

# 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 *ydocu*l.
- I didn't take an umbrella so now I'm all *tew*.
- You can't use your umbrella today. It's really *dylw*n.

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