

It might seem to you as if every year you are asked to write about your summer vacation. Why? Because your teachers want you to get back into the habit of writing, and it is usually easiest to write about something you have experienced. These “brainstorm” questions should help you organize your thoughts and plan your summer vacation paper. Jot answers in note form under each set of questions. Then think: Can I write an interesting paper about one of these? About all of these? What stories stand out, now that you’ve summarized the vacation? What stories do you want to tell?

TRAVEL

Did you travel anywhere? Where did you go? With whom? Did you visit places, people, or both? How long did you travel? What were the interesting highlights of your travels? Did you have any adventures?

NEIGHBORHOOD

Did you spend time with friends in your neighborhood? What did you do? Did you explore new areas or did you stay in familiar locations? What was the most unusual thing to happen in your neighborhood this summer?

HOME

Did you spend time at home? What did you do with that time? Did you work on projects? What great books did you read? Did you read any terrible books? Did you get bored? What did you do to entertain yourself?

ADJECTIVES

Choose ten words to describe your summer vacation. Use these words in your writing.