

# READING

1 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*



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



3 Choose the best title for the post.

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

One of our sheep on the farm



### 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.

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

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.

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