

WRITING

4.7

A blog entry

I can write a description of a recent trip.

1 In pairs, list as many British cities as you can think of in sixty seconds.

2 Read a blog about Bath. Which topics does the blogger mention?

- a Art and culture
- b Food and drink
- c Entertainment and nightlife
- d General information
- e Shopping
- f Tourist highlights

3 **SPEAKING** Would you like to visit Bath? Why?/ Why not? Discuss with a partner.

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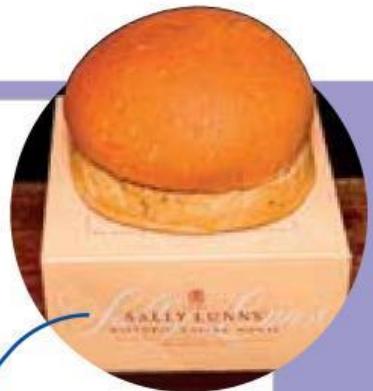
Last weekend, I visited my cousin in Bath, Somerset, in the southwest of England. Bath is a popular tourist destination and is famous for its **historic sites**. Today's blog entry is about my visit.

I met my cousin on Saturday morning and we walked around the city. Bath is a **lovely** place. The centre is small, so most people tend to visit it on foot. It was very busy, but we saw some really beautiful architecture. For visitors, a walk along the river is **a must**.

We stopped for lunch in a traditional tearoom. One of the **local specialities** is the Sally Lunn Bun. It was delicious! After lunch, we went shopping. Bath has a wide **selection** of shops. According to fashion magazines, Bath is 'Britain's best fashion secret'. I bought a cool T-shirt, some sunglasses and a hat.

In the evening, we went to the Roman Baths. It is the most popular **attraction** in the city. If you're tired after a long day, I would definitely recommend relaxing in the thermal waters of Bath Spa. I thought it was wonderful!

Comments (8)



4 **2.19** Match the words and phrases in purple in the blog with the definitions below. Then listen, check and repeat.

- 1 an interesting thing to see or do = _____
- 2 choice or range = _____
- 3 food that you can only find here = _____
- 4 places that were important in the past = _____
- 5 something you should definitely see or do = _____

5 Read the WRITING FOCUS. Complete the examples with the underlined words in the blog in Exercise 2.

WRITING FOCUS

A blog entry

1 Say when and/or why you visited

Last week/weekend/month, etc. I went to .../I visited my cousin/friend/aunt in ...

2 Introduce the place

... is a small/large city in ...
... is a popular tourist destination.
... is famous for its ...

3 Give impressions or opinions

It is a busy/interesting/¹lovely place.
Most people seem to² _____ to ...
According to ...
I thought it was great³ _____ /a bit boring.
It (the food) was ⁴ _____ !

4 Make recommendations

I would (definitely) ⁵ _____ (doing something).
For visitors, ... is a must.

6 **SPEAKING** Complete these sentences to describe your own town or region. Then compare your answers with a partner.

- 1 _____ is famous for _____.
- 2 For visitors, _____ is a must.
- 3 _____ is probably the most popular attraction.
- 4 One of the local specialities is _____.
- 5 I would recommend _____.

7 Read the LANGUAGE FOCUS. Complete with examples of comma use in the blog.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Punctuation – commas

- Put a comma between the names of cities and states or countries: ¹Bath, Somerset
- Use commas to separate three or more nouns in a list ² _____
- Use commas to separate clauses in a sentence when they are joined by *but* or *so*: ³ _____
- Use a comma to separate an *if*-clause from the main clause when the *if*-clause is the first one in a sentence: ⁴ _____
- Use a comma after time expressions at the beginning of a sentence: ⁵ _____

8 Add commas to the text about the Lake District.

The Lake District

The Lake District, Cumbria is the UK's most popular national park. Every year, 15 million people visit the area. The landscape is wonderful – there are lakes, mountains, beaches and breathtaking views. The Lake District is the wettest place in England, but the dramatic skies are part of the attraction. Lake Windermere is eleven miles long and is a must for all visitors. If you enjoy walking, hiking, climbing or water sports, the Lake District is an ideal place for a holiday.



SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

9 Do the writing task. Use the ideas in the WRITING FOCUS and the LANGUAGE FOCUS to help you.

Write a blog entry in which you describe your impressions after visiting a well-known tourist destination. Include the following information:

- introduce the place and write when you were there
- write what you did there and what you saw
- present your impressions and your opinion about this place
- give some advice to the readers.

A few months ago, I visited ...