

Grammar

Present simple and present continuous

1 Each of these sentences contains a mistake. Cross out the mistake and write the correct word or words at the end of the sentence.

- Living in the countryside ~~is having~~ many advantages. has
- I'm feeling that cities are dirty, noisy and expensive places.
- Winters in my city are hard because it's snowing a lot.
- City life becoming more and more expensive.
- I'm study English at a language school in my home town.
- People generally are believing that country life is healthier than city life.
- The city council is build lots of new apartment blocks in the suburbs.
- I'm not liking small towns because there's nothing to do.

2 Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in the box (present simple or present continuous).



be (x3) become have (x2) like five look
meet play rise sit stay think watch

- I 1 live in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.
I 2 a small flat in the suburbs, but at the moment I 3 with my parents in the city centre because my mother 4 ill and I 5 after her until she gets better.
I 6 that Buenos Aires is a really lively and exciting city, and I 7 it here a lot. City life in general 8 lots of advantages. There 9 always so many things to see and do.

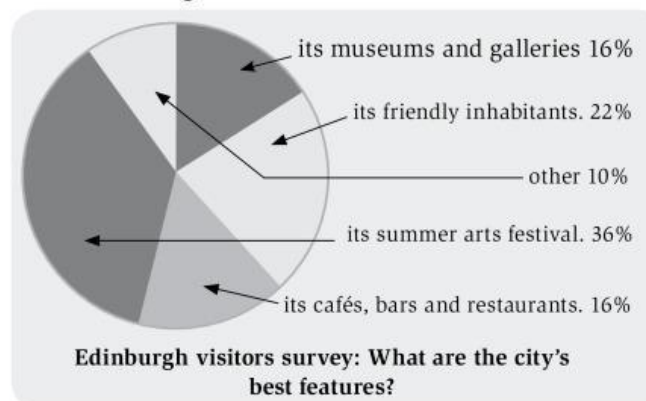
One of the things I enjoy the most is something called 'people watching'. So right now I 10 on my parents' balcony and 11 people in the street below.

In the evenings I 12 my friends for a meal, or sometimes we 13 volleyball in one of the city parks. Of course, there 14 bad sides to the city as well. It 15 more and more crowded, for example, and the crime rate 16 because there are a lot of people out of work.

Writing

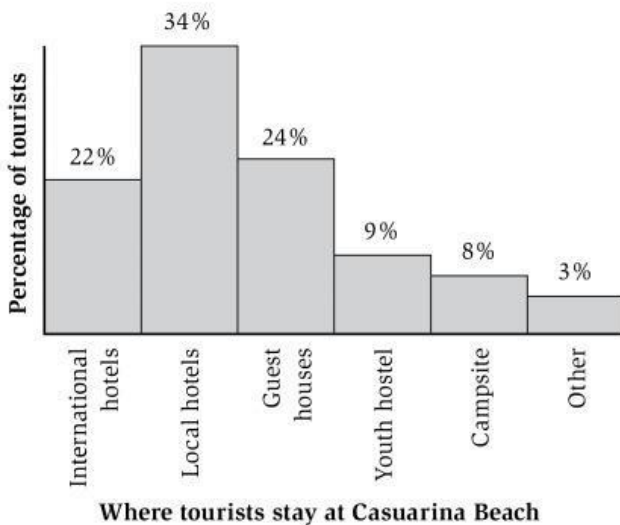
Task 1

1 Look at the pie chart and match sentence parts 1-7 with a-g.



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| 1 The chart shows | a choose its museums and galleries as the things they like the most. |
| 2 The largest percentage, 36 percent, | b choose its friendly inhabitants. |
| 3 22 percent | c choose other things. |
| 4 16 percent of visitors | d think that its summer arts festival is the best thing about it. |
| 5 The city's cafés, bars and restaurants were popular with | e think the city's cultural attractions are its best features. |
| 6 10 percent | f another 16 percent of visitors. |
| 7 Overall, the majority of visitors | g what visitors to Edinburgh like most about the city. |

- ② Now look at the chart about where tourists stay at a holiday destination. Put the sentences below in the correct order to make a summary.



- A 24 percent of tourists stay in these.
- B The youth hostel and the campsite accommodate nine percent and eight percent of tourists.
- C Overall, more visitors stay in hotels than in any other kind of accommodation.
- D The largest percentage, 34 percent, stay in the town's local hotels.
- E The chart gives information about the different types of accommodation that tourists stay in when they visit Casuarina Beach.
- F International hotels are also popular, with 22 percent of tourists choosing to stay in one.
- G A further three percent stay in other types of accommodation.
- H Guest houses are the next most popular type of accommodation.

Spelling

Making nouns plural

- ① Write the singular and plural forms of the words from the box in the table.

boss	boy	foot	man	match
party	potato	visitor	wife	

Rule	Singular	Plural
1 Add s	boy	boys
2 Add es		
3 Change one or more of the letters		
4 Change the last letter to i and add es		
5 Remove the last two letters and add ves		

- ② These sentences contain a singular word that should be plural. Each word follows one of the rules in the table above. Underline the word, then write the plural form at the end of each sentence.

- There are three really good beach a few miles from my home. beaches.
- Many people grow their own peas, beans and tomato.
- Everyone knows that sugar is bad for your tooth.
- There are more woman in the government now than there used to be.
- He told us some really funny story about the time he worked on a farm.
- I'm staying with my brother for a few day.
- In my country, it is illegal to carry knife in the street.
- Bus into town run every 30 minutes during the day.
- There are several good hotel in my town.
- My cat is always bringing dead mouse into my flat.

Great places to be ⑪