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Your English No. 56 – Awesome Vacation

Hi. I’m Marianne Raynaud. My goal is to help my listeners improve their spoken English. In Your English we try to vary the topics and the level so if this episode is not related to your needs or interests, please try some earlier ones or download our other series “QualityTime-ESL” or “5-Minute TOPs”. Go to our website for more information about our different series.

Today we’ll imagine you’re talking with a friend about your future “awesome” vacation. Incidentally, “holiday” and “vacation” mean the same thing and are used interchangeably. “Awesome” is a popular expression that is the same as “wonderful” or “extraordinary”. Repeat: “an awesome vacation”. So now you will be explaining what you would like to do during your next awesome vacation, if you had the chance.

Listen and repeat.

I would like to lie on a beach.  
I would like to travel to far away countries.
I would like to eat good food.  
I would like to visit a well-known city.
I would like to meet interesting people.  
I would like to experience the desert.
I would like to see beautiful places.  
I would like to go to the tropics.

Now let’s do a completion exercise. Listen to the examples.

I say: … lie on a beach.  
You say: I would like to lie on a beach.  
I say: … eat good food.  
You say: I would like to eat good food.

Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.

...lie on a beach.  
...travel to far away countries.
I would like to lie on a beach.  
I would like to travel to far away countries.
...eat good food  
...visit a well-known city.
I would like to eat good food.  
I would like to visit a well-known city.
...meet interesting people.  
...experience the desert.
I would like to meet interesting people.  
I would like to experience the desert.
...see beautiful places.  
...go to the tropics.
I would like to see beautiful places.  
I would like to go to the tropics.

The next exercise is easy. It is practically the same thing, but instead of saying “I would like to”, you will say “I’d like to” using the contraction. Repeat “I’d like to” and again “I’d like to”. Now you are ready for the exercise. Listen to the examples.

I say: …lie on a beach.  
You say: I’d like to lie on a beach.  
I say: …eat good food.  
You say: I’d like to eat good food.
Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.

...lie on a beach. ...lie on a beach. 
I’d like to lie on a beach. I’d like to travel to far away countries. 
...eat good food ...eat good food. 
I’d like to eat good food. I’d like to visit a well-known city. 
...meet interesting people. ...meet interesting people. 
I’d like to meet interesting people. I’d like to experience the desert. 
...see beautiful places. ...see beautiful places. 
I’d like to see beautiful places. I’d like to go to the tropics.

Let’s go on with longer sentences and different sports or games. Listen and repeat.

During my vacation I’d like to play tennis. During my vacation I’d like to play cards. 
During my vacation I’d like to play soccer. During my vacation I’d like to play badminton. 
During my vacation I’d like to play basketball. During my vacation I’d like to play volleyball. 
During my vacation I’d like to play darts. 

And now with the expression “go” plus the form in <ING>. Listen and repeat.

During my vacation I’d like to go swimming. During my vacation I’d like to go sailing. 
During my vacation I’d like to go dancing. During my vacation I’d like to go hiking. 

Finally, I will give you a sport or a game, and you will say the complete sentence. Listen to the examples.

You say: During my vacation I’d like to play tennis. You say: During my vacation I’d like to go swimming. 

Now you do the same thing. Speak before I give the answer.

...tennis 
During my vacation I’d like to play tennis. ...sailing. 
...swimming 
During my vacation I’d like to go swimming. ...hiking. 
...soccer 
During my vacation I’d like to play soccer. ...cards. 
...dancing 
During my vacation I’d like to go dancing. ...basketball. 
...volleyball 
During my vacation I’d like to play volleyball. ...darts. 

That’s the end of our podcast. We will return very soon with other sentences for you to repeat and use in different contexts. For practice with grammar try “QualityTime-ESL Podcasts” and to have fun with song lyrics and quotes go to our other series called “5-Minute TOPs”. Bye for now, and don’t forget to keep smiling.

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