

A holiday blog

I can write a holiday blog post.

Preparation

1 Complete the collocations with the verbs below.

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- 1 _____ for a walk / for a bike ride / on a boat trip
- 2 _____ souvenirs
- 3 _____ a castle / a mosque / a museum
- 4 _____ a car / a kayak / a bike
- 5 _____ table tennis / beach volleyball
- 6 _____ abseiling / mountain biking / surfing / shopping / kayaking
- 7 _____ on a beach
- 8 _____ out

2 Read the blog post. Find two more activities you can add to 1–8 in exercise 1.

7.35 pm @Sam2020

Having a great time on our cycling tour of Provence in the South of France. We arrived on Saturday after a long journey on the train from London. We've cycled about 150 km since Saturday morning and I'm exhausted! Danny is tired too, but he's fitter than I am. The countryside is beautiful, but there are lots of hills!! The weather has been warm and sunny – maybe a little too hot for me. We've stayed at a different place every night so far. Two nights ago we stayed at a farm, and last night we stayed in a small hotel. Staying in a castle tonight, which is amazing! Tomorrow, we're visiting a lake. It's quite a long way from here, in the mountains. We'll stay there all afternoon and go swimming. Looking forward to it! I'll post again in two days.

Writing Strategy

In informal style (e.g. in emails, blogs and postcards) we can omit sentence subjects *I* and *we*.

Must go now! Wish you were here!

With the present continuous, we can also omit the auxiliaries *am* and *are*.

Having a great time in Italy!

However, only do this once or twice in a text. Do not omit every instance of *I* and *we*.

3 Read the Writing Strategy. Then find these sentences in the blog post. What word or words did the writer omit from the start?

- 1 _____ having a great time on our cycling tour ...
- 2 _____ staying in a castle tonight ...
- 3 _____ looking forward to it!

4 Read the sentences below. Cross out the words which could be omitted to make them more informal.

- 1 I wish I could stay here longer!
- 2 I'm taking lots of photos to show you.
- 3 I'll see you soon!

5 Read the task. Then prepare to write your blog post by inventing answers to questions 1–5 below.

You are on holiday with a friend, touring around a country. Write a blog entry with information about:

- where you are touring and how you are travelling
- the weather
- some places you have stayed
- something you plan to do in the next few days.

1 Where are you touring?

2 How are you travelling?

3 What is the weather like?

4 Where have you stayed?

5 What are your plans?

Writing Guide

6 Write your blog post using your notes from exercise 5.

CHECK YOUR WORK

Have you ...

- ☐ included all the information in your plan?
- ☐ omitted the first word(s) from one or two sentences to make the style more informal?
- ☐ checked your spelling and grammar?