

**3** January 12th



25 My name is **William** and I live in a small town called Morpeth in England. We are in the far north of England, near Scotland. There are several castles<sup>1</sup> in the area, and Alnwick Castle is one of them. They filmed many parts of the Harry Potter movies in this castle, so now it's famous. People can visit the castle and ride a broomstick<sup>2</sup>, just like at Hogwarts!

30 The weather is really cold. We had snow every day for a week and now there are about ten centimeters of it on the ground. On the radio they say that the wind, rain and snow are coming in from the sea, all the way from Siberia! This is not strange weather for us at this time of year.

It's dark when I get up because the sun doesn't rise until about 8:30 in the morning. The days  
35 are short in the winter – it gets dark around 3:30 in the afternoon – so we spend a lot of time indoors. It's not easy getting to school. There is ice on the roads so I can't ride my bike and it's too cold to walk. We go to school by bus. Yesterday there was no heating<sup>3</sup> in the bus so we were happy to get to school! At least it's warm in our classroom.

We'll probably have two more months of cold weather and then it will be spring. You are  
40 probably swimming in the sea right now! I can't wait to see the sunshine.

1- Who wrote the post? \_\_\_\_\_

2- What country is he from? \_\_\_\_\_

3- What month did he write about? \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the questions:**

4- Where is Morpeth? \_\_\_\_\_

5- Why is Alnwick Castle famous?

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6- What's the weather like in Morpeth in January?

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7- Where does the cold weather come from?

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