

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Discussion

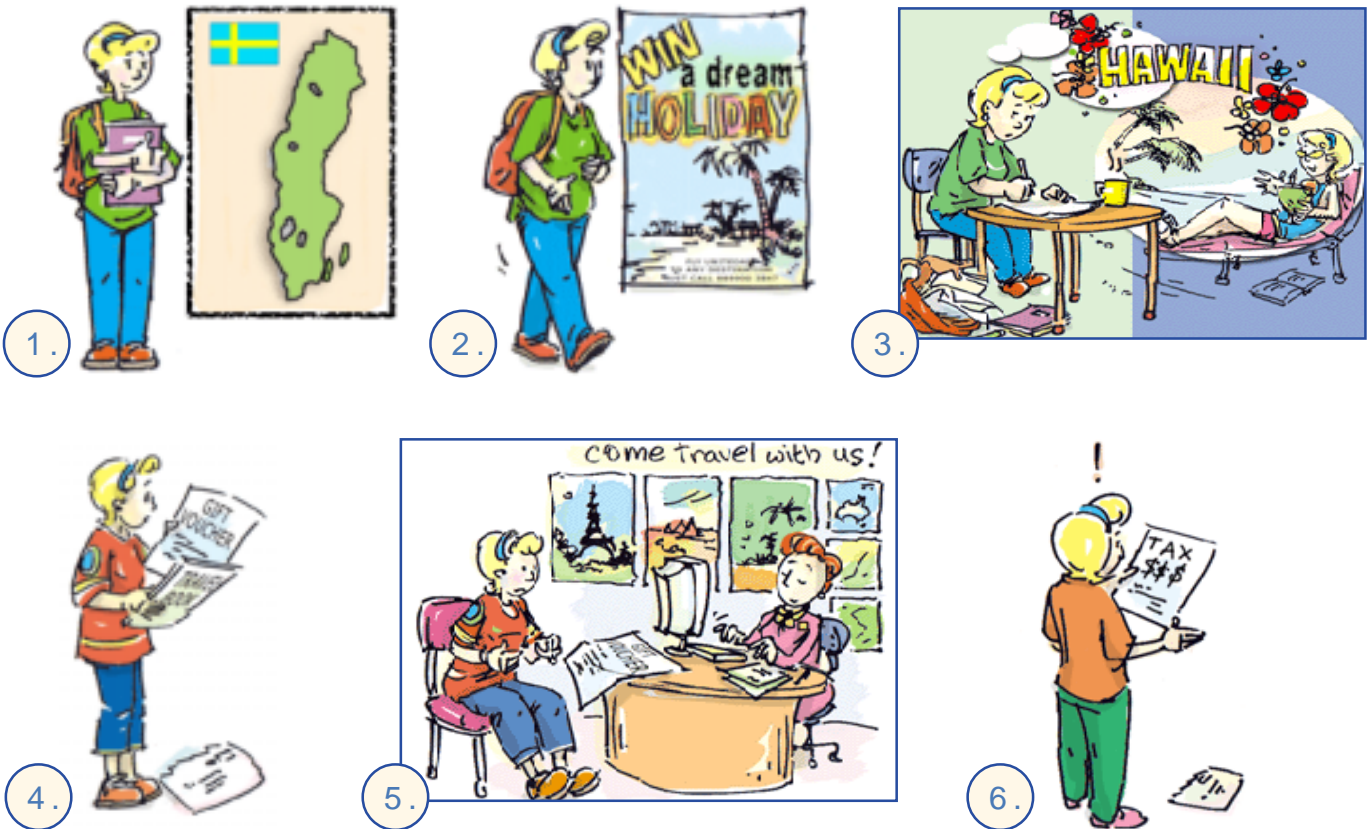
In today's article there are the words 'dream holiday'. 'Dream' means something nice that you would like to happen. A 'dream holiday' means your perfect holiday or vacation.

Work in small groups or pairs and discuss the questions.

1. Where would you go for a dream holiday?
2. What would you do?
3. Who would you go with?

B: Pictures

1. Look at the pictures about today's article. What do the pictures show?



2. Match the words and phrases with the correct pictures.

Sweden contest enter a contest gift certificate travel brochure tax to win prize

3. In pairs, look at the pictures again. What do you think today's article is about?
Compare your ideas with other members in your class.

Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary

Match the words with their correct meanings.

tax authorities turn into destination shock worth nightmare

1. a bad dream
2. to change or become something
3. part of the government which collects taxes
4. the place where someone is going
5. a very bad or nasty surprise
6. with a value of

B: Listening and Understanding

Look at the pictures in Pre Reading Activity B again. Listen to your teacher read today's article.

C: Understanding the Main Idea

Read the article and choose the correct answer for the question: Today's article is a sad story, because...

1. a Swedish student won a contest, but didn't get the prize that she wanted.
2. she was told that she had to pay tax on the prize.
3. she didn't win enough money to pay for a trip to Hawaii.
4. All of these (answers 1- 3)

Hawaii Dream Becomes Nightmare for Student

STOCKHOLM Tuesday September 4 (Reuters) - A contest to win a dream holiday for two people turned into a tax nightmare for Swedish student Catharina Modin.

Modin entered the contest and said she would like a holiday in Hawaii, one of several **destinations** offered as a prize, if she won.

Modin won the contest, but instead of getting tickets to Hawaii, she received a gift certificate worth 20,000 crowns (\$1,920) and a travel brochure, the Swedish daily Expressen

reported Monday.

"When I was going to book my journey the money wasn't enough even for the cheapest Hawaii-trip in the brochure," Modin, 25, said.

The real shock came later when Swedish tax authorities told her she had to pay around 13,000 crowns in income tax on the prize. Taxes in Sweden are among the highest in the industrialized world.

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D: Yes or No?

Read the article carefully and answer yes or no to each of these questions.

1. Did Catharina Modin enter the contest for a dream holiday?
2. Did she want to go to Hawaii?
3. Did she win the contest?
4. Did she receive a prize?
5. Did she try to buy a ticket to Hawaii?
6. Did she have a bigger shock after this?

E: Remembering Details

Read the sentences about today's article. One word in each sentence is wrong. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. The contest was to win a dream holiday for three people.
2. Catharina Modin is Swiss.
3. Modin is a 27-year-old student.
4. Catharina received air tickets worth 20,000 crowns.
5. The money was enough for the cheapest trip to Hawaii.



Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Language

Below are the base forms of some verbs in today's article. Read today's article again and write the past simple form beside them.

eg. turn, turned
enter,
say,
win,
receive,
report,
come,
tell,

Which of the verbs are irregular?

B: Discussion

Answer these questions in pairs.

1. Modin was unhappy with the prize. What should she do?
2. You win a contest. The prize is an air ticket to Hawaii, Sweden or Kenya. Where would you go? Why?
3. Do you think you should have to pay tax if you win a prize of money?
4. How much tax do people pay in your country?

C: Writing

Read the paragraph below. Then rewrite the story again using the simple past and past continuous tenses.

Catharina is walking down the street one day when she sees a poster for a dream holiday contest. She is thinking about having a holiday and she really wants a holiday in Hawaii. She enters the contest and she wins it. She receives a gift certificate and a travel brochure. She feels happy when she sees the gift certificate but when she is reading it she sees that the money isn't enough for the cheapest Hawaiian holiday. The money isn't enough for the cheapest Hawaiian holiday. Then the Swedish tax authorities tell her she has to pay 13,000 crowns in income tax on the prize.

D: Dialogue

Read the dialogue below in pairs. **Student A** reads and completes the gaps with information from today's article. **Student B** reads and complete the gaps with the correct words. (Some words have been left out). Read the questions out.

- Student A: There was a contest for a _____. One of the destinations that was offered was a trip to _____.
- Student B: Did Catharina Modin enter _____ contest for a dream _____?
- Student A: Yes she did.
- Student B: Did she want to _____ to Hawaii?
- Student A: Yes she did.
- Student B: Did she win the _____?
- Student A: Yes, she did.
- Student B: Did _____ receive a prize?
- Student A: Yes, she received a _____ worth 20,000 crowns and a travel brochure.
- Student B: Did she try to buy a ticket to _____?
- Student A: Yes she did, but the money wasn't enough even for the cheapest trip to _____.
- Student B: Poor Catharina!
- Student A: Yes, but she had another shock and it was a bigger surprise. She was told she had to pay _____ on the prize.



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

B: Pictures - Notes

Students work in small groups or pairs and talk about what the pictures show. They are not told (in Picture 1) which country the flag and map represents but could make guesses. If anyone does guess the country 'Sweden' you can confirm that this is correct. You may like to get them talking by saying "What does this picture show? What is the girl doing?" etc). Then direct them to the words and phrases below the pictures and help them to match the different words with the pictures. In a one-to-one situation ask the student questions about the pictures.

B: Pictures - Answers

- Answers will vary.
- Picture one: Sweden
Picture two: contest
Picture three: to enter a contest
Picture four: to win, gift certificate, travel brochure, prize
Picture five: gift certificate
Picture six: tax
- Answers will vary, but should focus on what the pictures and vocabulary have suggested.

Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary - Answers

- nightmare
- turn into
- tax authorities
- destination
- shock
- worth

B: Listening and Understanding - Notes

Read the article at normal speed and allow the students to follow the article with the pictures. (The text has been shortened slightly for this activity (i.e. no date is given and the references to the Swedish newspaper Expressen, Modin's age and taxes in Sweden being very high have been removed).

B: Listening and Understanding - Text to be Read Aloud to Students

A contest to win a dream holiday for two people turned into a tax nightmare for Swedish student Catharina Modin.

Modin entered the contest. She said she would like a holiday in Hawaii, one of several destinations offered as a prize, if she won.

Modin won the contest, but instead of getting tickets to Hawaii, she received a gift certificate worth 20,000 crowns (\$1,920) and a travel brochure.

"When I was going to book my journey the money wasn't enough even for the cheapest Hawaii-trip in the brochure," Modin said.

The real shock came later when Swedish tax authorities told her she had to pay around 13,000 crowns in income tax on the prize.

C: Understanding the Main Idea - Answers

Answer 4 is correct.

D: Yes or No? - Answers

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes

E: Remembering Details - Answers

- The contest was to win a dream holiday for two people.
- Catharina is Swedish.
- Modin is a 25-year-old student.
- Catharina received gift certificate worth 20,000 crowns.
- The money wasn't enough for the cheapest trip to Hawaii.

Post Reading Activities

A: Language - Answers

entered
said
won
received
reported
came
told

Irregular verbs: say, win, come, tell

C: Writing - Answers

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D: Dialogue - Notes

You will probably need to go through the instructions fairly carefully. You may even wish to model the dialogue with one of the students. Student A uses information from the article to complete the gaps while Student B is trying to replicate the questions from Reading Activity D.

Once students understand what they have to do, they will enjoy reading the dialogue aloud. (Before this, they can write in the correct answers if you wish to have very controlled practice.) They should swap roles after doing it once. They may even swap partners and repeat the process if you wish.

In a one-to-one situation, you can take the role of one of the students and then swap.

D: Dialogue - Answers

Student A: There was a contest for a dream holiday. One of the destinations that was offered was a trip to Hawaii.

Student B: Did Catharina Modin enter the contest for a dream holiday?

Student A: Yes she did.

Student B: Did she want to go to Hawaii?

Student A: Yes she did.

Student B: Did she win the contest?

Student A: Yes, she did.

Student B: Did she receive a prize?

Student A: Yes, she received a gift certificate worth 20,000 crowns and a travel brochure.

Student B: Did she try to buy a ticket to Hawaii?

Student A: Yes she did, but the money wasn't enough even for the cheapest trip to Hawaii.

Student B: Poor Catharina!

Student A: Yes, but she had another shock and it was a bigger surprise. She was told she had to pay tax on the prize.