

Check and reflect

1 Complete the messages with the present continuous form of the verbs in the box.

lose play ride sit sleep talk
watch write

- I _____ some emails to my friend.
- Max _____ golf with his friends.
- Roger Federer _____ the match at the moment. He usually wins so it's a bit strange!
- The children _____ their bikes to the park.
- Sam and Tom _____ to each other because they're angry. It's so quiet!
- Dad _____ a film on TV at the moment so I can't watch the football.
- The dog _____ on the sofa. He's on the floor.
- Be quiet! The baby _____ and I don't want her to wake up.

2 Read the definitions and complete the geographical features. You have the first letter to help you.

- birds often live in these tall plants – **t**_____
- water that goes from the mountains to the sea – **r**_____
- what we can see when we look up – **s**_____
- land with water around it – **i**_____
- the place next to the sea – **b**_____
- land outside the city with fields and forests – **c**_____

3 a Put the letters in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- It was so *tho* last night. I don't sleep well when it's very *rma*w.
- I can't see the road. It's really *gyf*og.
- It's *wnisg*on outside. The roads are white already.
- There's no sun today. It's really *ydoc*ul.
- I didn't take an umbrella so now I'm all *tew*.
- You can't use your umbrella today. It's really *dyl*wn.

b Work in pairs. What do you think the weather is like in these places now?

- Moscow
- Mexico City
- Sydney
- Iceland

4 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- We _____ (watch) a film at the moment.
- What time _____ Richard _____ (get up) on Mondays?
- What book _____ your sister _____ (read)?
- It _____ (not/rain) now. It's dry.
- I can't hear you. Maria _____ (play) her music very loud.
- I _____ (meet) Jack for lunch every Friday.
- My brothers _____ (not/like) coffee.

5 Choose the correct alternatives.

- The Smiths are the *friendliest/friendly* people in the town.
- This the *best/good* restaurant in the area.
- Jack is a really *funniest/funny* person.
- Sit on that chair. It's the *comfortable/most comfortable* one in the room.
- This song is terrible. It's really *bad/worse*.
- At 89, my grandma's the *old/aldest* person in my family.

6 a Complete the phrases with the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- the prettiest* (pretty) place in my town/city
- _____ (exciting) day of the year
- _____ (cold) month of the year
- _____ (good) café or restaurant
- _____ (busy) street
- _____ (expensive) shops
- _____ (noisy) part of my town/city
- _____ (interesting) thing to do in my town/city

b Work in pairs. Think of one place or thing for phrases 1–8 in Exercise 6a.

I think the park is the prettiest place in my town.

7 Complete the blog post with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive get back get off get on leave take

A trip to Beijing

I went to Beijing for a short work trip. I ¹_____ home on Tuesday and ²_____ in Beijing on Wednesday. On Saturday, I got up early and went to the Summer Palace. I ³_____ the metro near my hotel and ⁴_____ ten minutes later near the palace. There are lots of different buildings around a pretty lake. I ⁵_____ a boat trip across the lake. It was a lovely day. I left Beijing on Sunday morning and ⁶_____ home on Sunday afternoon.

Reflect

How confident do you feel about the statements below? Write 1–5 (1 = not very confident, 5 = very confident).

- I can describe a travel experience.
- I can describe the weather.
- I can compare places, activities and transport.
- I can make a phone call.

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