

# READING

Read the post. Find these things.

- 1 four animals: .....
- 2 Ellen's favourite month: .....
- 3 the name of Ellen's hobby: .....

## A POST FROM SCOTLAND

I live on a farm in Scotland with my <sup>1</sup> ..... and our dog, Tweed. My dad always says that Tweed isn't a pet. He's a working dog. He gets up early in the <sup>2</sup> ..... and goes out with my dad before breakfast. Tweed helps with the sheep, goats and pigs. But I think he's my pet too, because he usually plays with me when I finish <sup>3</sup> ..... and he sleeps in my bedroom.

April is my favourite time on the farm. The <sup>4</sup> ..... are with their babies in the field near our house. The babies usually stay with their mothers for eight weeks. I love watching them run and jump. They look very funny.

Tweed isn't always at work with the animals. We've got an interesting hobby – we go to agility competitions. At agility competitions dogs <sup>5</sup> ..... and jump over special obstacles. Tweed can run very fast, but he doesn't always <sup>6</sup> ..... to me. He sometimes runs under an obstacle and that means we never win the first prize. But we love the competitions.

*Ellen, 12, Aviemore, Scotland*

Read the post again. Choose a word from below. Write the correct words next to numbers 1–6.



family



house



night



morning



listen



run



school



cats



sheep

Choose the best title for the post.

- 1 A year on a farm
- 2 Me and my dog
- 3 All about sheep



### 3 Animal magic

## GRAMMAR

### adverbs of frequency

- 1 Read the article. Choose the correct answer for each gap.

Wild kangaroos <sup>1</sup> ..... live in Australia. They usually <sup>2</sup> ..... in groups of about ten. A group of kangaroos is called a mob. They aren't <sup>3</sup> ..... brown. Some kangaroos are grey. Kangaroos always eat plants. They <sup>4</sup> ..... eat spiders or beetles. Kangaroos aren't usually dangerous, but they <sup>5</sup> ..... attack people. Cars are dangerous for kangaroos. In Australia, there <sup>6</sup> ..... often 'kangaroo crossing' signs next to the roads.

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|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 A always | B aren't    | C doesn't   |
| 2 A have   | B live      | C talk      |
| 3 A never  | B always    | C sometimes |
| 4 A never  | B always    | C sometimes |
| 5 A always | B sometimes | C often     |
| 6 A have   | B do        | C are       |

- 2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 milk / has / my cat / never / breakfast / for

2 at / goes out / he / night / often

3 eat / he / always / food / his / doesn't

4 usually / on / sister's / bed / he / sleeps / my

5 very / usually / happy / he / is

6 in / always / the / the / he / sits / TV / afternoon / in front of



- 3 Complete the post with these words.

are don't see spiders usually you

ABOUT TRAVEL GUIDE Q&A RESTAURANTS TOP DEALS

Hi there,

My holiday this year is to Australia. I <sup>1</sup> ..... love visiting a new country, but I am a bit nervous about Australia because of the wild animals. I <sup>2</sup> ..... like spiders and I know Australian ones are very big. Can any Australians in the group answer my questions, please?

- <sup>3</sup> ..... the spiders in Australia always dangerous?
- Where do <sup>4</sup> ..... usually see them?
- Do <sup>5</sup> ..... often come into hotel rooms?
- What do I do when I <sup>6</sup> ..... a spider?

Thanks, everyone!

**Travelbug99**

- 4 Complete the reply to the post in Ex 3. Use the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

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Hi Travelbug99,

I'm sorry that you are nervous about coming to Australia. Please come and visit! Yes, we <sup>1</sup> ..... (see/often) big spiders here! But there are lots of other beautiful animals and birds to see.

The spiders in Australia <sup>2</sup> ..... (not be/always) dangerous. Spiders <sup>3</sup> ..... (not come/often) out into the open and you <sup>4</sup> ..... (not see/usually) them in hotel rooms. Here are some things to remember:

- Stay in places with a lot of people. Spiders <sup>5</sup> ..... (not like/usually) to be with people.
- Never leave your clothes on the floor at night.
- Always look in your shoes before you put them on! Spiders <sup>6</sup> ..... (climb/sometimes) into people's shoes!
- And ... have fun in Australia!

**Ozzieboy**