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Men lost at sea for 29 days say it was a nice break

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THE ARTICLE

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The two men were upbeat about their unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed about their once-precarious plight, they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening escapade at sea. Mr Nanjikana said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." They survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts they scooped out of the sea. A Papua New Guinean fisherman spotted their boat and authorities rescued them. Nanjikana said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they will not be able to travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands for a little while yet.

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WARM-UPS

1. GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about getting away from it all. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

dreaming / getting away / the rat race / motorboat / storm / travel / navigation / sea adventure / escapade / survive / journey / oranges / coconuts / fishermen / home

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SURVIVAL: Students A **strongly** believe we should all be taught survival skills; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GETTING AWAY: What are the pros and cons of getting away to these places? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
A small island		
A desert oasis		
A jungle hideaway		
A safari lodge		
A mountaintop cabin		
A city hotel		

5. CROWD: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "crowd". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. A NICE BREAK: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to do for a nice break at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Go to the beach
- Go to museums
- Go hiking
- Stay at home
- Go cycling
- Do voluntary work
- Go fishing
- Go to a health spa

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. getting away | a. A way of life in which people are caught up in a daily struggle for money and getting ahead. |
| 2. inadvertently | b. Going somewhere for a short holiday. |
| 3. rat race | c. Began a course of action or journey. |
| 4. embarked | d. Great confusion or disorder. |
| 5. havoc | e. Accidentally. |
| 6. detect | f. The position of something, or the direction of movement, relative to a fixed point. |
| 7. bearings | g. Discover or identify the presence or existence of. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. upbeat | h. Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse. |
| 9. precarious | i. Picked up something from the sea. |
| 10. plight | j. Cheerful; optimistic. |
| 11. escapade | k. A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation. |
| 12. scooped | l. Saved someone from a dangerous or difficult situation. |
| 13. rescued | m. An act involving excitement, daring, or adventure. |
| 14. restriction | n. A limiting condition or measure. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211011-lost-at-sea.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Two men spent many hours dreaming of leaving the Solomon Islands. **T / F**
2. The men were lost at sea on their yacht. **T / F**
3. The two men were on their first trip at sea. **T / F**
4. A storm blew the two men's boat off course. **T / F**
5. The two men seemed positive about their unplanned adventure. **T / F**
6. The men ate coconuts they bought for the trip and oranges from the sea. **T / F**
7. An Australian fisherman rescued the two men. **T / F**
8. The two men's return home will be delayed because of COVID-19. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. getting away | a. chaos |
| 2. inadvertently | b. took |
| 3. embarked | c. curbs |
| 4. havoc | d. sense of direction |
| 5. bearings | e. accidentally |
| 6. upbeat | f. saw |
| 7. escapade | g. undertaken |
| 8. scooped | h. positive |
| 9. spotted | i. escaping |
| 10. restrictions | j. adventure |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Many of us spend hours dreaming | a. on several times before |
| 2. escaping the rat | b. rescued them |
| 3. a trip they had embarked | c. off course |
| 4. find their | d. upbeat |
| 5. The storm blew them | e. out of the sea |
| 6. The two men were | f. bearings at sea |
| 7. They survived | g. restrictions |
| 8. coconuts they scooped | h. of getting away |
| 9. authorities | i. by eating oranges |
| 10. due to COVID-19 | j. race |

GAP FILL

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The two men were (9) _____ about their unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed about their once-precarious (10) _____, they enjoyed the (11) _____ life-threatening escapade at sea. Mr Nanjikana said: "We didn't know where we were but did not (12) _____ to be in another country." They survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts they (13) _____ out of the sea. A Papua New Guinean fisherman spotted their boat and (14) _____ rescued them. Nanjikana said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19 (15) _____, they will not be able to travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands for a little (16) _____ yet.

set
storm
bearings
embarked
coast
crowd
escaping
system

potentially
while
scooped
upbeat
restrictions
expect
plight
authorities

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Many of us spend hours dreaming of getting away _____
 - a. for it all
 - b. from it tall
 - c. from it all
 - d. from meet all
- 2) inadvertently did just that and spent 29 days escaping _____
 - a. the rate race
 - b. the rat race
 - c. the rat trace
 - d. the rate trace
- 3) after they set out, they were hit by a storm _____
 - a. what played havoc
 - b. which plays havoc
 - c. which played havoc
 - d. which player havoc
- 4) They lost their ability to detect their location or find their _____
 - a. borings at sea
 - b. bar rings at sea
 - c. berries at sea
 - d. bearings at sea
- 5) The storm blew them off course and they ended up _____
 - a. of the coast
 - b. off the coast
 - c. otter coast
 - d. offer coast
- 6) Rather than be distressed about their once-_____
 - a. precarious flight
 - b. precarious plight
 - c. precarious blight
 - d. precarious slight
- 7) they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening _____
 - a. escape aid at sea
 - b. escaped at sea
 - c. esplanade at sea
 - d. escapade at sea
- 8) eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts they _____ the sea
 - a. scoped out of
 - b. scoop out of
 - c. scooped out of
 - d. skipped out of
- 9) I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was _____
 - a. a nice break
 - b. a nicely break
 - c. a nicer break
 - d. a niece break
- 10) travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands for a _____
 - a. little whiles yet
 - b. little whiled yet
 - c. little whiling yet
 - d. little while yet

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The two men were (7) _____ unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed about their (8) _____, they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening escapade at sea. Mr Nanjikana said: "We didn't know where we were but did not (9) _____ in another country." They survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts (10) _____ of the sea. A Papua New Guinean fisherman spotted their boat and (11) _____. Nanjikana said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they will not be able to travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands for a (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211011-lost-at-sea.html>

1. What does the article say we dream of getting far from?
2. When did the two men set off on their journey?
3. How many times had the men made the journey before?
4. What did a storm do to the men's navigation system?
5. Where did the two men end up?
6. How did the men feel about their unplanned adventure?
7. What did the two men scoop out from the sea?
8. Who spotted the two men?
9. Where did one of the men say he looked forward to going?
10. What is stopping the men from returning home immediately?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211011-lost-at-sea.html>

- 1) What does the article say we dream of getting far from?
 - a) home
 - b) each other
 - c) the madding crowd
 - d) danger
- 2) When did the two men set off on their journey?
 - a) September 3
 - b) at 3am
 - c) on a Wednesday morning
 - d) after they bought their boat
- 3) How many times had the men made the journey before?
 - a) several times
 - b) zero
 - c) one
 - d) many
- 4) What did a storm do to the men's navigation system?
 - a) confused it
 - b) played havoc with it
 - c) destroyed it
 - d) assisted it
- 5) Where did the two men end up?
 - a) off the coast of Australia
 - b) off the coast of the Philippines
 - c) off the coast of Tajiti
 - d) off the coast of Papua New Guinea
- 6) How did the men feel about their unplanned adventure?
 - a) excited
 - b) upbeat
 - c) relieved
 - d) sad
- 7) What did the two men scoop out from the sea?
 - a) coconuts
 - b) driftwood
 - c) fish
 - d) seaweed
- 8) Who spotted the two men?
 - a) an oil tanker
 - b) the coast guard
 - c) a fisherman
 - d) people on a beach
- 9) Where did one of the men say he looked forward to going?
 - a) PNG
 - b) on vacation
 - c) back to sea
 - d) home
- 10) What is stopping the men from returning home immediately?
 - a) COVID-19 restrictions
 - b) money
 - c) visa problems
 - d) bad weather

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Beach

You think the beach is the best place for a break. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the mountains, a health spa or staying at home.

Role B – The Mountains

You think the mountains is the best place for a break. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the beach, a health spa or staying at home.

Role C – A Health Spa

You think a health spa is the best place for a break. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the mountains, the beach or staying at home.

Role D – Staying at Home

You think staying at home is the best place for a break. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the mountains, a health spa or the beach.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211011-lost-at-sea.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'lost' and 'sea'.

lost	sea
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hours• rat• small• several• havoc• coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• upbeat• plight• expect• scooped• guess• able
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GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about getting away from it all in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'sea'?
3. What do you know about the Solomon Islands?
4. How often do you get away from it all?
5. Where do you go to get away from it all?
6. What is the 'all' in 'get away from it all'?
7. What do you think of the rat race?
8. Have you ever been really lost?
9. How would you feel if you were lost at sea?
10. What advice do you have for the two men?

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GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'break'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Papua New Guinea?
15. How often do you think about getting away from it all?
16. Have you ever had an unplanned adventure?
17. How would you have dealt with being lost at sea?
18. When was the last time you had a nice break?
19. What would you say about the character of the two men?
20. What questions would you like to ask the two men?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) up | (b) over | (c) away | (d) down |
| 2. | (a) rat | (b) mouse | (c) hamster | (d) guinea pig |
| 3. | (a) set | (b) let | (c) get | (d) met |
| 4. | (a) embarked | (b) earmarked | (c) embankment | (d) embraced |
| 5. | (a) did | (b) enjoyed | (c) gamed | (d) played |
| 6. | (a) cause | (b) coarse | (c) case | (d) course |
| 7. | (a) plight | (b) blight | (c) might | (d) freight |
| 8. | (a) distant | (b) extant | (c) except | (d) expect |
| 9. | (a) scooped | (b) scampered | (c) skippered | (d) scuppered |
| 10. | (a) authors | (b) authorities | (c) authorise | (d) authority |
| 11. | (a) clue | (b) guess | (c) hint | (d) theory |
| 12. | (a) while | (b) awhile | (c) whilst | (d) whiling |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. far from the dimdnag crowd
2. itaerndetnvly did just that
3. a trip they had braeemdk on several times
4. a storm which played hcvaio
5. They lost their ability to tcdtee their location
6. they ended up off the oatcs of Papua New Guinea

Paragraph 2

7. The two men were tpeaub
8. their once-eupcorrsai plight
9. the potentially life-threatening sdpecaae
10. coconuts they sodcepo out of the sea
11. ttuiseahiro rescued them
12. due to COVID-19 rtsreccionsti

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () plight, they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening escapade at sea. Mr Nanjikana said: "We didn't know where we were but did not
- () rescued them. Nanjikana said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was
- () to travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands for a little while yet.
- () expect to be in another country." They survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and
- () crowd. Two men from the Solomon Islands inadvertently did just that and spent 29 days escaping the rat
- () The two men were upbeat about their unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed about their once-precarious
- () coconuts they scooped out of the sea. A Papua New Guinean fisherman spotted their boat and authorities
- () a small motorboat to travel 200km to New Georgia Island. It was a trip they had embarked on several
- () times before. Soon after they set out, they were hit by a storm which played
- () havoc with their navigation system. They lost their ability to detect their location or find their
- () a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they will not be able
- () race. They got lost at sea for over four weeks. Livae Nanjikana and Junior Koloni set off from Mono Island on September the 3rd in
- () bearings at sea. The storm blew them off course and they ended up off the coast of Papua New Guinea.
- (**1**) Many of us spend hours dreaming of getting away from it all - of getting far from the madding

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. all getting We away . hours of spend dreaming
2. the race . 29 They rat days escaping spent
3. A several trip times . embarked had on they
4. played havoc storm navigation with their system . A
5. their They their detect location . lost ability to
6. two The were unplanned about their upbeat adventure .
7. the at potentially sea . escapade enjoyed They life-threatening
8. in They country . to another didn't be expect
9. had bought Eating they journey . for their oranges
10. forward to looking am I home . going back

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211011-lost-at-sea.html>

Many of us spend hours dreaming of getting away *from / for* it all - of getting far from the madding crowd. Two men from the Solomon Islands inadvertently did *adjust / just* that and spent 29 days *escaped / escaping* the rat race. They got lost at sea for *overly / over* four weeks. Livae Nanjikana and Junior Qoloni set *off / on* from Mono Island on September the 3rd in a small motorboat to travel 200km to New Georgia Island. It was *the / a* trip they had embarked on several times *afore / before*. Soon after they set out, they were hit by a storm which *did / played* havoc with their navigation system. They lost their ability to *defect / detect* their location or find their bearings at sea. The storm blew them off course and they ended *up / down* off the coast of Papua New Guinea.

The two men were upbeat about their unplanned adventure. *Prefer / Rather* than be distressed about their once-precarious *plight / blight*, they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening *escapade / escape* at sea. Mr Nanjikana said: "We didn't know where we were but did not *excerpt / expect* to be in another country." They *survival / survived* by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts they *scooped / scoped* out of the sea. A Papua New Guinean fisherman spotted their boat and *authority / authorities* rescued them. Nanjikana said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from *something / everything*." However, due to COVID-19 *reductions / restrictions*, they will not be able to travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands for a little *while / awhile* yet.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_ny _f _s sp_nd h__rs dr__m_ng _f g_tt_ng _w_y
fr_m _t _ll - _f g_tt_ng f_r fr_m th_ m_dd_ng cr_wd.
Tw_ m_n fr_m th_ S_l_m_n _sl_nds _n_dv_rtn_tly d_d
j_st th_t _nd sp_nt 29 d_ys _sc_p_ng th_ r_t r_c_.
Th_y g_t l_st _t s__ f_r _v_r f__r w__ks. L_v__
N_nj_k_n_ _nd J_n__r Q_l_n_ s_t _ff fr_m M_n_ _sl_nd
_n S_pt_mb_r th_ 3rd _n _ sm_ll m_t_rb__t t_ tr_v_l
200km t_ N_w G__rg__ _sl_nd. _t w_s _ tr_p th_y
h_d _mb_rk_d _n s_v_r_l t_m_s b_f_r_. S__n _ft_r
th_y s_t __t, th_y w_r_ h_t by _ st_rm wh_ch pl_y_d
h_v_c w_th th__r n_v_g_t__n syst_m. Th_y l_st th__r
_b_l_ty t_ d_t_ct th__r l_c_t__n _r f_nd th__r
b__r_ngs _t s__. Th_ st_rm bl_w th_m _ff c__rs_ _nd
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211011-lost-at-sea.html>

many of us spend hours dreaming of getting away from it all of getting far from the madding crowd two men from the solomon islands inadvertently did just that and spent 29 days escaping the rat race they got lost at sea for over four weeks livae nanjikana and junior qoloni set off from mono island on september the 3rd in a small motorboat to travel 200km to new georgia island it was a trip they had embarked on several times before soon after they set out they were hit by a storm which played havoc with their navigation system they lost their ability to detect their location or find their bearings at sea the storm them offcourse and they ended up of the coast of papua new guinea

the two men were upbeat about their unplanned adventure rather than be distressed about their onceprecarious plight they enjoyed the potentially lifethreatening escapade at sea mr nanjikana said we didnt know where we were but did not expect to be in another country they survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts they scooped out of the sea a papua new guinean fisherman spotted their boat and authorities rescued them nanjikana said i look forward to going back home but i guess it was a nice break from everything however due to covid19 restrictions they will not be able to travel from papua new guinea to the solomon islands for a little while yet

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL: Make a poster about getting away from it all. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TWO MONTHS: Write a magazine article about all workers getting two months paid holiday a year. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on getting away from it all. Ask him/her three questions about that. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to get away from it all. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. e	3. g	4. a	5. d
6. h	7. j	8. b	9. f	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The madding crowd
- September 3
- Several times
- Played havoc with it
- Off the coast of Papua New Guinea
- Upbeat
- Coconuts
- A fisherman
- Home
- COVID-19 restrictions

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- We all spend hours dreaming of getting away.
- They spent 29 days escaping the rat race.
- A trip they had embarked on several times.
- A storm played havoc with their navigation system.
- They lost their ability to detect their location.
- The two were upbeat about their unplanned adventure.
- They enjoyed the potentially life-threatening escapade at sea.
- They didn't expect to be in another country.
- Eating oranges they had bought for their journey.
- I am looking forward to going back home.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)