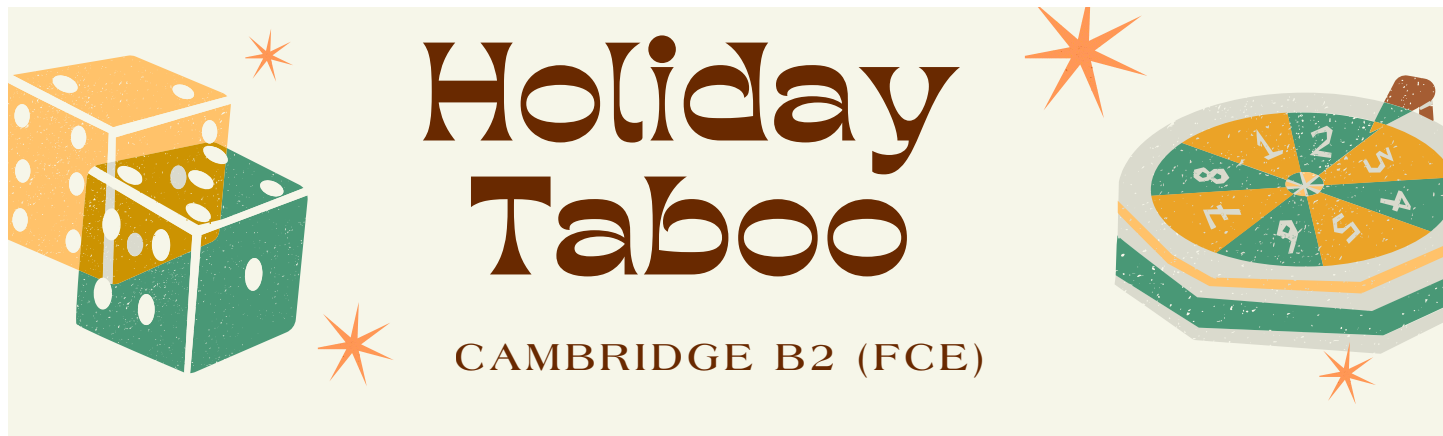




How to play

1. Print the page(s) of cards and cut along the lines. Shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile.
2. Play in two teams. One player from a team picks a card and describes the TARGET word (the big word on top) to their teammates. (There is an attached worksheet to practice the target words if necessary!)
3. The describer must NOT say any of the five “Don’t say” words, or any part of the target word itself. No miming, no spelling, no translating!
4. Teammates have 60 seconds to guess as many cards as they can. Each correct guess = 1 point.
5. A player from the other team watches as the “referee”. If a banned word slips out, the card is lost — no point! Then the other team takes their turn.
6. Play for an agreed number of rounds. The team with the most points wins.

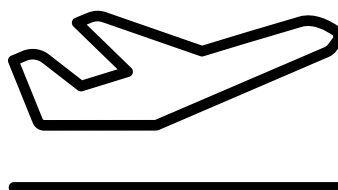
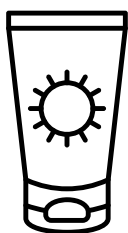
Make it harder (C1+): add a rule that the describer must use at least one relative clause or one passive sentence for each word. Make it easier (B1): allow ONE banned word per card.

PASSPORT	SOUVENIR	JET LAG	SUITCASE
Don't say:	Don't say:	Don't say:	Don't say:
travel	buy	tired	pack
document	gift	time	clothes
country	holiday	flight	wheels
photo	remember	sleep	travel
airport	shop	zone	bag

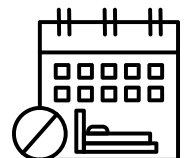
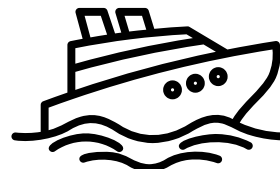
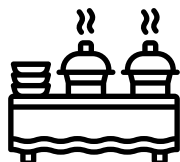
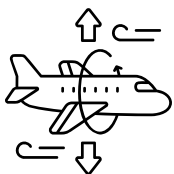
BOARDING PASS Don't say: plane ticket gate fly seat	SUNBURN Don't say: sun red skin painful beach	BACKPACKER Don't say: travel cheap young hostel bag	ALL-INCLUSIVE Don't say: hotel food drinks price holiday
CUSTOMS Don't say: airport bags border declare check	SNORKELLING Don't say: sea fish mask swim underwater	ITINERARY Don't say: plan trip schedule route days	CURRENCY Don't say: money exchange euro dollar country
LANDMARK Don't say: famous building city tourist visit	DELAY Don't say: late flight wait plane time	HOSTEL Don't say: cheap bed travellers share room	ROAD TRIP Don't say: car drive journey route holiday



CRUISE	CHECK-IN	POSTCARD	PHRASEBOOK
Don't say: ship sea cabin ports holiday	Don't say: hotel desk arrive reception key	Don't say: write send picture stamp holiday	Don't say: language words foreign translate useful
GUIDED TOUR	DUTY-FREE	SEASICK	STOPOVER
Don't say: group guide walk sights follow	Don't say: airport shop tax perfume cheap	Don't say: boat ill waves stomach sea	Don't say: flight break connect airport between
SUNBED	SUNSCREEN	DEPARTURE	CAMPSITE
Don't say: pool lie beach hire tan	Don't say: sun protect skin factor lotion	Don't say: leave gate time airport flight	Don't say: tent outdoors pitch field night



SIGHTSEEING Don't say: tourist city visit camera bus	HAND LUGGAGE Don't say: cabin bag carry plane small	TRANSFER Don't say: bus airport hotel take ride	PLUG ADAPTOR Don't say: socket electric country charge different
TRAVEL INSURANCE Don't say: cover medical trip policy claim	PACKAGE HOLIDAY Don't say: flight hotel book together travel	TRAVEL SICKNESS Don't say: car ill moving nausea journey	EXCHANGE RATE Don't say: money convert currency bank foreign
TURBULENCE Don't say: plane bumpy air flight shake	SELF-CATERING Don't say: cook kitchen holiday flat food	FERRY Don't say: boat sea car cross port	OVERBOOKED Don't say: full seat flight hotel extra



LEVEL: B2+ · Vocabulary pre-teaching (OPTIONAL)

Travel Vocabulary: Know Before You Play

Study these words before playing Taboo: Travel Edition.

Name:

Date:

Part 1 — Glossary

Read through these travel words and their meanings. Tick any you already knew. Try to use the others in a sentence about your summer

Word / phrase	Meaning
BACKPACKER	a budget traveller who carries their belongings in a rucksack and often stays in hostels
CAMPSITE	an outdoor area where people can put up tents or park caravans to sleep overnight
CUSTOMS	the place at an airport or border where officials check what you are bringing into a country
HAND LUGGAGE	a small bag you are allowed to take onto a plane and keep with you during the flight
JET LAG	the tired, confused feeling you get after a long flight across different time zones
OVERBOOKED	when an airline or hotel has sold more tickets or rooms than it actually has available
PACKAGE HOLIDAY	a holiday where flights and accommodation are sold together as one deal by a travel company
SELF-CATERING	holiday accommodation where you cook your own meals rather than having them provided
STOPOVER	a short stay in a city between two flights on the way to your final destination
TRANSFER	transport arranged to take you from the airport to your hotel, or between two places
TRAVEL INSURANCE	a policy that covers the cost of medical problems, cancellations or lost bags while travelling
TRAVEL SICKNESS	feeling ill (dizzy or nauseous) because of movement during a car, boat or plane journey

Part 2 — Match the word to its definition

Write the correct letter next to each word.

Word	Definition
ITINERARY → _____	A. bumpy movement on a plane caused by air currents
JET LAG → _____	B. a short stay between two flights on the same trip
OVERBOOKED → _____	C. a day-by-day plan of your trip
SELF-CATERING → _____	D. goods sold at airports without tax
STOPOVER → _____	E. the value of one currency compared to another
TURBULENCE → _____	F. when more seats are sold than exist on a flight
EXCHANGE RATE → _____	G. a holiday where you cook for yourself
DUTY-FREE → _____	H. tiredness caused by flying across time zones

Part 3 — Complete the sentences

Use the words in the box to complete each sentence. There are eight words and eight gaps.

all-inclusive · backpacker · campsite · customs · hand luggage · midnight sun · transfer · travel insurance

1. We bought a(n) _____ holiday — the flights, hotel, food and drinks were already in the price.
2. She was a young _____ who travelled Europe for three months with just a rucksack.
3. We stayed at a _____ in the mountains and slept in a tent under the stars.
4. At _____, the officer asked us to open our bags and declare what we were bringing in.
5. I only brought _____ so I didn't have to wait at the baggage reclaim.
6. In Norway in June, the _____ means it never gets properly dark at night.
7. Always buy _____ before you travel — if you lose your bags, you'll be glad you did.
8. A coach _____ took us from the airport to our hotel in the city centre.

Answer Key — Teacher copy

Part 2 — Matching

ITINERARY → C · JET LAG → H · OVERBOOKED → F · SELF-CATERING → G · STOPOVER → B ·
TURBULENCE → A · EXCHANGE RATE → E · DUTY-FREE → D

Part 3 — Gap-fill

1. **all-inclusive**
2. **backpacker**
3. **campsite**
4. **customs**
5. **hand luggage**
6. **midnight sun**
7. **travel insurance**
8. **transfer**