

Unit 8, Reading and critical thinking, exercise 4

Sit back, get comfortable and ... travel???

This week on THE HOLIDAY BLOG, I'm looking at how Virtual Reality, (VR), could change all our ideas about holidays.

Would you like to climb Mount Everest? How about staying in a 5-star hotel or going skiing in New Zealand? If, like me, your answer is 'Yes, but...', don't worry. You will soon be able to do all this and it won't cost a lot of money. How? With amazing VR travel.

With VR, some of the things that can turn your perfect holiday into a nightmare simply disappear. One travel company recently started offering customers a virtual tour of their hotel. Can you see the swimming pool from your room? What's the games room like? Put on your VR glasses and take a look before you book.

With VR you can swim with dolphins, or take a parachute jump while the person next to you visits a waterfall. And soon the experience will be even better with special clothes to wear during your VR trip. With your VR shoes you will be able to see the water and feel the sea on your feet. Fantastic!

You don't need a passport or sun cream, just your VR glasses. See you in Bali, or Alaska, or ...

Lucien: For me food is the most important thing about a holiday. With VR you can visit Italy but you can't eat pizza!

The holiday guy: Good point, Lucien. But I'm sure we will eat VR food in the future!

Lucy: VR travel is also good for people who can't walk well. I read about an 80-year-old grandmother who takes 3D holidays in Egypt, India and Australia.

Ryan: What will this cost? Will it be expensive?

The holiday guy: No, it won't! VR glasses cost about \$400 and I'm sure they'll get cheaper soon.