

# Vocabulary

## what must have been

**Meaning:** A guess or assumption about something that likely happened.

**Examples:**

1. It was in what must have been May.
2. That must have been a difficult decision.

## right outside of

**Meaning:** Very near to a place, just beyond its limits.

**Examples:**

1. I used to live right outside of Barcelona.
2. There's a gas station right outside of town.

## right on the coast

**Meaning:** Located directly next to the ocean or sea.

**Examples:**

1. The city is right on the coast.
2. They bought a house right on the coast of California.

## not too

**Meaning:** Not very; used to say something is moderate.

**Examples:**

1. It was sunny, but not too warm.
2. This soup is tasty but not too spicy.

## made my heart so happy

**Meaning:** Brought a strong feeling of joy or love.

**Examples:**

1. It made my heart so happy to see them again.
2. Hearing her laugh made my heart so happy.

**left it up to**

**Meaning:** Let someone else decide or take control.

**Examples:**

1. I left it up to him to plan the trip.
2. She left it up to her kids to choose the movie.

**desperate to**

**Meaning:** Wanting something very badly.

**Examples:**

1. I am desperate to go back.
2. He was desperate to find his lost phone.

**hopefully**

**Meaning:** Used to express a wish or desire for something good to happen.

**Examples:**

1. Hopefully within the next couple of months I can go back.
2. Hopefully it won't rain tomorrow.

**within the next couple of**

**Meaning:** During the next few (days, weeks, months, etc.)

**Examples:**

1. Hopefully within the next couple of months I can book a trip.
2. I plan to finish the project within the next couple of days.

**even if**

**Meaning:** Used to show a condition that doesn't change the result.

**Examples:**

1. Even if it's just a short one, I want to go.
2. I'll go to the party even if I don't know anyone.

## Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary above.

right • left • heart  
desperate • within • even if

1. I am \_\_\_ to get a new apartment.
2. We stayed at a hotel \_\_\_ on the beach.
3. We will go hiking \_\_\_ it rains.
4. It made his \_\_\_ so happy to see his dogs.
5. I will call you \_\_\_ the next couple of days.
6. She \_\_\_ the decision up to me.

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## Where did you go for your last vacation?

Hi, I'm Olivia. I'm from Washington DC and my question is, where did you go for your last vacation?

It was in **what must have been** May. We went to Spain. So I used to live **right outside of** Barcelona in a town called Sits, which is **right on the coast**. It's a beautiful little vacation town. So I lived there for three years and I wanted to go back and visit and, oh, hello cat, and show my boyfriend where I lived. So that was beautiful. We stayed there for about three days. Enjoyed the beach. It was sunny, but **not too** warm. And then we went to Madrid to visit my other two friends that I met while I was living in Spain, and spent about two and a half days with them, and it **made my heart so happy** to see them again. And then we went to Saville. I haven't been to Saville ever, and that was really exciting and that was fun because that was the part of the trip that I didn't plan. I **left it up to** him, so everything we did was kind of a surprise, and we spent about two days there. So yeah, my last holiday in Spain, I loved it very much and I am **desperate to** go back. So **hopefully within the next couple of** months I can book in a trip to go back, **even if** it's just a short one.

## Quiz

*Answer the following questions about the interview.*

1) Where did she go for vacation?

- a) Balboa
- b) Barcelona**

2) What does she say about the city?

- a) She lived there before.**
- b) It was her first time there.

3) Where else did she visit?

- a) Madrid**
- b) Majorca

## Corporate Terminology

### **In a Jam**

Meaning: In a difficult or uncomfortable situation

Example: "I'm in a jam because I promised to be in two places at once."

### **In Hot Water**

Meaning: In trouble or facing consequences for something you did

Example: "I'm in hot water with my boss because I missed an important deadline."