

WRITING: EMAILS

16 You are going to read an email from your friend Simon about his holiday. Take two minutes to read the email quickly and then answer the questions.

- Where did he go?
- Why was this holiday different to his trips before?

Hi Tony,

I **1** _____ (go) to Madrid for my last holiday – it **2** _____ (be) great!

On the first day, I **3** _____ (visit) some of the famous sights here including the Prado museum and the Royal Palace. It is different to my usual holidays. Normally, I **4** _____ (go) to hot places and relax on the beach. At the moment, it's the opposite and it is quite cold here. On my second day, I **5** _____ (go) shopping and **6** _____ (buy) some souvenirs. That night it **7** _____ (be) really interesting because I **8** _____ (eat) in a Spanish restaurant. I usually **9** _____ (not try) new food when I go on holiday, but I am very happy that I **10** _____ (do) this time. I **11** _____ (try) a traditional meal of soup, vegetables and meat. It **12** _____ (be) delicious. It **13** _____ (be) only a short holiday, but I really enjoyed it.

I **14** _____ (take) lots of photos. What **15** _____ (do) you do on your holiday?

Where **16** _____ (do) you go?

Simon

17 Read the email again. Then, complete the email using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

18 Look again at Simon's email. In the table below, tick ✓ the features in his email that he uses.

Feature	✓ ?
1 He uses a greeting to start the email.	
2 He says where he went on holiday.	
3 He says how he travelled there.	
4 He says how long he stayed.	
5 He says what he did on holiday.	
6 He says what he usually does on holiday.	
7 He asks about his friend's last holiday.	
8 He asks about his friend's next holiday.	
9 He finishes with his name at the end.	

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Your friend, Hannah, wants to know about your last holiday. She wants to know where you went and what you did.

Write an email to your friend. In your email you should:

- say where you went.
- say what you did there.
- ask your friend about his/her last holiday.
- Write 150–175 words.

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20 In pairs, compare your emails from Exercise 19. Complete the table to see what your partner did well and what you think needs to be improved.

Feature	✓ ?
1 Uses a good structure – greeting to start the email and ends with his/her name.	
2 Says where he/she went on holiday.	
3 Says what he/she did on holiday.	
4 Asks his/her friend about his/her last holiday.	
5 He/She only talks about the information in the instructions.	
6 He/She uses the correct number of words	

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

07 ▶ Match the two halves of the sentence.

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| 1 I go to French lessons | A but I enjoy hiking and horse riding. |
| 2 The weather in Stockholm wasn't very nice | B stay with a host family? |
| 3 I'm not good at sport | C at sailing? |
| 4 Did you decide to | D twice a week. |
| 5 Are you good | E when we visited in December. |

08 ▶ Choose the best answer

- 1 I didn't go on the language exchange *because / so* my language level wasn't high enough.
- 2 *As / So* we enjoy kayaking, we decided to go on an adventure holiday this year.
- 3 The host family spoke English really well *so / because* I wasn't worried that we wouldn't be able to communicate.
- 4 We prefer city breaks *so / because* we enjoy exploring new places.
- 5 *So / As* my parents enjoy trying traditional food, they went on a food tour.