READING

1 **Look at the map and read the article about Edinburgh. Match places A–E to the names in the box.**

Edinburgh Castle
Palace of Holyroodhouse
Scottish Parliament
St Giles' Cathedral
Tourist Information Office

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2 Read the article again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

✓ ✗

1 Edinburgh is the largest city in Scotland.

2 Lots of people visit the castle in the summer.

3 You can walk from Edinburgh Castle to Holyroodhouse.

4 The Camera Obscura museum is about the history of Edinburgh.

5 The Queen sometimes stays at Holyroodhouse.

6 The Scottish Parliament building is closed to visitors.

7 Princes Street is a good place to go shopping.

8 All of Edinburgh's guided tours are on foot.

Hey guys! I'm going to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, soon. Have you got any advice for me?

Lucky you! Edinburgh's great. It isn't the biggest city in Scotland, but it's very beautiful and has an amazing history. The best place to start is Edinburgh Castle. This sits up on top of Castle Rock and from here you can see the whole city below you. It gets very busy in the summer.

Next, walk down the Royal Mile, through Edinburgh's 12th-century Old Town. Don't miss St Giles' Cathedral and the Camera Obscura. This amazing museum is all about how we see things, and has floating fish, funny mirrors and a 3D tunnel of stars. They sell great postcards there.

At the bottom of the Royal Mile is the Queen's Edinburgh home, the Palace of Holyroodhouse. When the Queen isn't there, you can visit the rooms and gardens. Next to the Palace is the Scottish Parliament. Spanish architect Enric Miralles designed it. Parts of it look like fishing boats on the beach. There are also roof gardens and fountains. And you can visit it for free!

You should also go to Edinburgh's New Town. This area isn't very new actually – it's over 200 years old! The most famous street in Edinburgh, called Princes Street, is in New Town. Here you find Edinburgh's best shops and department stores.

If you haven't got much time, you can see Edinburgh with a tour guide. Choose from walking tours, cycle tours and even ghost tours. These take you through the narrow streets of the Old Town late at night, and include scary stories from the 18th century.

Don't forget to take a good guidebook – and your raincoat. It often rains in Edinburgh. Have a great time!

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TALKING POINTS

Would you like to go to Edinburgh? Why / Why not?
What would you like to do there?
Do you enjoy visiting cities?
What kind of museums do you like best?





3 **Choose the right word(s) to complete the sentences.**

1. Our house is *opposite* / *outside* the school.
2. The café is *beside* / *through* the river.
3. The airport is *outside* / *in front of* the town.
4. To get to the bank, walk *next to* / *across* the bridge.
5. Our school is *next to* / *through* the bank.
6. The River Thames runs *through* / *opposite* London.
7. The hospital is *in front of* / *across* the Tourist Information Office.
8. There is a park *near* / *across* the supermarket.

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5 Match the sentence halves 1–6 to A–F.

1 There's a fantastic _B_

2 The cinema is next ------

3 There's a library opposite ------

4 Opposite the bus ------

5 The sports centre ------

6 There's a bridge going ------

A the traffic lights.

B restaurant on that street.

C across the river.

D to the roundabout.

E is near the playground.

F stop, there's a theatre.

6 Complete the sentences about a trip to Edinburgh with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

bridge	~~cycle~~	guide	guidebook
lights	postcard	raincoat	roundabout
street	tour		

1 We decided to do the _cycle_ tour, not the walking ------ because we both love bikes.

2 I bought a ------ before we went, which had lots of useful information about the city.

3 We went to a museum and a tour ------ showed us around and explained everything.

4 We found a great café, just down the ------ from our hotel.

5 It's opposite the ------ and over the ------ near the traffic ------.

6 I sent you a ------ with a picture of the university on it; I hope it arrives soon!

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