

## Sample Essay - My Summer Vacation

I had a fantastic summer vacation! My family and I spent a lot of time at the beach. We also went on a trip to Disney World. We ended our summer by traveling to southern California for a soccer tournament. It was nice to be able to spend so much time with my family this summer.

In the beginning of the summer, I went to the beach with my kids at least once a week. We were so lucky because every time we were at the beach I saw the dolphins splashing playfully in the surf. We would usually arrive around 12:00, when the sand was as hot as coals in a barbecue. Sometimes we would stay until 7:00 in the evening. At the end of the day I loved to watch the flaming red ball creep slowly down into the shimmering ocean. Going to the beach is my favorite thing to do in the summer.

Towards the middle of my summer vacation, my whole family and I flew to Florida to visit Disney World. We had never been before, and I could not believe how big and beautiful the Disney property was. It was like being in the center of a rainbow. Everywhere you looked, there was loads of color. The weather was hot and humid. We were soaked with sweat the entire time, but we were able to refresh ourselves in the beach-like pool. We stayed at a hotel called The Beach Club, and the pool there actually had sand at the bottom of it. It was fun to travel all the way to Florida.

As my vacation was coming to an end, we made a trip to Huntington Beach for my daughter's soccer tournament. It was the first one we had been to since May, and I was anxious to see her team play. The weekend was filled with high-scoring soccer games and the company of good friends. Although I felt like a chicken roasting over an open flame in the extreme heat, I was grateful that I was not the one having to run around the soccer field. Haley's team made it all the way to the finals. After playing an extremely physical game involving somersaults, bruised bodies, and a yellow card, our team came in second place. It was surely an action-packed tournament!

Even though my summer was loaded with activity, it still seemed like a long break. After spending so much time at the beach, traveling to Florida, and attending a soccer tournament, I felt like I needed a vacation!