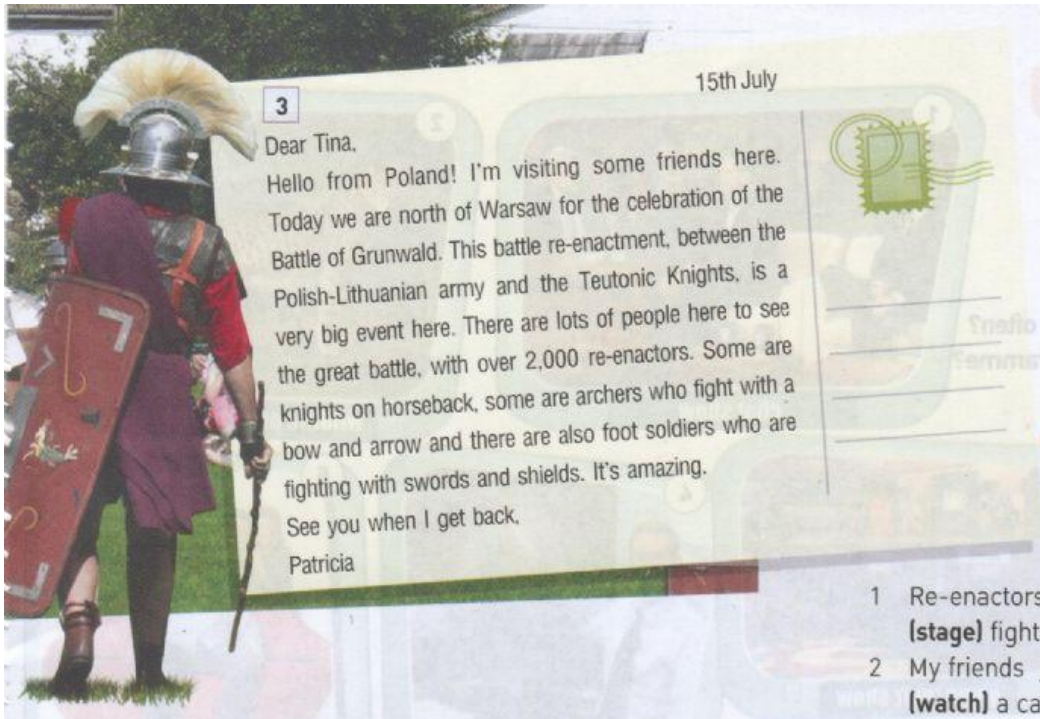

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15th July

Dear Tina,

Hello from Poland! I'm visiting some friends here. Today we are north of Warsaw for the celebration of the Battle of Grunwald. This battle re-enactment, between the Polish-Lithuanian army and the Teutonic Knights, is a very big event here. There are lots of people here to see the great battle, with over 2,000 re-enactors. Some are knights on horseback, some are archers who fight with a bow and arrow and there are also foot soldiers who are fighting with swords and shields. It's amazing.

See you when I get back.

Patricia

b) Read again and mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false).

1 The re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg is an annual event. ____

2 This historical re-enactment lasts two days. ____

3 Luke says Ribchester has a Roman theatre. ____

4 His favourite part of the festival is the gladiator fights. ____

5 The Battle of Grunwald is important in Poland. ____

6 There are 2,000 people in the crowd. ____

3 Fill in the gaps with *battles, gladiators, archers, commemorates, armour, cavalry*.

1 The re-enactment _____ the American Civil War.

2 You can see gun _____ during the re-enactment.

3 People wearing _____ and carrying weapons take part in the re-enactment.

4 _____ were men who fought against other men in the time of the Roman Empire.

5 The _____ is a group of soldiers in an army who ride horses.

6 _____ use bows and arrows to fight.

Grammar
Present simple vs present continuous

4 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*. Justify your answers.

1 Re-enactors _____ **(stage)** fights at the celebration.

2 My friends _____ **(watch)** a cavalry parade at the moment.

3 _____ **(you/plan)** on attending the festival this weekend?

4 David _____ **(work)** for a company that makes period costumes.

5 We _____ **(not/take)** part in the battle re-enactment this year.

6 What time _____ **(the mock battle/begin)**?

7 Ken _____ **(prepare)** for the gladiator combat this month.

Speaking

5 a) Choose one of the festivals and describe it. Your partner has to guess which one you are talking about. Then swap roles.

b) THINK Do you have other festivals in your country? What do you celebrate? How similar are they to the ones in the postcards? Tell the class.

Writing
A postcard

6 Imagine you are attending a cultural festival in your country. Write a postcard to your British friend, in which you:

- write where you are
- describe what kind of festival it is
- write what you like most about the festival
- describe what you are doing now

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