

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

- 1 I _____ some emails to my friend.
- 2 Max _____ golf with his friends.
- 3 Roger Federer _____ the match at the moment. He usually wins so it's a bit strange!
- 4 The children _____ their bikes to the park.
- 5 Sam and Tom _____ to each other because they're angry. It's so quiet!
- 6 Dad _____ a film on TV at the moment so I can't watch the football.
- 7 The dog _____ on the sofa. He's on the floor.
- 8 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.

- 1 birds often live in these tall plants – **t**_____
- 2 water that goes from the mountains to the sea – **r**_____
- 3 what we can see when we look up – **s**_____
- 4 land with water around it – **i**_____
- 5 the place next to the sea – **b**_____
- 6 land outside the city with fields and forests – **c**_____

3 a Put the letters in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- 1 It was so *th*o last night. I don't sleep well when it's very *rmaw*.
- 2 I can't see the road. It's really *gyfog*.
- 3 It's *wnisgon* outside. The roads are white already.
- 4 There's no sun today. It's really *ydocul*.
- 5 I didn't take an umbrella so now I'm all *tew*.
- 6 You can't use your umbrella today. It's really *dylwn*.

b Work in pairs. What do you think the weather is like in these places now?

- Moscow
- Sydney
- Mexico City
- Iceland

4 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We _____ (watch) a film at the moment.
- 2 What time _____ Richard _____ (get up) on Mondays?
- 3 What book _____ your sister _____ (read)?
- 4 It _____ (not/rain) now. It's dry.
- 5 I can't hear you. Maria _____ (play) her music very loud.
- 6 I _____ (meet) Jack for lunch every Friday.
- 7 My brothers _____ (not/like) coffee.

5 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 The Smiths are the *friendliest/friendly* people in the town.
- 2 This the *best/good* restaurant in the area.
- 3 Jack is a really *funniest/funny* person.
- 4 Sit on that chair. It's the *comfortable/most comfortable* one in the room.
- 5 This song is terrible. It's really *bad/worse*.
- 6 At 89, my grandma's the *old/oldest* person in my family.

6 a Complete the phrases with the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 the prettiest (pretty) place in my town/city
- 2 _____ (exciting) day of the year
- 3 _____ (cold) month of the year
- 4 _____ (good) café or restaurant
- 5 _____ (busy) street
- 6 _____ (expensive) shops
- 7 _____ (noisy) part of my town/city
- 8 _____ (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 ¹ _____ home on Tuesday and ² _____ in Beijing on Wednesday. On Saturday, I got up early and went to the Summer Palace. I ³ _____ the metro near my hotel and ⁴ _____ ten minutes later near the palace. There are lots of different buildings around a pretty lake. I ⁵ _____ a boat trip across the lake. It was a lovely day. I left Beijing on Sunday morning and ⁶ _____ 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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