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Writing

1 **Read Stephen's email to Ricardo. Why is he writing?**

Hi Ricardo,

Thanks for your email. It's great that you're coming to visit from Brazil with work next month. We'd love you to come and visit. Our town isn't very famous, so it's a good idea for me to tell you a little bit about it.

I live in a small town called Tring. It's about 30 minutes from London, in beautiful countryside. A lot of people live here and work in London in the week.

It has everything you need: there's a post office, shops and there is even a small theatre! There's a big supermarket just outside town and we go shopping there on Saturday to buy food for the week. There isn't a big cinema, but there's a place where local people watch films outside in the summer. There are some nice cafés and restaurants in the town. People go to the restaurants with their families on Friday night and at the weekend. In the High Street there are some interesting shops and people come to Tring at the weekend to look around them.

There aren't any big parks, but there are three football clubs and a lot of other small sports clubs.

I like my home town. It's a small town, but it's a lovely place. I hope you like it, too.

Call me soon and we can arrange the details for your trip.

All the best
Stephen



2 **Read the email again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?**

1 Tring isn't a big city. ___
2 Most people live and work there. ___
3 There isn't a cinema in Tring. ___
4 There are a lot of places to eat. ___
5 People visit Tring for the shops. ___
6 There's a big park. ___

3 **Read the Focus box. Then read the text again and find three more examples of:**

1 subject + verb + object 2 adjective + noun

Using word order correctly

Basic word order is:
Subject + verb + object
I like my home town.

Adjectives come before nouns.
a small town NOT ~~*a town small*~~
beautiful countryside NOT ~~*countryside beautiful*~~

The usual word order in long sentences is:
People go to the restaurants with their families at the weekend.
who? + what? + where? + who with? + when?

4 **Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.**

1 don't like / my city / I / .
I don't like my city.
2 live and work / People / there / .
3 great / There / some / shops / are / .
4 have lunch / in summer / in the park / People / .
5 every day / I / with my friends / go to school / .
6 with his brother / Jamie / after school / plays football / .

Prepare

5a **Imagine a friend/colleague is visiting you from another country and wants to know about the town or city where you live. Write a reply with a description of your home town or city. First, make notes on what you'll write about. Use the ideas below to help you.**

- where it is
- small or big town/city
- who lives there
- places and buildings there
- things people do at the weekend
- who visits the town/city and why

b **Decide on the order of the information for your reply.**

Write

6 **Write your reply. Use your notes in Exercise 5 and the Focus box to help you. Use the email beginning below.**

Hi, Stefan,
Thanks for your email. It's great that you're coming to visit me next month. Here's some information about my town.

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