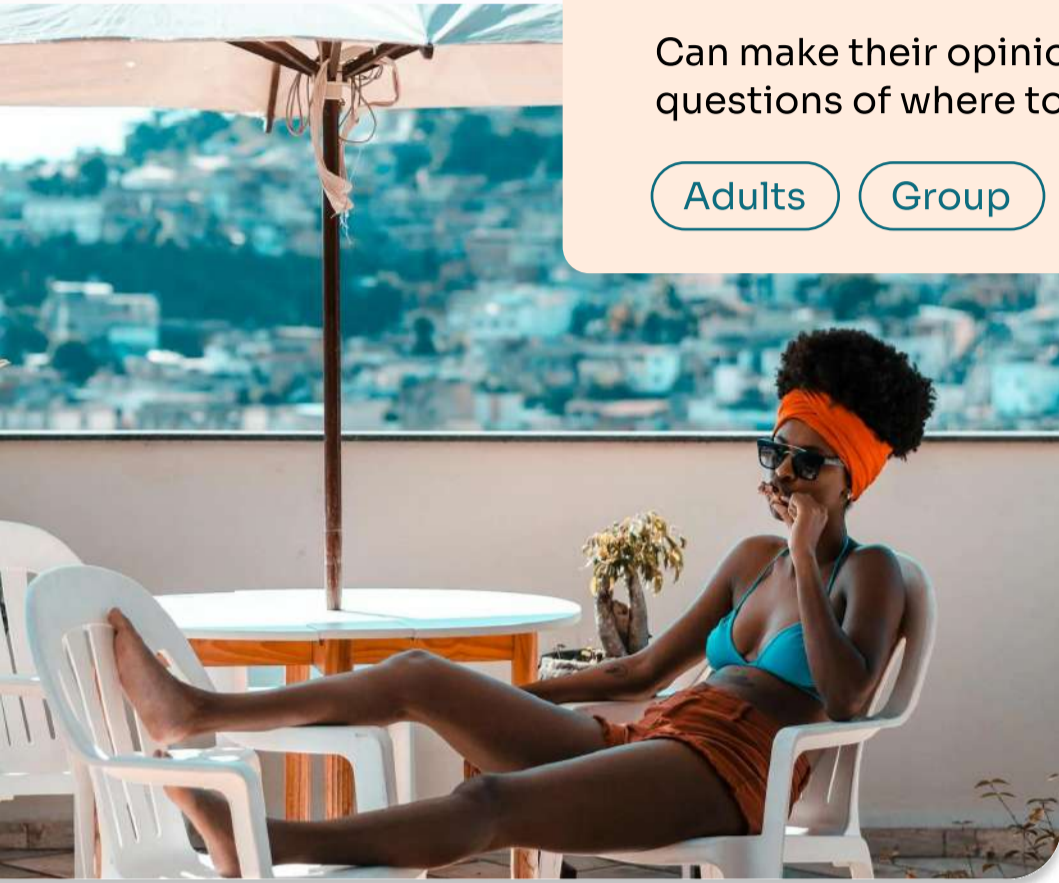
What About Staycation?

Skills:

Can make their opinions and reactions understood as regards solutions to problems or practical questions of where to go, what to do, or how to organise an event (e.g. an outing).

Adults

Group



1 Discuss together:

What do you think "staycation" is?

Why do you think "staycation" is so popular? Name a few reasons.

2 In pairs, complete the list of advantages and disadvantages of a staycation and come up with a couple more. Share your ideas with the rest of the class.

Advantages:

- Lets you _____ without _____.
- Gives you a chance _____ like a tourist.
- Saves _____ on _____.
- Gives you flexibility in _____.

Disadvantages:

- Might not be _____.
- Can be hard to stop thinking about _____.
- Doesn't let you experience _____.
- Might make you want to do _____ instead of _____.

3 Read the text about staycation and answer the questions in the next page:

Staycation tourism is becoming more popular and important. But what is a Staycation?

Staycation is a new and important idea in tourism. The word comes from "stay" and "vacation." It means taking a vacation at home or nearby.

People choose to do local or regional tourism, often in their own city. This trend grew due to the COVID-19 crisis when people started exploring their local areas because of travel restrictions.

Growth of Staycation

Several factors have boosted staycations. These include COVID-19, high living costs, and a desire to help the planet. In June 2020, experts said staycationers could help fill hotels in the U.S. and Europe. This prediction was accurate as staycations have increased since the pandemic.

A report in August 2022 showed that 20% of British people chose not to go abroad, and 16% planned a staycation to save money. Inflation and higher airline ticket prices influenced these choices.

Advantages of Staycation

Staycation tourism has benefits for both travelers and tourism businesses. Here are three advantages:

- Staycations are more sustainable. Local tourism means less need for polluting transportation like airplanes. People can use electric trains or cars instead.
- Staycations save money. The 2008 economic crisis made staycations popular in Europe. Now, with the pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war causing high energy costs, staycations are a good way to save money. Local tourism companies benefit from increased demand.
- Staycations are comfortable. You avoid the stress of packing and organizing for a big trip. There are no airport hassles or flight delays to worry about.

1. What factors have contributed to the growth of Staycations?
2. How have staycations impacted hotels in the U.S. and Europe?
3. Why did 20% of British people choose not to go abroad according to a report in August 2022?
4. What are three advantages of Staycation tourism for both travelers and tourism businesses?

4 Mike is sharing his staycation experience in his post on Instagram. What do you think about the activities he chose for his staycation? Would you do the same? Why or why not?

I love staycations! Whenever I have time off, I prefer to stay home and relax. Last summer, I had the best staycation ever. I binge-watched my favorite TV shows, cooked my favorite meals, and just enjoyed being in my own space.



5 In pairs, come up with a list of recommendations for a staycation in the place where you live right now, your hometown, or your country.

Correct answers

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Made in the “Advantages and Disadvantages” tool. Possible answers:

Advantages

1. relax and take time off; going anywhere
2. to explore your own city or town
3. money; expensive trips and places to stay
4. planning activities and schedules

Disadvantages:

1. as exciting as traveling to new places
2. everyday tasks and work
3. different cultures or new environments
4. chores or work, relaxing during your time off.

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Made in the “Simplify&Upgrade” + “Open Questions” tools. The text is based on [this article](#).

1. Factors contributing to the growth of Staycations include COVID-19, high living costs, and a desire to help the planet.
2. Staycationers were predicted to help fill hotels in the U.S. and Europe, which has been accurate since the pandemic.
3. 20% of British people chose not to go abroad in order to save money, influenced by inflation and higher airline ticket prices.
4. Three advantages of Staycation tourism are sustainability (less need for polluting transportation), cost savings, and comfort (avoiding stress of packing and airport hassles).



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Made in “Four Opinions”.

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Inspired by the “Lead-in activities” tool.