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Writing skills practice: A postcard from New York – exercises

Look at the postcard and do the exercises to practise and improve your writing skills.

Preparation

Write the name of the New York tourist attraction in the boxes below the picture.

the Statue of Liberty	a yellow taxi	a Broadway theatre	the Brooklyn Bridge

Dear Mum and Dad

I'm having a great time here in New York! Aunt Eva has shown me everything – the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and Central Park. I haven't taken a yellow taxi yet but I really want to.

It's sunny and hot every day. Tomorrow we're going to watch a show at a theatre on Broadway.

Wish you were here.

Love Ami xx

Affix stamp here

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Top Tips for writing

1. Start your postcard: **Dear** + name.
2. Use the present continuous to say you're enjoying the holiday.
3. Use the present perfect to say what you have done.
4. Use **going to** for your future plans.
5. A good way to finish a postcard.
6. Finish your postcard: **Love** + your name. ***xx*** are kisses!

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1. Check your understanding: grouping

Write the activities in the correct group.

see Central Park	take a yellow taxi
go to a theatre	see the Statue of Liberty

Things Ami has already done	Things Ami has not done yet

2. Check your writing: grammar

Choose the best option in bold and write out the sentences to make the postcard.

1. **Dear Jena** / **Dear Madam**

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2. **We're going to have / We're having** a wonderful time at the beach.

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3. **We've swum / We're swimming** with dolphins and **we are / we've been** on a boat trip to an island.

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4. Tomorrow **we've played / we're going to play** beach volleyball.

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5. **Wish you were here.** / **See you tomorrow.**

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6. **Love** / **best regards**

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   Suri and Adi xx

Discussion
Have you ever been to New York? Where is the most interesting place you have travelled to? Did you send a postcard when you were there?

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