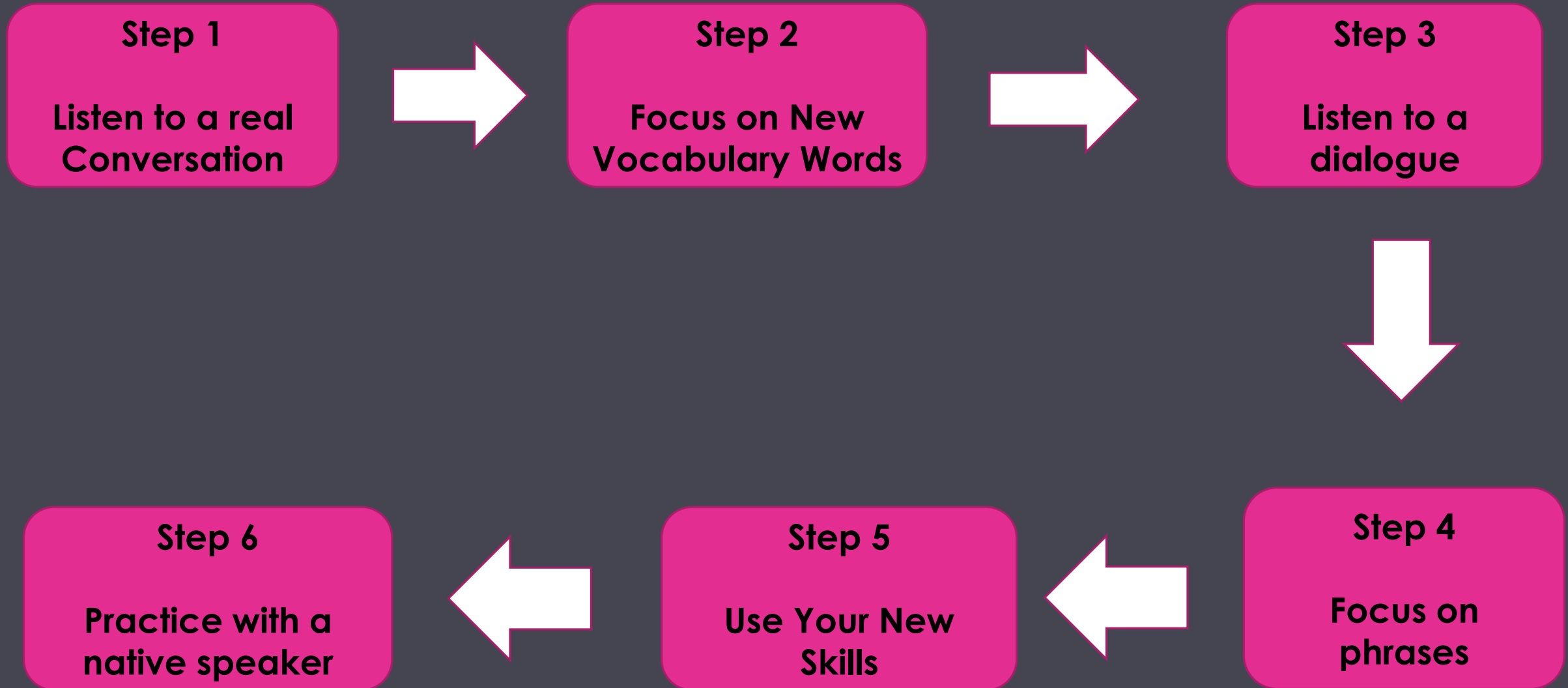




# Where Is Your Next Vacation Destination?

A Vocabulary Lesson

# Our Method



# Step 1: Would You Rather Vacation at the Beach or the Mountains?



**Please listen to Audio Step 1-Would You Rather Vacation at the Beach or the Mountains?**

**What type of vacation do you prefer? Do you like to relax on the beach or go hiking and camping in the mountains? Listen to this conversation!**

**Please view Transcript Step1- Would You Rather Vacation at the Beach or the Mountains?**

## Step 2: Focus on New Vocabulary Words

**To end up  
doing  
something**

**Serene**

**High tide**

**To soak  
something  
up**

**Boardwalk**

**Take-out**

**Bay**



# To soak something up

(casual phrasal verb)



**Meaning: To enjoy something completely, to take it in, to absorb it and experience it**

*I want to soak up the sun while I am on vacation.*

To end up  
doing  
something

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: The final result, what happens in the end

*We thought he would travel the world forever, but he ended up settling down and having a son.*

# Boardwalk

(noun)



**Meaning: A constructed pathway for pedestrians at the beach**

*On the weekends, New Yorkers hang out on the Coney Island boardwalk.*



# Serene

(adjective)



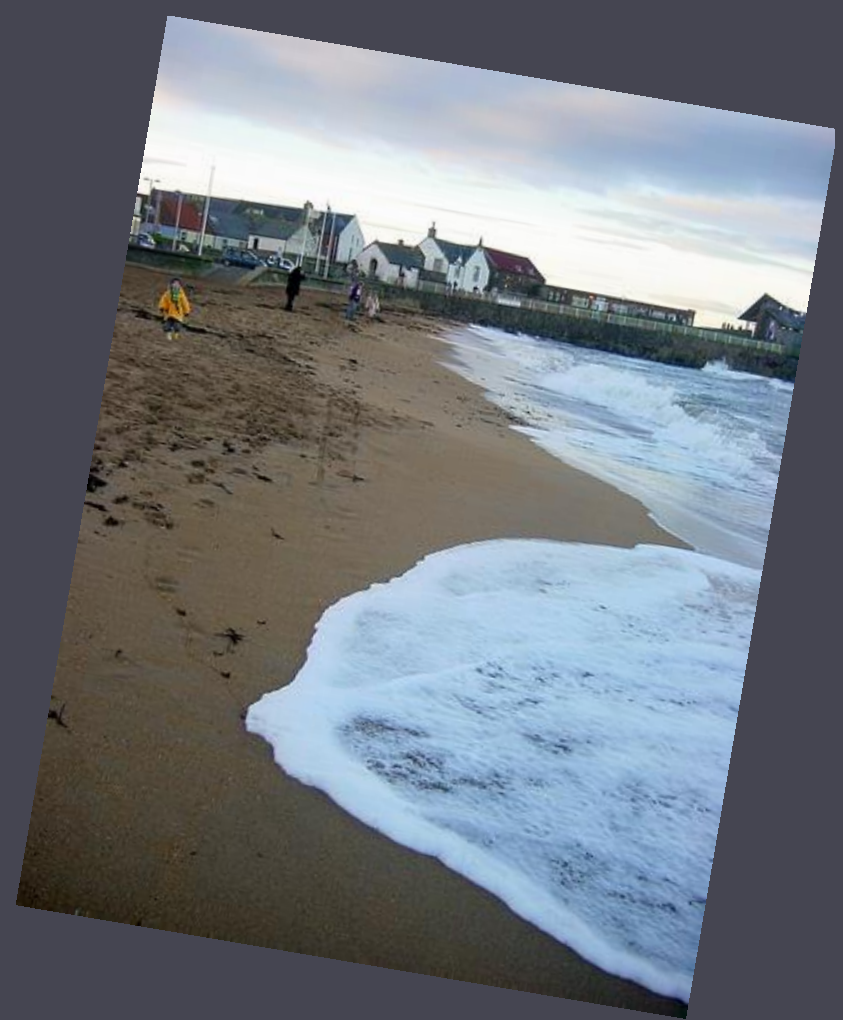
Meaning: Calm, peaceful, tranquil

*The lake is serene at dawn and perfect for fishing.*



# High tide

(noun)

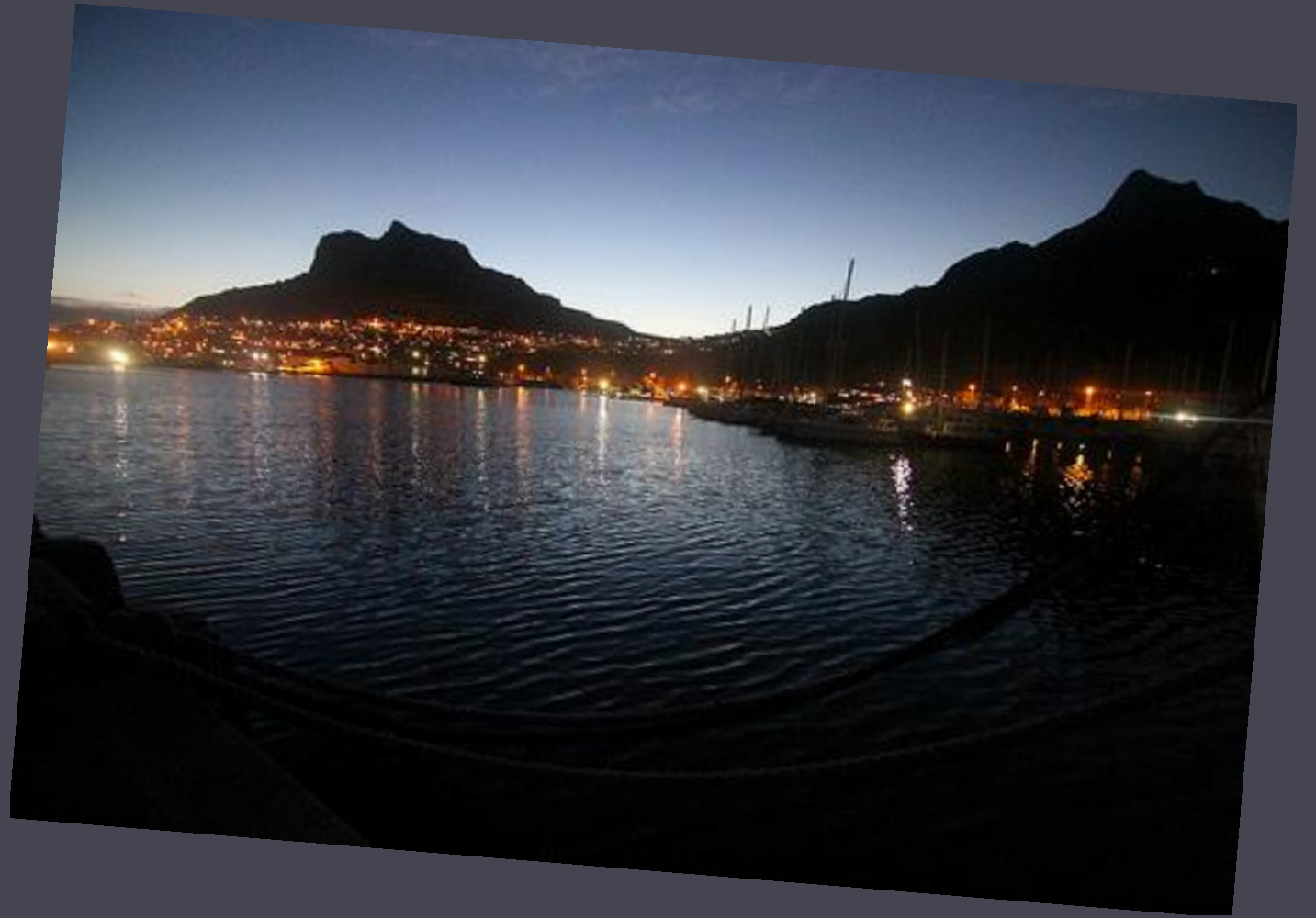


**Meaning:** The time when the sea level is at its highest

*The water comes right to our front porch during high tide.*

# Bay

(noun)



**Meaning: An inlet of the ocean where the land curves in**

*They keep their boats docked in the bay.*

# Take-out

(noun)



**Meaning:** Food that can be bought in a restaurant and carried out or delivered to the home

*I don't feel like sitting in a restaurant. Let's get take-out and bring it to the beach.*



## Step 3: My Vacation Is Coming Up

In this conversation, listen to a couple argue about where to take their vacation.

**Listen to Audio Steps 3 and 4- My Vacation Is Coming Up**





## Step 4: Focus on the Vocabulary Phrases

Learn the new vocabulary in context!

Please open Transcript Steps 3 and 4 – Dinner with the Parents

- “Are you excited to soak up the sun?”
- “We won’t end up relaxing at all”
- “There is nothing more relaxing than waking up in a tent next to a serene lake.”
- “...strolling along the boardwalk during high tide.”
- “We can get take-out”
- “We can explore the bay.”

# Bonus! Say It Another Way!

Learn how to say the phrases in a different way!

**Click on the file “Say It Another Way”**

## Step 5: Use Your New Skills

**To soak  
something up**

**To end up doing  
something**

**Boardwalk**

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**Take-out**

**High tide**

**Bay**

1. When I take a vacation, I like to spend time in a calm and \_\_\_\_\_ (relaxing) place.
2. Do you order \_\_\_\_\_ (carry-out) food or do you cook on weeknights?
3. For my vacation, I am going to a warm place to \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) the sun.
4. Can I get a hotdog on the \_\_\_\_\_ (walkway near the beach)?

**To soak  
something up**



**Take-out**



# Prepare Your Vocabulary Cards

**To end up  
doing  
something**



**Serene**



**Boardwalk**



**Bay**



**High tide**





# Step 6: Practice with a Native

What do you want to do on your next vacation? Do you plan to **soak up the sun** and spend time on the **boardwalk** or do you want to visit a **serene** lake and maybe do some camping or something else?

Tell your partner about a specific vacation in the past that **ended up being** completely different than you expected.

## ○ Bonus: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way

(A=husband, B= wife)

A: (student) Every year we go somewhere warm to \_\_\_\_\_ (soak up) the sun and hang out on the \_\_\_\_\_ (boardwalk) but this year I want to do something different.

B: Really? Like what?

A: Let's go rent a cabin on a \_\_\_\_\_ (serene) lake. Maybe it will \_\_\_\_\_ (end up being) more relaxing.

B: Ok I guess we could try it for a change.

# Step 6: Practice with a Native

When you are on vacation, do you prefer to eat at a restaurant or get **take-out** and bring it to the beach or eat outside?

Do you like to walk on the beach at **high tide**?

## ○ Bonus: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way

(A=husband, B= wife)

A: (student) Hey what should we do for dinner tonight? We have already been to all of the restaurants in town.

B: Why don't we get \_\_\_\_\_ (take-out)? We can bring the food down to the \_\_\_\_\_ (bay).

A: Great idea- we can relax and watch the water come in at \_\_\_\_\_ (high tide)

- Is it better to visit one place and stay for two weeks or visit four places in two weeks and stay for a few days in each place?
- Did you take vacations with your family when you were a kid? Where did you usually go? How have those experiences shaped your vacation choices as an adult?
- Would you rather travel by car or by plane between cities in the US (Boston to Washington DC or LA to San Francisco, for example)
- If you were planning a camping trip and could only bring 8 items. What 8 items would you bring and why?
- Do you buy souvenirs when you travel to a new place for vacation? What is the most interesting souvenir that you have bought?

- Would you rather be active during your vacation or relax and unwind?
- If you could choose between staying at a B&B in the mountains, gambling in Las Vegas or visiting cafes in Paris, which option would you choose and why?
- What problems have you run into during your vacations in the past? Has the airline ever lost your luggage? Have you ever been robbed? Please tell the story



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# Step 5 quiz

- 1- serene
- 2-Take-out
- 3- Soak up
- 4- boardwalk