

Vacations

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APPENDIX A: Completed Cloze Exercise

Vacations

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APPENDIX B: Cloze Exercise and Writing Practice

Vacations Worksheet

Part 1: Cloze Exercise

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Part 2: Writing Practice

How about you?

What did you do during your last vacation?

What will you do during your next vacation?