



15th July

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Dear Tina,
 Hello from Poland! I'm visiting some friends here. Today we are north of Warsaw for the celebration of the Battle of Grunwald. This battle re-enactment, between the Polish-Lithuanian army and the Teutonic Knights, is a very big event here. There are lots of people here to see the great battle, with over 2,000 re-enactors. Some are knights on horseback, some are archers who fight with a bow and arrow and there are also foot soldiers who are fighting with swords and shields. It's amazing.
 See you when I get back.
 Patricia



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Grammar
Present simple vs present continuous

4 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*. Justify your answers.

- 1 Re-enactors _____ (stage) fights at the celebration.
- 2 My friends _____ (watch) a cavalry parade at the moment.
- 3 _____ (you/plan) on attending the festival this weekend?
- 4 David _____ (work) for a company that makes period costumes.
- 5 We _____ (not/take) part in the battle re-enactment this year.
- 6 What time _____ (the mock battle/begin)?
- 7 Ken _____ (prepare) for the gladiator combat this month.

b) Read again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg is an annual event. _____
- 2 This historical re-enactment lasts two days. _____
- 3 Luke says Ribchester has a Roman theatre. _____
- 4 His favourite part of the festival is the gladiator fights. _____
- 5 The Battle of Grunwald is important in Poland. _____
- 6 There are 2,000 people in the crowd. _____

3 Fill in the gaps with *battles, gladiators, archers, commemorates, armour, cavalry*.

- 1 The re-enactment _____ the American Civil War.
- 2 You can see gun _____ during the re-enactment.
- 3 People wearing _____ and carrying weapons take part in the re-enactment.
- 4 _____ were men who fought against other men in the time of the Roman Empire.
- 5 The _____ is a group of soldiers in an army who ride horses.
- 6 _____ use bows and arrows to fight.

Speaking

- 5 a) 😊 😊 Choose one of the festivals and describe it. Your partner has to guess which one you are talking about. Then swap roles.
- b) **THINK** Do you have other festivals in your country? What do you celebrate? How similar are they to the ones in the postcards? Tell the class.

Writing

A postcard

6 Imagine you are attending a cultural festival in your country. Write a postcard to your British friend, in which you:

- write where you are
- describe what kind of festival it is
- write what you like most about the festival
- describe what you are doing now