

I'm leaving because the weather is too good.  
I hate London when it's not raining.

Groucho Marx, American actor

# Sun and the City

## 1 GRAMMAR simple present or present continuous?

a Circle the correct form.

- 1 A What are you doing here?  
B I'm on vacation. I **sightsee** / **I'm sightseeing**.
- 2 A Can you talk?  
B No. I **have dinner** / **I'm having dinner** right now.
- 3 A Where **do they usually go** / **are they usually going** on vacation?  
B To Florida.
- 4 A How often does your husband **go abroad**?  
B **He travels** / **He's traveling** to Asia four times a year.
- 5 A What **does your friend do** / **is your friend doing**?  
B She's a travel guide.
- 6 A **Do you work** / **Are you working** this week?  
B No. I'm on vacation.
- 7 A What time **does the museum close**?  
B **It closes** / **It's closing** at 6 p.m., I think.
- 8 A **Does it rain** / **Is it raining** today?  
B No. It's hot and sunny.

b Complete the sentences. Use the simple present or present continuous.

- 1 My parents don't like (not like) their hotel.
- 2 They argue (argue) about money all the time.
- 3 I'm 18 now, so I learn (learn) to drive. My father teach (teach) me.
- 4 When you usually go (go) to the gym?
- 5 My brother go out (go out) almost every night.
- 6 The sun not shine (not shine) today. It's quite cold.
- 7 you use (use) your computer right now? I want (want) to check something on the Internet.
- 8 My sister love (love) ice skating but she not do (not do) it very often.

## 2 VOCABULARY the weather and seasons

a Write the seasons in the correct order.

winter, , , ,

b Complete the sentences with words in the box. What's the weather like?

cloudy cold foggy hot raining snowing sunny windy



1 It's hot.



2 It's windy.



3 It's rainy.



4 It's rainy.



5 It's foggy.



6 It's sunny.



7 It's cold.



8 It's cold.

### 3 PRONUNCIATION places in New York City

a Underline the stressed syllable.

- 1 Ro|cke|feller Cen|ter
- 2 Yan|kee Sta|dium
- 3 Ell|is Is|land
- 4 St. Pa|trick's Ca|the|dral
- 5 Grand Cen|tral Ter|mi|nal
- 6 the Brooklyn Bridge
- 7 the Sta|tue of Li|ber|ty
- 8 Wa|shing|ton Square Park

b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

### 4 READING

Read the guidebook extract about things to do in Denver. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The Molly Brown House Museum is outside the city. F
- 2 Molly Brown is famous because she is an actress. —
- 3 You can see clothes from one of Molly's trips. —
- 4 You can see the city very well from Red Rocks Park. —
- 5 You can use a camera in the park. —
- 6 The theater at Red Rocks Park is very small. —
- 7 Glenwood Hot Springs is in the center of Denver. —
- 8 One pool is big. —
- 9 The water is different in the summer and the winter. —

### 5 LISTENING

**iChecker** Listen to the descriptions of places to visit in Victoria, British Columbia and write the number of the tour.

Which tour do you need to take if you want to...?

A see some old Asian art	<input type="checkbox"/>
B learn about insects	<input type="checkbox"/>
C see some animals and play sports	<input type="checkbox"/>
D listen to music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E have a drink and take a swim	<input type="checkbox"/>
F see a place that is famous because of a movie	<input type="checkbox"/>
G see a lot of books	<input type="checkbox"/>
H learn about a famous Canadian	<input type="checkbox"/>

## What to do in DENVER

### 1 WHEN IT'S RAINING Go to the Molly Brown House Muse

The Molly Brown House Museum is a big, beautiful house on 1340 Pennsylvania Avenue in the center of Denver. Molly Brown is world famous because she was on the *Titanic*. You can take a tour of Molly's house. You can see interesting exhibitions, including clothes and other items from her trip on the *Titanic*. If the sun comes out, you can walk in Molly's yard or sit in her gardens.



### 2 WHEN THE SUN IS SHINING Go to Red Rocks Park

Red Rocks Park is a mountain park in southwest Denver with excellent views of the city. The park gets its name from big red rocks that are special to this area. The rocks are over 290 million years old. You can walk around the park and take pictures of famous rocks like Creation Rock, Ship Rock, or Stage Rock. Or, you can go to a concert and listen to bands like U2 and Coldplay. The theater can seat almost 10,000 people.



### 3 WHEN IT'S COLD Go to Glenwood Hot Springs

Glenwood Hot Springs is a hotel with an outdoor pool that's open all year. It isn't in Denver, but it's nearby in the Rocky Mountains. The hotel has two pools. One is a small pool. The other pool is 405 feet long! The water in the big pool is always 90° F, even in January! If you don't like to swim in the cold, visit the spa or enjoy lunch at the restaurant.



## USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

building /'bildɪŋ/
guidebook /'gaɪdbʊk/
monument /'mʌnɪmənt/
parks /pɑːks/
statue /'stætʃu/
enormous /ɪ'nɔːməs/
fascinating /'fæsəneɪtɪŋ/
wonderful /'wʌndərfl/
including /ɪn'kludɪŋ/
open-air swimming pool /oʊpən ər 'swɪmɪŋ pʊl/