

## “Experiences” Collocations

**Task 1. Choose the correct answers.**

### My “Dream” Holiday

After studying hard and passing my exams I decided to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday. I had been really stressed, so I wanted the kind of holiday where you lie in the sun and do nothing for a week. This, I was sure, would help me relax. So, I opted for a short (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on the ship “The Ocean Dream”. This would be perfect, I thought. But (3) \_\_\_\_\_, my holiday wasn't the “dream” I had hoped for.

To begin with, I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the train to Southampton. That meant I had to get a lift from my dad at the last minute, which was quite (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for both of us. And, of course, we also got (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in traffic, so I was really stressed the whole way thinking that I wouldn't be able to get on the ship before it left.

Well, I made it just in time. But as soon as we left land, the weather turned bad and it stayed wet and cloudy the whole (7) \_\_\_\_\_. For four whole days the ship was bouncing up and down on the large waves. I got (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and began to worry that the ship might sink and go under water like the Titanic. When the ship finally made it back to Southampton, I was more stressed and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ than when I had left. What a nightmare!

I now wish I had just booked a cheap (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to Egypt instead and spent a week lying on the beach doing nothing!

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| 1. A. make          | B. take      | C. do      |
| 2. A. voyage        | B. journey   | C. cruise  |
| 3. A. unfortunately | B. happily   | C. frankly |
| 4. A. lost          | B. missed    | C. crossed |
| 5. A. relaxing      | B. stressful | C. ideal   |
| 6. A. held          | B. fastened  | C. stuck   |
| 7. A. journey       | B. ride      | C. tour    |
| 8. A. carsick       | B. homesick  | C. seasick |

9. A. nervous                      B. dreamy                      C. comfortable
10. A. drive                      B. flight                      C. crossing

**Task 2. Choose the correct answers.**

1. She must be very \_\_\_\_\_ living in that huge house all by herself.  
A. busy                      B. lonely                      C. lazy                      D. single
2. Helen finally feels \_\_\_\_\_: she's got her own company and a lovely family – all she's ever wanted.  
A. honest                      B. vain                      C. easy-going                      D. fulfilled
3. Why are you always so \_\_\_\_\_ about my plans? Why don't you ever believe in me?  
A. sceptical                      B. down-to-earth                      C. hopeless                      D. disobedient
4. My brother's best friend is really \_\_\_\_\_ – all he cares about is other people's appearance and not what they have to say.  
A. resilient                      B. shallow                      C. rude                      D. sceptical
5. Mrs Branson's grandson is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ – he's only five and always says 'Good evening', 'Thank you very much' and 'Excuse me'.  
A. courageous                      B. honest                      C. well-mannered                      D. hard-working
6. I think she's too \_\_\_\_\_ – she didn't say anything when she won a prestigious science competition because she didn't want to seem too important. Can you believe it?  
A. modest                      B. honest                      C. rude                      D. decisive
7. Blake is very \_\_\_\_\_ and practical, that's why he's always responsible for the money.  
A. hopeful                      B. cynical                      C. rebellious                      D. down-to-earth

### ANSWER KEY

#### Task 1.

1. B      2. A      3. A      4. B      5. B  
6. C      7. A      8. C      9. A      10. B

#### Task 2.

1. B      2. D      3. A  
4. B      5. C      6. A      7. D

### WORDLIST

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
Bounce (v)	/baʊns/	Xóc, nảy
Down-to-earth (adj)	/ˌdaʊn tu 'ɜːθ/	Thực tế, không viễn vông
Fulfilled (adj)	/fʊl'fɪld/	Mãn nguyện
Modest (adj)	/'mɒdɪst/	Khiêm tốn
Relaxing (adj)	/rɪ'læksɪŋ/	Thư giãn
Sceptical (adj)	/'skeptɪkl/	Hoài nghi
Shallow (adj)	/'ʃæləʊ/	Nông cạn, thiển cận
Seasick (adj)	/'siːsɪk/	Say sóng
Well-mannered (adj)	/ˌwel 'mænəd/	Cư xử lịch sự, lễ phép
Take a holiday		Đi nghỉ
Opt for sth		Lựa chọn (cái gì)
Miss (the bus/ train/ flight)		Lỡ (xe bus/ tàu/ chuyến bay)

