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Question: Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the two photographs:

- give a brief description of the two photos (action, location)
- say what the pictures have in common
- say what in what way the pictures are different
- say which of the activities presented in the pictures you'd prefer
- explain why



The first photo shows a group of people hiking in mountainous countryside. They have large backpacks on so **I think they must be** planning to walk a long way. It's a very clear bright day, and **judging by the scenery in the foreground** and the mountains **in the far distance**, I would say **they are probably** on a walking holiday. **In the second picture**, there are three people sitting on - **I'm not sure of exactly the right word to describe it** - but it's a wooden platform over the water.

It looks as if the girl with the red towel on her shoulder **who is sitting behind** the boy in the stripey T-shirt has just been swimming. **By the look of the** surface of the water, **I would say it was taken on** quite a windy day.

The photos are both similar in some ways, **in that they were both taken** outdoors and probably in the summer, and **both of them** have mountains in the distance. **Another**

thing they have in common is that they both show people who may well be on holiday.

In terms of the differences between them, **the first photo was taken** in an area high up in the mountains, **which we can tell from the fact that** they are clearly hiking down a hill, **whereas the second photo must have been taken** at sea level - **unless of course**, this is a mountain lake rather than the sea! **Another difference is that the people in the second photo are clearly** having a day of relaxation, **while the people in the first picture** must have a long day's walk ahead of them.

As to which of the activities I would prefer, I think **that would depend on how I was feeling on the day**. I would enjoy both activities. However, hiking in mountains **is one of my favourite pastimes** so I'm **going to go with the activity** in the first photo **as my preferred activity**.

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