

Pre-Intermediate 2
Unit 6: Dialog
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A Super Vacation

super = superb, excellent, great, fantastic, terrific, marvelous, cool, wonderful, awesome

vacation (American) = **holiday** (British)

vacation = a time when someone does not go to work or school but is free to do what they want, such as travel or relax

- *We're taking a **vacation** in June.*
- *They went to Europe **on vacation**.*
- *I've still got some **vacation time** left before the end of the year.*

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We have a week off. = We don't go to work for one week.

Any plans? = Do you have any plans?

✗ **I and my brother** are going to camp out near the lake.

✓ **My brother and I** are going to camp out near the lake.

Point:

It's generally more polite and grammatically correct to mention the other person first and yourself second in such sentences.

gonna (colloquial) = **going to** (formal)

- colloquial = informal & conversational

lake = a large area of water surrounded by land

- *The Caspian Sea is the biggest lake in the world.*

Dan: That sounds great. What are you going to do there?

Ralph: We are going to do a lot of swimming and catch some fish. How about you?

sound = seem, look, appear

That sounds great! = That seems to be very good!

Dan: Well, I'm going to visit my uncle in Rome.

Ralph: Oh, that's what I call a vacation. When are you off?



Rome = the capital city of Italy

be off = set off = start your trip

- *When are you off? = When do you start your trip?*

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Ralph: Have a nice trip.

Dan: Thanks. You too.

Have a nice trip! = Enjoy your trip!

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Sample Summary:

Dan and Ralph are friends who have a week off from work. Ralph is going to camp near the lake with his brother and enjoy some outdoor activities: they are going to do a lot of swimming and catch some fish. Dan is going to Rome to visit his uncle and see the city. Ralph believes his friend's trip to Rome is what he really calls a vacation and it is more exciting than camping out near the lake. They wish each other a nice vacation.

Source:

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