

A red and white Volkswagen Type 2 van is parked on a dirt road in a tropical setting. The van is facing left, and its license plate reads '180118 WY'. The background is filled with lush greenery, including tall palm trees and dense foliage. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The van has a white upper body and a red lower body, with a white roof and a red stripe running along the side. The license plate is white with black text.

Topic

Conversation for Intermediates

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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white coat with a fur collar, a red and white striped scarf, and red gloves, stands in a city street at night. She is looking up with a joyful expression as snow falls around her. Her arms are slightly outstretched. The background features a building with green trim and warm lights, and a string of white lights hangs across the frame. A yellow box on the left contains the text "Describe the picture.".

Describe
the
picture.



Today's Topic

Holidays and Special Days

A holiday is a day for celebration when many people are allowed to be away from work or school.

Some examples of special days are birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

TARGET LANGUAGE

In this lesson, we will learn to talk about **Holidays and Special Days**:

- learn words/expressions/phrases related to the topic;
- make sentences related to the topic;
- answer questions and share ideas related to the topic.

Key words:

time off

break

day off

family holiday

leave

| Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

1. I'm spending some **time off** with my family in Italy.

Q1. When was the last time you spent some time off with your family, and where did you go?

Q2. What do you usually do on your time off these days?



| Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

2. I was beginning to feel that I needed a **break**.

Q1. What do you say to your boss when you ask for a break?

Q2. What were you doing when you felt so tired that you needed a break?



I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

3. Thursday is his **day off**.

- Q1. Would you agree to have an extra day off,
but have to work extra hours?
- Q2. Why is there a need for a day off?



I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

4. Luke was forced to cancel the **family holiday** to Acapulco.

Q1. Have you ever canceled a plan because of work? If yes, why?

Q2. Personally, where would you say is the best place for a family holiday?



| Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

5. I've applied for three-day **leave**.

Q1. What is your usual reason when you apply for a leave?

Q2. Which would you prefer: use all of your leave in consecutive days, or apply for a one-day leave per month?



Vocabulary

Sum up and make sentences with the words.



time off

a period of time when you are not required to work, study, etc.



day off

a day when you do not go to work, school etc. because you have a holiday



leave

a period of time when someone has special permission to be away from a job

break

the time when you stop working in order to rest, eat etc.



family holiday

a long visit to a place away from where you live, for pleasure



Vocabulary Check

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

time off

break

day off

family holiday

leave

1. My dad has been planning our _____ since last summer. He's very excited.
2. I always waste my _____ by sleeping the whole day.
3. I've been working since 7 in the morning. I need a _____.
4. The doctor advised me to take some _____ for a couple of days.
5. I wanted to apply for a 5-day _____ but my supervisor won't allow me.

Review

Fill in the blanks with the given letter.

Many of us work too hard, and because of that, we want to take a little
b 1. Perhaps a f 2 outside the country with your mom and dad.
At work, we get jealous when a co-worker is on l 3. Everybody should
relax and not stress themselves. Go to the gym or eat in a restaurant on your
d 4. Try to enjoy the bright side of life. We all need some t 5 from
all the negativities in this world.

Free Talk

Read the question and share your opinions.

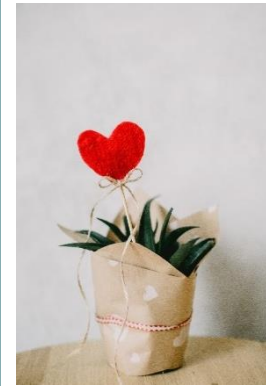
What are the different holidays, and what is that holiday dedicated to?



What: Christmas

When: December 25th

To celebrate Jesus' birthday. In other countries, it's a celebration of love. People light up Christmas trees and give presents. ...



What: _____

When: _____



What: _____

When: _____

An important
holiday in
your country



What: _____

When: _____

Free Talk

Read the question and share your opinions.

What activities do people usually do on holidays?



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Q1. What special activities can you do on certain holidays?