

READING

Read the post. Find these things.

- 1 four animals:
- 2 Ellen's favourite month:
- 3 the name of Ellen's hobby:

A POST FROM SCOTLAND

I live on a farm in Scotland with my ¹ and our dog, Tweed. My dad always says that Tweed isn't a pet. He's a working dog. He gets up early in the ² and goes out with my dad before breakfast. Tweed helps with the sheep, goats and pigs. But I think he's my pet too, because he usually plays with me when I finish ³ and he sleeps in my bedroom.

April is my favourite time on the farm. The ⁴ are with their babies in the field near our house. The babies usually stay with their mothers for eight weeks. I love watching them run and jump. They look very funny.

Tweed isn't always at work with the animals. We've got an interesting hobby – we go to agility competitions. At agility competitions dogs ⁵ and jump over special obstacles. Tweed can run very fast, but he doesn't always ⁶ to me. He sometimes runs under an obstacle and that means we never win the first prize. But we love the competitions.

Ellen, 12, Aviemore, Scotland

2 e Read the post again. Choose a word from below. Write the correct words next to numbers 1–6.

		
family	house	night
		
morning	listen	run
		
school	cats	sheep

3 Choose the best title for the post.

- 1 A year on a farm
- 2 Me and my dog
- 3 All about sheep



3 Animal magic

GRAMMAR

adverbs of frequency

- 1 Read the article. Choose the correct answer for each gap.

Wild kangaroos ¹ live in Australia. They usually ² in groups of about ten. A group of kangaroos is called a mob. They aren't ³ brown. Some kangaroos are grey. Kangaroos always eat plants. They ⁴ eat spiders or beetles. Kangaroos aren't usually dangerous, but they ⁵ attack people. Cars are dangerous for kangaroos. In Australia, there ⁶ often 'kangaroo crossing' signs next to the roads.

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| 1 A always | B aren't | C doesn't |
| 2 A have | B live | C talk |
| 3 A never | B always | C sometimes |
| 4 A never | B always | C sometimes |
| 5 A always | B sometimes | C often |
| 6 A have | B do | C are |

- 2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 milk / has / my cat / never / breakfast / for

2 at / goes out / he / night / often

3 eat / he / always / food / his / doesn't

4 usually / on / sister's / bed / he / sleeps / my

5 very / usually / happy / he / is

6 in / always / the / the / he / sits / TV / afternoon / in front of



- 3 Complete the post with these words.

are don't see spiders usually you

ABOUT TRAVEL GUIDE Q&A RESTAURANTS TOP DEALS

Hi there,

My holiday this year is to Australia. I ¹ love visiting a new country, but I am a bit nervous about Australia because of the wild animals. I ² like spiders and I know Australian ones are very big. Can any Australians in the group answer my questions, please?

- ³ the spiders in Australia always dangerous?
- Where do ⁴ usually see them?
- Do ⁵ often come into hotel rooms?
- What do I do when I ⁶ a spider?

Thanks, everyone!

Travelbug99

- 4 Complete the reply to the post in Ex 3. Use the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

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Hi Travelbug99,

I'm sorry that you are nervous about coming to Australia. Please come and visit! Yes, we ¹ (see/often) big spiders here! But there are lots of other beautiful animals and birds to see.

The spiders in Australia ² (not be/always) dangerous. Spiders ³ (not come/often) out into the open and you ⁴ (not see/usually) them in hotel rooms. Here are some things to remember:

- Stay in places with a lot of people. Spiders ⁵ (not like/usually) to be with people.
- Never leave your clothes on the floor at night.
- Always look in your shoes before you put them on! Spiders ⁶ (climb/sometimes) into people's shoes!
- And ... have fun in Australia!

Ozzieboy