**Level:** B1 B2

**Lesson:** An American’s Euro Trip Experience (Part 1)

(By Karl Beckmann)

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**1. Warm Up (5 min)**

* Do you like travelling abroad? How often do you travel to other countries?
* How has been your travelling experiencing around the world (if applicable)?

**2. Vocabulary (5 min)**

**Directions:** Get familiar with the following words and phrases, which will be actively used in today’s lesson text.

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| **WORD/PHRASE** | **PHONETICS** | **EXAMPLE** | **SPANISH** |
| **Verb Phrases** | | | |
| fly to (a place) | /ˈflaɪ-tu/ | *I’ll flight to Amsterdam.* | travel by plane |
| hurt (vt)  hurt (vi) | /hert/ | *I hurt my foot.*  *My foot hurt really bad.* | lastimarse  doler |
| go dancing | - | *Let’s go dancing tonight!* | irse a bailar |
| get bad | - | *It will get bad if you don’t see a doctor.* | empeorar |
| **NOUNS** | | | |
| marking | - | *There’s no marking.* | marca (de una herida) |
| guided tour | /’**gaɪ**-red tuur/ | *I did a guided tour.* | paseo turístico guiado |
| walking tour | /’**wo**-kɪn-tuur/ | *I preferred a walking tour.* | Paseo turístico (a pie) |
| ***ADJECTIVES*** | | | |
| swollen | /’**suo**-len/ | *My foot is swollen.* | hinchado, inflamado |
| **ADVERBS** | | | |
| straight | /streɪt/ | *I worked for 10 hours straight.* | seguidos (as),  de continuo. |
| abraod | /a-‘**brod**/ | *He is living abroad.*  *He is travelling abroad.* | outside the country  (en/al extranjero) |
| ***PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES*** | | | |
| for too long | - | *I stayed there for too long.* | demasiado tiempo |
| at all | /a-‘**rol**/ | *It didn’t improve at all.* | en lo absoluto |
| on a trip | - | *He’s on a trip* | de viaje |
| by the end of (noun) | - | *By the end of the tour, I was tired.* | al final de… |
| ***SET PHRASES*** | | | |
| take it easy | - | *Don’t worry. Take it easy.* | tomárselo con calma |
| something like that.  stuff like that. | - | - | …algo como eso.  …cosas como esas. |

**3. Comprehension: Video Text (10 min)**

**Directions:** Listen to a young man, Karl Beckmann, talk a about a personal experience on a live Facebook video. Then, answer the questions below:

**3.1. General Comprehension**

**Who’s the guy on the live video?**

**A.** A European citizen talking about the wonders of Europe.

**B.** A young American recently established in Europe.

**C.** An American tourist telling about his recent trip to Europe.

**3.2. Specific Comprehension**

**Watch the video again and say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).**

a) Karl just got back from a trip to Europe.

b) Karl stayed in Amsterdam for the whole trip.

c) Karl went to Amsterdam on the occasion of a wedding.

d) While in Amsterdam, Karl hurt his food.

e) He went to a doctor’s immediately after hurting his food.

**4. Pronunciation Practice (10 min)**

**Directions:** Under your teacher’s supervision, read the video transcript aloud for pronunciation assessment.

**(Introducing the Topic)**

Hey guys! (So, I…) I’m gonna talk about my health care experience when I went to Europe. So, I just got back from a trip to Europe.

**(The Summary of the Euro trip)**

I went to Barcelona, in Spain; and I flew to… Amsterdam. I was in Barcelona for a week; I was in Amsterdam for a week too. And then I… went to Vaals, which is in Southern Holland, for my uncle’s wedding. And I went to… Mönchengladbach, Germany, for two days. And I flew back home.

**(The Hurt Foot)**

So, when I was in Amsterdam, I hurt my foot. I went dancing for too long in a nightclub, and… the next morning, when I woke up, my foot was like… It hurt really bad. And it was swollen, but there was no marking; so, really… I was kind of confused. I was like… why? You know… Why does it hurt? And I guess I just... overstressed it. So, I… I let it… I took it easy for a couple of days and then I… decided… then I went on a walking tour in Amsterdam.

**(The Walking Tour)**

I did a guided tour of the Red Light District and the Sex Museum Tour, and stuff like that. So I was walking around for (like) two hours straight. And… you know, normally that’s no problem. I walked (like) 6 miles a day when I was in Barcelona; but… by the end of the walking tour, my… my foot was… was just hurt and really badly. And I was there limb and it was… I knew it was… not good.

**(The Wedding in Vales)**

So, the next day I drove with my uncle to Vaals, because we were going there for his wedding, and… you know, not much improvement at all. I waited… I think I waited one more day, and then on the day of the wedding – the wedding was starting at (like) at 1:00, 1:32, something like that— and I was like: “Ok. I gotta go to a doctor. This is not… it’s not improving. It’s getting bad”.

**5. Vocabulary: Say it another way!** (5 min)

**Directions:** In oral form, say the underlined words and phrases another way.

a) So, I just got back from a trip to Europe.

b) I flew to Amsterdam.

c) When I was in Amsterdam, I hurt my foot.

d) I took it easy for a couple of days.

e) I walked 6 miles a day when I was in Barcelona.

f) By the end of the walking tour, my foot was just hurt.

g) I drove with my uncle to Vaals.

h) The wedding was starting at 1:00.

i) I *gotta* go to a doctor.

j) This is not improving.

**6. Grammar: Practicing Simple Verb Tenses** (5 min)

**Directions:** Change the following simple-past sentences into simple present and future, as indicated. The first item has been done for you as an example.

Example: I went to Barcelona, in Spain.

* **Simple Present:** I go to Barcelona.
* **Simple Future:** I’ll go to Barcelona, in Spain. / I’m going to go to Barcelona, in Spain. / I’m *gonna* go to Barcelona, in Spain (informal)

1. I got back from Europe.
2. I flew to Amsterdam.
3. I went dancing in a nightclub.
4. When I woke up, my foot hurt.
5. There was no marking
6. I took it easy.
7. I went on a walking tour.
8. I drove with my uncle to Vaals.
9. I waited one more day.

**7.** **Speaking (20 min)**

**7.1. Re-telling:** Karl’s Euro Trip

**Directions:** In your own words, tell us about Karl’s trip to Europe. If necessary, watch the video once again. The following questions may serve as a basis for your retelling, but feel free to include any information you remember from Karl’s travel experience.

a) Why did Karl go to Europe?

b) What cities and local places did he visit?

c) What happened to him when he was in Amsterdam?

d) What did he do when he realized his food was hurt?

**7.2. Monologue:** Getting Insured before Travelling

**Directions:** Answer the following questions about yourself in the form of a brief monologue.

a) Have you ever had any health care emergency while on a trip? If so, tell us about it! When was it? What city/place were you visiting? What happened exactly?

b) Do you recommend getting insured before travelling?

c) Have you (or someone close to you) ever paid for travel insurance? If so, what was the policy about?

d) Do you have health insurance? Do you need it?

e) Do people in your country need to have health insurance to have access to health care?