Maturita Card 2: Travel



Would you recommend that people take a holiday abroad or in our country? Why?

More people should take a holiday abroad because ... [you learn new things when you travel/you can meet interesting people ...] / More people should spend their holiday in our country because ... [the Czech Republic has many beautiful holiday places/tourism is getting better, there are more places to go and things to do than in the past...]

What rules do you think tourists should follow when visiting a foreign country?

The most important thing is [to try to speak and be understood. Then, they should watch the people of the country and try to match them – if they are quiet, the tourists should be quiet, for example. Finally, they should not make a big crowd so that other people can't get past.]

 What kinds of activities do you enjoy doing when you are on holiday?

I like to ... [+ infinitive] ... I like [+ -ing]

 Do you prefer camping or staying in hotels? Why?

I think it's much better to camp. [It's cheaper, you can get more fresh air, and you meet nice new people.] / Staying in hotels is better. [After a day of travelling, it's good to take a hot shower and then stretch out on a soft bed.]

 How do you prefer to travel, by car, plane, train, coach, etc.? Why?

I prefer to travel by ... because ...[it's cheaper / it's faster / you can meet interesting people / you can go exactly where you want / it's exciting / you can look out the window and see ...]

· What is the holiday of your dreams?

I would like to go to ... because ... / The best holiday I ever had was in ... because ...

 What are a few bad things (accidents, emergencies) that can happen on holiday? Have any happened to you?

You can [get hurt/ or become ill/ you can get lost/ you might not be able to eat the food/ you might not understand the people there.] Yes, once in ... / No, fortunately not.

 Do you think it's important to get insurance when you go on holiday? Why or why not?

Yes, it's important because [you don't know what could happen. It could ruin your holiday to be ill or hurt plus have to pay extra for it!] / No, [usually some insurance is already in the price. Anything can happen to you wherever you are, so why worry about it on holiday?]

 Have you ever had to have a vaccination to go on holiday?

[Good practice of a difficult verb form!!! Hint: think of "had to have" as a kind of musical idiom!]

Yes, when we went to we had to have a vaccination for ... It was [OK/unpleasant ...] /No, I have never had to have a vaccination.

 What is the Schengen Agreement? How will the new Schengen Agreement affect your travel plans?

I probably will [travel more because I won't need a passport or visa to travel in EU countries.] / It won't change my travel plans because [I like to travel to exotic countries where I still need a passport/visa.] / It won't change my travel plans because [I don't like to travel outside the Czech Republic.]

 When you go on holiday, how do you communicate with people who don't speak your language?

It's [pretty easy, we just smile a lot and use our hands. Sometimes we draw pictures.] / It's difficult, because [I don't know how to start or what to say.] /[I just start speaking Czech and people see that we won't be able to understand each other.]

 How can tourism be good for the Czech Republic?

Tourism can [bring lots of money to our economy. We can meet new people and learn about other cultures. Tourists can learn something about our history. We can practice speaking foreign languages.]

Can tourism ever be bad for a country/place?

[Yes, if the tourists act in a completely different way, it can cause problems with people understanding each other. If there aren't good roads and accommodation, too many tourists can make it too crowded.] / No, [because almost everyone can travel anywhere in the world, and there is globalization, so there aren't many closed countries. So we might as well be part of it.]

 Do you like taking photos on holiday? Why or why not? What do you usually take pictures of?

Yes, [I love to take photos. I always take pictures of ...] / [Sometimes I take a few photos. Usually I buy small books or postcards of the places I've been.] / No, I never take photos. [I don't have a good camera/I don't want to worry about my camera on holiday.]















