

ROLE CARDS

Aim: Give Ss practice reaching a consensus.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for every four Ss. Cut the copies and divide the cards into five piles: A, B, C, D, and the map.

Comment: Use with the Discussion on page 34.

- Divide the class into four groups (A, B, C, and D). Give A cards to Group A, B cards to Group B, and so on.
- Explain the task. Each group plans a vacation to one or more places in Mexico, Central America, and/or the Caribbean. They discuss the questions in part A of the Discussion on page 34 and take notes.
- Ss complete the task and then form new groups, each with one S from Group A, B, C, and D. Give each group a map. Tell Ss to discuss ideas until they all agree on a plan.
- Ss return to their original groups and compare their plans.
- **Option:** Ss write an email to a friend about their vacation plans.

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A

You have two weeks' vacation in December. You love the sea and would like to visit a Caribbean island. You know about some very cheap trips to Margarita and the Dominican Republic where hotel accommodations are included. You want to spend every day by the ocean, relax, enjoy the sun, and swim. You don't want to spend much money. You prefer to take a tour and stay in cheap hotels. You hate camping and hiking.

B

You have three weeks' vacation in December. You love adventure vacations. Your dream is to visit Costa Rica because there are many things to do there. For example, you can go to the beach, go surfing, go rafting, go mountain climbing, go to the rain forest, or go hiking and backpacking in the national parks. You aren't worried about money. You just want to have a good time and a great adventure!

C

You have ten days' vacation left this year. You can take your vacation whenever you want. Every year you go to Mexico for your vacation. You love it because there are many things to see and do. You know the country very well, and you want to go again. You usually rent a car. You spend a few days at the beach, a few days in the mountains, and a few days visiting historical places, such as the Mayan ruins. You like a vacation that has variety and freedom.

D

You want to spend the month of December traveling through Central America and the Caribbean. However, you don't want to spend much money. You would like to travel as cheaply as possible (for example, by camping rather than staying in hotels, and by hiking rather than using expensive transportation). You love sunshine, so you want to spend at least one week by the ocean, maybe camping on the beach. You also love ancient cultures and want to see the ruins in Guatemala.

MAP OF AREA

