

# A Weekend Away

## Introduction

This resource was used with a group of E2E learners but is suitable for groups of all ages. The session could be started by talking to the learners about confidence in completing a seemingly large task. Organising a week-end away is such a task where there are a lot of smaller tasks that need to be completed.

During the lessons that I have delivered I explain how to feel more confident in completing a task by breaking it down into manageable chunks and taking a step by step approach to solving a problem.

## Main curriculum references

The session is geared around E3/L1 learners.

### Reading (reading comprehension, punctuation and grammar, vocabulary)

Rt/L1.1 Rt/L1.4 Rt/L1.5 Rs/L1.2 Rw/L1.1

Rt/E3.7 Rt/E3.8 Rs/E3.3 Rw/E3.1

### Writing (writing composition, punctuation and grammar, spelling, handwriting)

Wt/E3.1 Wt/E3.2 Wt/E3.3 Wt/E3.4 Ws/E3.1 Ws/E3.3 Ww/E3.1 Ww/E3.3

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### Speaking and Listening (engage in discussion)

SLd/E3.1 SLd/E3.2 SLd/E3.3

SLd/L1.1 SLd/L1.2 SLd/L1.3

### Number

N2/E3.3 N2/E3.4 (decimals to 2 places – money, calculators)

N2/L1.5 (decimals to 2 places)

### Measures, Shape and Space

MSS1/E3.1 MSS1/E3.3 (money, time and dates)

MSS1/L1.1 MSS1/L1.2 MSS1/L1.3 (money, time and dates)

### Handling Data

HD1/E3.1 HD1/L1.1 (extract information from charts, diagrams, etc.)

## Feedback from learners

When embarking on the project learners were very keen and I was asked if they could produce posters for the walls of the classroom. These posters included weather and transport.

## Additional Resources

Resources that will be needed to complete this project include travel brochures, catalogues, newspapers and access to various web-sites.

## Overview

This resource involves literacy, numeracy and research work. Some IT skills are also needed. Learners are asked to work in small groups or pairs and complete the following tasks:

- Discuss a realistic budget while planning their trip.
- Read through the holiday pages of a newspaper and decide on a place to go in the U.K.
- Look up the weather forecast and record the weather.
- Look up bus and train timetables to plan their journey.
- Find out the cost of accommodation to book somewhere to stay.
- Decide what needs to be taken and make a list.
- Estimate what need to be bought prior the journey.
- All items purchased need to be deducted from the budget. All money left is for personal spending.
- Calculate a more realistic budget.
- All of the above is to be put into a project (see page 3)

# A Weekend Away - Project Requirements

## 1) Front page

Include a title, an inserted clip-art picture or pictures from a catalogue or travel brochure, and the names of the people involved in the project.

## 2) Contents page

Use your own design.

## 3) Where Are We Going?

Discussion sheet to be completed with notes from the discussion. At this point you could also complete the first part of the 'What is it going to cost?' form.

## 4) Weather section

Complete the weather report form. If using the BBC web weather forecast, change the location to the place that you are going to visit and then print the 5 day forecast in symbol format.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/5day.shtml>

Otherwise use a newspaper cutting.

Write several paragraphs about the predicted weather on the form.

## 5) Travel page

Record your outward and return journey times, along with modes of travel and affordability.

## 6) Accommodation

List the types of accommodation along with their prices (hotel, B&B, caravan, camp site). Form included.

Fix pictures from a catalogue or a brochure in the left hand boxes.

Plan and write a letter to one of the companies giving written confirmation of proposed dates of the stay.

## 7) Bring and Buy

This is where you list what you have already and what you need to buy. Complete both lists and calculate total cost.

## 8) Total Costs

Complete the 'What is it going to cost?' form and re-cost if necessary.

# Where are we going ?

## Discussion notes

(Could include where, when and how to get there)

Places we could go

Final Choice

# Accommodation

<p><b>Hotel</b></p> <p>Fix picture here</p>	<p>Cost per day .....</p> <p>Anything included</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p><b>B&amp;B</b></p> <p>Fix picture here</p>	<p>Cost per day .....</p> <p>Anything included</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p><b>Caravan</b></p> <p>Fix picture here</p>	<p>Cost per day .....</p> <p>Anything included</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p><b>Camp site</b></p> <p>Fix picture here</p>	<p>Cost per day .....</p> <p>Anything included</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>



# Weather Report

Look up the BBC weather or use a newspaper to find the weather for the area that you will be visiting.

Fix newspaper cutting or printout of 5 day forecast.

Weather Report

# Bring & Buy

What to bring (already have at home)	What to buy before going
	<p>(Clothes, toiletries, camping equipment, etc.) Estimate the cost of items that need buying.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL</b>    £ ____ . ____</p>

## £££ What is it going to cost ? £££

Travel costs .....

Accommodation costs .....

Pre-trip shopping .....

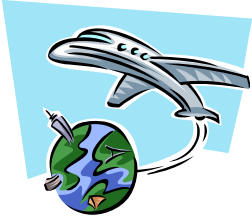
Spending money .....

**Total** .....

Is the total cost within your budget?

Discuss what needs amending and enter the new costs if needed.

### Discussion notes



# Travel Page

## Outward journey from home

Mode of transport \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time \_\_\_\_\_ Cost £ .

Any connections?

Mode of transport \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time \_\_\_\_\_ Cost £ .

Any more connections to destination?

Mode of transport \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time \_\_\_\_\_ Cost £ .

## Return journey home

Mode of transport \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time \_\_\_\_\_ Cost £ .

Any connections?

Mode of transport \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time \_\_\_\_\_ Cost £ .

Any more connections to home?