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 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

Choosing the perfect trip

When you decide how to spend money, especially on something like an expensive trip, it's a good idea to think carefully about your options so you can make spending choices that are right for you.

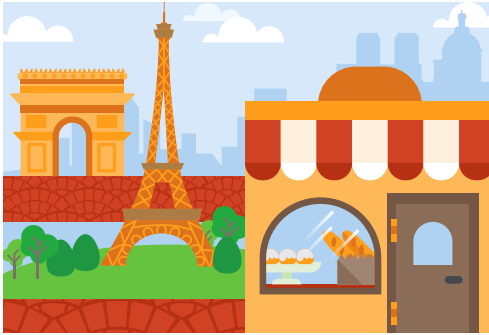
Picking the best vacation

Imagine that three families have each saved up \$6,000 for a week-long trip. They asked you to help them pick their trip.

1. Read about the vacation choices and the three families.
2. Pick the trip that you think is best for each family. You can choose the same vacation for more than one family. Just remember to explain your choice.
3. Then write a short paragraph about a vacation you and your family would enjoy and why.

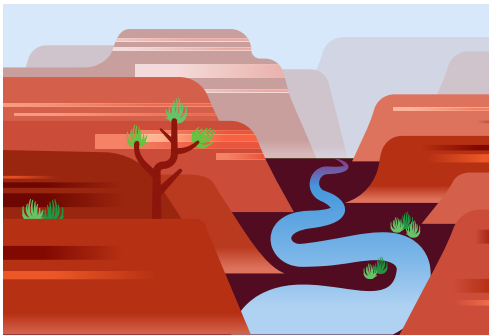


Vacation descriptions



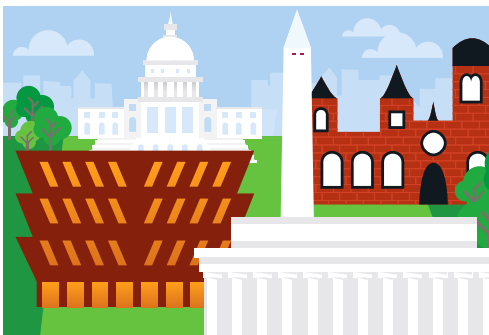
Visit Paris

Fly to another country – France! Spend your days touring museums – there are more than 100 of them here – and viewing some of the most famous art in the world. Food lovers can enjoy a chocolate tour of some of the city’s best candy makers! You can also take a behind-the-scenes tour of a bakery to see how French bread is made!



Tour the American Southwest

This seven-day driving tour will take you around one of the most beautiful parts of America. Visit Las Vegas, see a show, and ride a roller coaster on top of a skyscraper. Then drive to the Grand Canyon for some of the most beautiful – and challenging – canyon hikes in the country. It’s a week full of hiking and fun!



Explore the nation’s capital

Washington, D.C., has something for everyone in the family. At the famous Smithsonian museums, you can learn about dinosaurs, marine life, space flight, American history, and more! You can tour the U.S. Capitol, the building where lawmakers work. Then visit nearby amusement parks for some thrilling rides!



Relax on Rainbow Beach

Welcome to fun in the sun! Rainbow Beach in the U.S. Virgin Islands is perfect for people who want to relax while enjoying the gentle surf and the soft sea breeze. It’s also great for people who want to snorkel and see exotic sea life or zip over the waves on a jet ski. Whatever you like to do, the beach has something for you!

The three families

Read about the families and pick the trip you think is best for each one. You can pick the same vacation for different families.

The Jones family

In the Jones family, dad Arthur likes to visit museums. Mom Eva and daughter Grace love art and food. Son Alex likes to learn, but he also likes excitement. They love to travel by plane.

Which trip would be best for them? _____

Why?

The Garcia family

The Garcias love nature and exploring new places. They enjoy animals and learning new things. Mom Sofia and Aunt Helena like to relax sometimes, but the three kids love hiking and swimming. They all like amusement parks, but they hate to fly.

Which trip would be best for them? _____

Why?

The Patil family

The Patil family likes just about everything, including museums, history, beaches, and cooking. But they don't like driving. They would rather fly.

Which trip would be best for them? _____

Why?

Choose a trip for your own family

Think about the things you and your family enjoy. In the space below, write a short paragraph about a trip you would like to take with your family and why. (You can choose one of the trips described on page 2 or think of your own trip.)