

Vans and Vagabonds

Time to get creative!

We've given you the HTML source for a travel blog post.

Download the files here: [vans.zip](#)

Choose a colour scheme

We've given you the featured blog image for this post — use this, and the theme of the blog, to inspire your colour choices.

Using your chosen colour scheme, style some of the elements in the page so that you:

- Use at least two different background colours (not white);
- Use at least two different text colours (not black).

Style the images

There are two types of image in this blog post. Make them look different!

- Make the "featured" image nice and large (more than 500px wide);
- Make the "thumbnail" images look less important, by making them smaller (less than 400px wide).

Get dramatic with whitespace

The blog post includes both a cheeky quote, and a signature, marked with class "quote" and "sig". Make this really pop out by adding clear space around the text.

- Add vertical padding or margin styles to the quote (at least 70px in total);
- Add other styles (you choose!) to add more drama.

Make it your own (optional)

Here's your chance to really flex your design skills. Use the HTML classes we've provided to add more style to your page.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

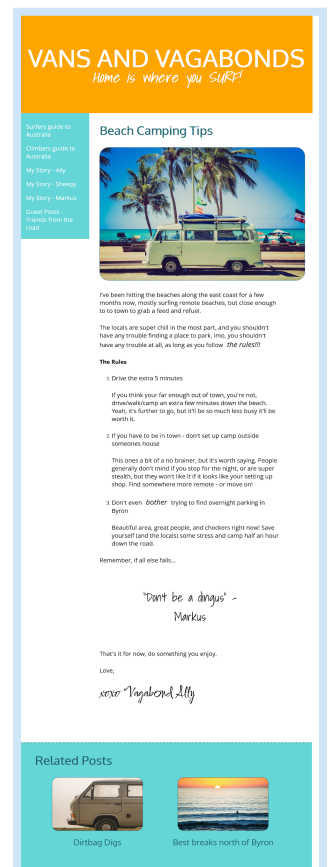
- Change the layout for some of the sections;
- Use borders to highlight special elements;
- Use web fonts to give your page a lift!

Colour design

We based our colour scheme on the featured image:

- The is designed to contrast the blue of the sky;
- The two shades of blue (and) are designed to contrast the boldness of the orange, and reflect the sea.

We could also have used the *feel* of the blog to choose our colours. The blog is cheeky and informal, so a bold and bright colour scheme works well here, too.



#1 HTML and CSS files are split!

You will notice that the HTML file has all the tags, yet the <style> tag is just linking to a CSS file.

```
<link href="main.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
```

This way, we can style the page without needing to worry about the HTML. All the HTML tags and content have been defined for you! There are many classes that we'll need to style to make it look good...

```
.header{  
  background-color: orange;  
  width: 100%;  
  text-align: center;  
  color: white;  
  margin: 0;  
  border: 1px solid orange;  
}  
h1.blog-title{  
  padding-top: 40px;  
  text-transform: uppercase;  
  font-family: 'Oxygen';  
  font-size: 80px;  
}
```

With this, you'll see that the header and h1 will be styled properly. Your job will be to style the rest.

#2 Hints

For h2.slogan:

Font: Use the custom one "Shadows into Light"

Font-style: Italic

Font-size: 50px

Margin-top: -80px

Color: white

Padding-bottom: 40px



Home is where you SURF!

You can try other values as well!

For navigation:

```
background-color: rgb(100, 214, 216);
padding: 12px 0px;
display: inline-block;
vertical-align: top;
width: 230px;
padding-bottom: 25px;
```

For nav-links:

```
margin: 20px 20px 0 20px;
text-decoration: none;
color: white;
font-size: 20px;
display: block;
```

For a.nav-link:hover

```
color: rgb(39, 105, 118);
```

#3 Hints Part 2

At this point, we should have the navigation bar showing, but the rest of the content is too big! It doesn't fit! We will want to use **display:inline-block** to make it appear side by side, and make the width smaller with **width:75%**

This should be what you have for your main content:

```
.main-content{
    display: inline-block;
    width:75%;
}
```

It still doesn't look great...
I'll leave the styling to you!



I've been hitting the beaches along the east coast for a few months now, mostly surfing remote beaches, but close enough to town to grab a feed and refuel. The locals are super chill in the most part, and you shouldn't have any trouble finding a place to park. imo, you shouldn't have any trouble at all, as long as you follow the rules!!

#4 Hints Part 3 - “Footer”

The footer is the related posts on the bottom. Right now it still looks out of place. We want to move the photos side by side and in a box.

I'll colour the entire related div so you can see the area we're looking at.

```
.related{
    width:100%;
    background-color: rgb(100, 214, 216);
}
```

Now, for moving the images, we want to make it horizontal, so we'll need the **display:inline** again!

```
.related-post {
    width:45%;
    margin-bottom: 20px;
    display: inline-block;
}
```

I'll let you figure out how to center them and style the rest!

#5 Hints/Spoilers

At this point it's getting close to revealing the answers. Don't look if you want to do it yourself! I'll leave all the css tags that you should be using.

```
/* -- Header -- */
```

```
.header {
```

```
}
```

```
h1.blog-title {
```

```
}
```

```
h2.slogan {
```

```
}
```

```
/* -- Navigation -- */
```

```
.navigation {
```

```
}
```

```
.nav-link {
```

```
}
```

```
a.nav-link:hover {
```

```
}
```

```
/* -- Main content section -- */
```

```
.main-content {
```

```
}
```

```
/* -- Sections -- */
```

```
.section {
```

```
}
```

```
h2 {
```

```
}
```

```
p {
```

```
}
```

```
/* -- Featured image --*/
```

```
img.featured {
```

```
}
```

```
/* -- Quote -- */
```

```
p.quote {
```

```
}
```

```
em {
```

```
}
```

```
/* -- Signature -- */
```

```
.sig {
```

```
}
```

```
/* -- Related Posts -- */
```

```
.related {
```

```
}
```

```
.related-post {
```

```
}
```

```
img.thumbnail {
```

```
}
```

```
p.related-post {
```

```
}
```

```
.related-link {
```

```
}
```

#6 Hints/Spoilers

If you just want the answers, ask Mr Chuang. Note you don't have to style it in the exact same way!