

## Where should we go for vacation?

### Can-Do Statement

I can read about an upcoming event and decide if I want to go based on the details shared.

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I can make a presentation about an event.

### Instructions

When you travel somewhere, what you want to see and do changes based on what you are interested in. You are considering traveling to Portland, Oregon for vacation. Please Read “Top 10 reasons to visit Portland, Oregon” by Ryan Ver Berkmoes of *Lonely Planet*. You will read this at least two times:

1. First, pretending that you are a vegan hiker,
2. and second, pretending you are a hipster who doesn't like addictive substances including alcohol and caffeine.

Highlight the text in two different colors (one for the first persona and a different one for the second persona) to indicate what details would be important to making your decision.

### Check your work

Once you are done, compare your work to the answer key. Did you highlight everything that was highlighted?

### Instructions

Pretend that you have a big family that lives in the middle of Kansas. After reading “Top 10 reasons to visit Portland, Oregon”, you really want to persuade your family to go on a trip to Portland. You call a family meeting and give a speech about why Portland would be a good destination for your family trip. Your family members include the people listed in the table below:

Person	Likes	Dislikes
Mom	Hiking and biking	Rain
Dad	Interesting food and celebrations	Biking and loud music
Sister	Exploring new places and meeting interesting people	Walking for long periods of time
Brother	Delicious and affordable food	Restaurant chains

**Steps:**

1. Use the guidelines below to help you prepare your speech.
2. Record your speech and post it on the classroom discussion forum.
3. Watch 5 of your classmates' speeches, each time pretending to be a different member of the family listed above.
4. Post a list of pros and cons that you see about traveling to Portland from the perspective of that family member.

**Planning for your speech:**

1. Which events will you highlight?
2. What register of language should you use with this audience?
3. What logistical information will your speech include? Do you need to find out more information before you make your speech?
4. What additional information will your speech include? What is it important to describe?