

# Total English

Elementary

## ***The Rileys' summer holiday***

*The Riley family is looking forward to their summer holidays. They all work very hard at school, college and work, so the break will be very relaxing and well needed! The parents are both teachers at the local secondary school and the two children are teenagers. They are travelling to Antarctica for a three-week cruise and are all really excited. They are leaving the UK on August 1st and flying to Brazil for a few days in Rio before travelling to Antarctica. They are staying in a four-star hotel with gym, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, tennis courts and a golf course. They are planning to relax and enjoy the sun before the colder weather! The children are playing in a tennis tournament at the hotel as they really love tennis.*

*They are taking a cruise to the Antarctic - this is going to be such good fun as they all love wildlife and nature. They can't wait to see the penguins and icebergs. Mr Riley is taking a video camera to record all those special moments. They are stopping at a few populated areas during the cruise to see Antarctic life and experience the food. They aren't planning to do any swimming on the local beaches though! They are taking a short helicopter flight over some of the icebergs to get a view from above of the breathtaking scenery. It's a very different holiday, but an exciting one!*

- 1 Read the text above and answer the following questions:
  - 1 Where is the Riley family travelling to on their summer holiday?
  - 2 Where are they flying to first?
  - 3 Describe the hotel they are staying in
  - 4 What are the children doing at the hotel in Rio?
  - 5 How are they getting to Antarctica from Rio?
  - 6 Why is Mr Riley taking a video camera?
  - 7 Are they stopping anywhere during their cruise?
  - 8 How are they planning to see the icebergs from above?
- 2 *Personalise!* Look at your diary for next week. Fill in your arrangements for Monday to Friday below:  
Monday: \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tuesday: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wednesday: \_\_\_\_\_



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3 Ask your partner what their arrangements are for next week.

## TEACHER'S NOTES:

### *The Rileys' summer holiday*

**Aim:** to highlight the use of the present continuous used for the future through a reading text. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 11.2.

**Time:** 40 minutes

**Materials:** photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

1 Ask students to read the passage and answer the questions. Tell them not to worry about problematic vocabulary at this stage.

Encourage students to check their answers with a partner, before eliciting answers from the class. Deal with the problematic vocabulary at this stage.

**Answers:** 1 They are travelling to Antarctica. 2 They are flying to Brazil first. 3 They are staying in a four-star hotel with great facilities. 4 They are playing a tennis tournament. 5 They are taking a cruise. 6 Mr Riley is taking a video camera to record special moments of the trip. 7 Yes, they are stopping at a few populated areas. 8 They are taking a short helicopter flight over the icebergs

2 Freer practice and a chance to review the present continuous for future question form too. Encourage the questions to ask extra questions if a particular answer is of interest.