

COUSIN BILLY'S HOLIDAY

Ages 7-11

Activity Idea

Read the postcard below with your child. Choose a location, perhaps not too far from your home so this could be a day trip rather than a full holiday.

I'm having a lovely time here in xxxxx. The sun is shining, and I've been doing lots of exciting things. Yesterday I went to the museum and saw some dinosaur bones and today I've been to the zoo. Tomorrow I'm going swimming with mum and dad. I've had lots of ice-cream; I like the chocolate one's best. Wish you were here! We could have lots of fun together. Love from Billy.

Ask your child to identify some of the activities Billy talks about that may have cost money. Can they guess how much they may have cost?

Then show your child a map of the UK and ask them to decide where they would go on *their* ideal holiday.

Once they've chosen their destination, they could do some research online to find out more about the place and what attractions the location might offer children and families.

Then ask them to create a plan for their holiday or day trip. They could either write down their ideas or create a picture board showing their plans.

Once they have their plan, ask them to identify the different things in their plan that will cost money. Discuss how simple treats like ice cream or drinks cost money even if we haven't gone away on holiday. You could get them to guess the costs first and then together research online what the typical costs for these treats would be.

Encourage them to think about how they could reduce their costs whilst on holiday e.g. making their own treats, buying treats from a supermarket instead of at the attraction itself etc.

Then ask them to consider what types of things they could do for free on holiday – e.g. going to the beach, the park, a walk in the country, a free museum etc.

Challenge your child to look at their holiday plan and write down 5 things that they can do for free in their chosen destination and 5 things they would need to pay for.

Then ask them to tell you what their top 3 things to do on their chosen holiday would be – would these activities cost money or are they free?