

Lesson 4: Reading & Writing

NEW FRIENDS

Part 1

Read the postcard.

Hello from Brazil!

April 5, 2013

Dear Sansfica,

I'm having a great time in São Paulo. It's really nice today—sunny and warm. But yesterday it was cloudy and a little cold.

I started staying with my host family last night. In total, I'll stay with them for three nights. They have a daughter, Manu, who is the same age as me. I was worried, but they all speak great English. We talked about music and movies, and we even like the same ones!

How are things at school? If you have time, we can video chat next weekend. I want to hear how everyone is.

The month will be over before I know it!

Leah

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AIR MAIL

Write the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.

1. _____ is in Brazil right now.
2. She's staying with her host family for _____ more nights.
3. Leah and _____ are the same age.
4. On April 4, the weather was _____.
5. Leah is going to be gone for _____.

PAIR WORK Discuss the questions.

1. When do most people write postcards, and to whom do they send them?
2. Do we need to make small talk when we write postcards? Give reasons for your answer.
3. What kinds of personal information should you not write on a postcard?

Part 2

Imagine you are Sansfica. Write a postcard to Leah. Talk about the weather and a new friend at school.

Part 3

Read your postcard to a partner without telling them where you are visiting. Have them guess where you are writing about.