

READING COMPREHENSIVE
FORM 8-A
II TERM

There are certain people who always like to take their vacations in the same place. They return from a vacation and ask themselves, "When can I go back there again?" There are other people who like to go many places. They like to do many different things on their vacations. When they return from a vacation, they ask themselves, "Where can I go next?"

My parents are perfect examples of the first kind of people. They always like to go to the lake in the mountains where they went on their honeymoon. They bought a vacation cabin there several years after they were married. They have gone there two or three times a year for over twenty-five years. My parents have made friends with the people who also own cabins there. They enjoy getting together with them. Both my parents enjoy sailing and swimming and my father likes to go fishing! My parents enjoy variety, but they say they can get variety by going to their cabin at different times of the year. They particularly like to go there in the autumn when the leaves are beautiful.

I am an example of a person who likes to go to different places for her vacation. When I was a child, I went to my parents' cabin, but when I got older, I wanted to travel to many different places. I spent a lot of time and money learning how to ski, so I wanted to travel to places where I could ski, such as Switzerland. I was interested in visiting historic places, so I went to Angkor Wat in Cambodia even though it was difficult to get there. I would like to go to Egypt because I want to see the pyramids and to Rome to see the Coliseum.

Although I enjoy going to familiar places, I find that going to strange places is more exciting. The world is so huge and exciting that I don't want to go to the same place twice. Still, I understand my parents' point of view. They believe that you can never get to know a place too well.

Task 1. For each of the questions 1 – 10 decide which of the statements are true or false and put a «+» if a statement is true and a « – » if a statement is false.

1. The text mainly tells about travelling to different places.
2. The parents like to spend their holidays in the same city.
3. They have got married recently.
4. The action takes place in a cabin in the mountains.
5. The parents have gone to their cottage two or three times a year for over twenty-five years.
6. Both of the parents enjoy sailing.
7. The author of the text is a man.
8. The author of the text is an experienced traveller.
9. The world is a small place to live in.
10. You can never get to know a place too well.

Task 2. For each of the questions 11 – 20 decide which of the answers (a, b, c or d) best complete the statements.

11. It may be inferred from the text that the parents always spend their vacation:
- a) in different places;
 - b) in many places;
 - c) in the same place;
 - d) in popular place.
12. The parents prefer:
- a) fishing to climbing;
 - b) climbing to sailing;
 - c) sailing to swimming;
 - d) swimming to climbing.
13. One can make a conclusion that "the parents are"
- a) successful people;
 - b) friendly people;
 - c) diligent people;
 - d) cruel people.
14. The parents' favorite season was:
- a) spring;
 - b) summer;
 - c) autumn;
 - c) winter.
15. The cabin was bought:
- a) after the marriage;
 - b) after the divorce;
 - c) before the marriage;
 - c) before the divorce.
16. The author of the passage states that the parents like:
- a) variety meat;
 - b) variety shows;
 - c) variety;
 - d) variety store.
17. The dream of the author is:
- a) to visit Cambodia and Egypt;
 - b) to visit Egypt and Italy;
 - c) to visit Italy and Switzerland;
 - d) to visit Switzerland and Cambodia.
18. A lot of money was spent learning how to:
- a) sky;
 - b) skate;
 - c) skid;
 - d) ski.
19. The pyramids in Egypt were visited:
- a) by many tourists;
 - b) by no one;
 - c) by the parents;
 - d) by the author.
20. The author of the passage:
- a) refuses to give the parents' opinion;
 - b) shares the parents' opinion;
 - c) rejects the parents' opinion;
 - d) grasps the meaning of the parents' opinion.

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