

Reading Lesson

A2 Science: Where to Go, How to Get There

Reading

Read about using tech tools to help plan a vacation. How do these types of tools make planning easier?

Where to Go, How to Get There

Are you busy planning next year's summer vacation? Then you're probably using different tech tools to help you. In the past, people visited a travel agent. Now many young people are happy to make travel plans on their own. Travel planning can be fun when you know where to look.

The first step in planning is to decide where you want to travel to. Some people know where they want to go, but others may not be sure. There are apps that can help you decide. This is how it works: you type a country or city and the app tells you the cost of flying or driving there. You can also subscribe to a flight search website. They send you text alerts to tell you when the cheapest flights leave from an airport near you.

The next step is to think about accommodation. Do you want to stay in a hotel? Or perhaps you're happy to stay in an apartment? Reading what other people say in online travel forums can be useful. You can learn about the neighborhoods and shops in an area. They also tell you what things you can do in a place, for example, where to visit, eat, or shop. For pictures and videos of places, check out social media where people post a lot of pictures and videos.

Remember that when you are traveling, it's important to use travel apps offline. You may not want to pay for expensive roaming charges, so download the app before you go. It's a good idea to download the language of the country from a language app. Download maps, too.



Another good idea is to have a special "Travel File" on your smartphone or tablet. Keep all your important information here—train or flight tickets, reservation numbers, phone numbers. It's easy to find these things when they are all in one place.

Happy traveling! And don't forget to share your pictures and videos with everyone when you get home!

charge (n): an amount of money that you have to pay

tech tools (n): new technology that people use to do a job

travel agent (n): a person whose job is to help people plan trips or vacations

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Vocabulary

Complete the definitions with words from the box.

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1. When you _____ to something, you add your name and email address to a website so you get information from them.
2. Messages you get on your smartphone to give you information are called _____.
3. A website where people write about their ideas or opinions is called a _____.
4. _____ is when you can connect to the internet when you are traveling.
5. When you are _____, you are not connected to the internet.

Comprehension

Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the text.

1. Young people don't often use a _____ to plan their vacations.
2. Some apps can help you find out how much it costs to fly or _____ to a place.
3. Flight search websites will tell you when the _____ flights are.
4. It's a good idea to _____ the apps you need before you travel.
5. Keep your important information in one _____ for example, in your smartphone or tablet.

Thinking

What tools do you use to plan things during a normal day? Do you use tech tools or other ways to help make plans?