Writing a postcard

Mastery 1 – Unit 15

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SPEAKING

Talking about travel

What do you do when you're on holiday?

1 Complete the postcard with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Dear Soraya,

I **(1)** am having (to have) a really awesome vacation here in the Belize Cayes. My parents and I **(2)** _____ (to stay) at the Paradise Cove Resort right now! Because the resort **(3)** _____ (to build) on an island, all visitors **(4)** _____ (to take) there by boat from the mainland. We have a beautiful suite, with stunning views over the ocean. Our rooms **(5)** _____ (to decorate) in marble and gold, and they **(6)** _____ (to equip) with everything we need. There's also a lot to do – I **(7)** _____ (to go) swimming four times, and I have played tennis too. In the evening, we **(8)** _____ even _____ (to entertain) by the fish in the aquariums of the hotel restaurant.

This resort is really a perfect place to stay. We **(9)** _____ (to not want) to leave!

See you soon.

Anita

POSTCARD



I write **postcards** to all my friends and family when I'm on holiday!

POSTCARD

Hello from beautiful Belize...

wish you were here!

Polling

Where do we use this? The beginning of a letter or the end?

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Change this phrase to your favourite and type in the public chat.

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holiday

sunny

luggage



Remember these words?

beach

sea

sightseeing

to fly

local food

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beach

sea

sightseeing

to fly

local food

Join your groups And write a paragraph using the words.

ON HOLIDAY



The days are long and sunny!

Change and type in the public chat.



The days are long and sunny!

ON HOLIDAY

The beach is nice and quiet.



Change and type in the public chat.

The beach is nice and quiet.





I take two holidays every year.

I go sightseeing at all the famous places.





I try lots of interesting local food!

But my favourite thing to do is relax at the beach!



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Change and type in the public chat.

Match the words with the pictures and list 5 other similar ones for each category in your groups.

1. sunny
2. holiday
3. beach
4. sightseeing



A



B



C



D

TALKING ABOUT HOLIDAY

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Think of places to go sightseeing when you're on holiday.



TALKING ABOUT HOLIDAY

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Make a list of 10 and share with your partners in groups.



What tenses must we use in writing a postcard?

She **plays** the drums.

She **played** the drums.

She **has played** the drums.

She **is playing** the drums.

She **will play** the drums.

She **would play** the drums.

She **was playing** the drums.

She **had played** the drums.

She **would have played** the drums.

She **has been playing** the drums.

She **will be playing** the drums.

She **would be playing** the drums.

She **had been playing** the drums.

She **will have played** the drums.

She **would have been playing** the drums.

She **will have been playing** the drums.

SIMPLE PRESENT

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- Use **the present simple** to talk about an action that is **regular** or **always true**.
- Use **personal pronouns**, a **verb** and an **object** to form **the present simple**.

Add ***s*** to the verb after the pronouns **he**, **she** and **it**.

ERROR CORRECTION

He ~~live~~ in Hong Kong.	→	He **lives** in Hong Kong.
She ~~work~~ as an accountant.	→	She **works** as an accountant.
It ~~rain~~ every day.	→	It **rains** every day.

USE

When to use it
Regular actions in the present
Facts
Habits / Routines
General truths

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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- Use **the present continuous** to talk about actions happening **now**.
- Use **personal pronouns**, the verb **to be** and a verb with **-ing**.

CHOOSE A or B.

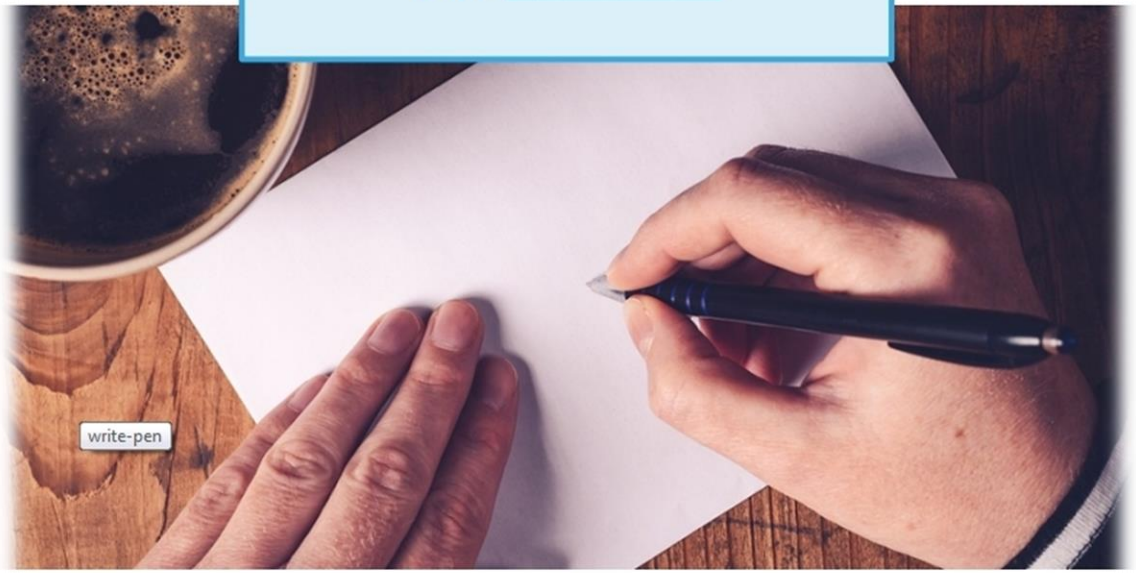
I _____ a postcard now.

a. am writing b. write

We're _____ a great time on holiday!

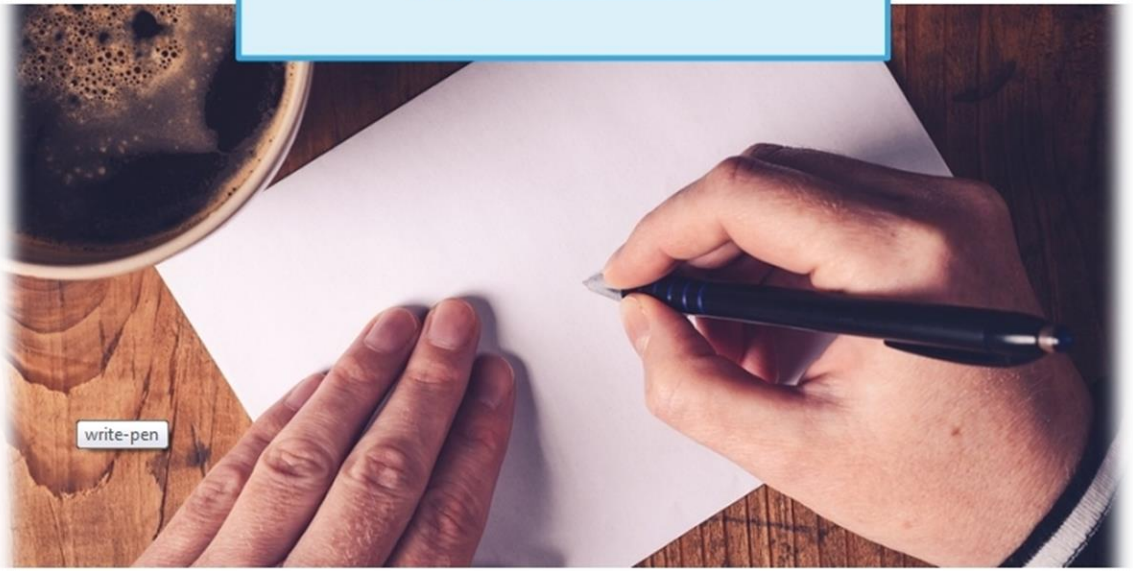
a. have b. having

Dear _____



Dear Mum and Dad, I'm having a great time on holiday!

Dear _____



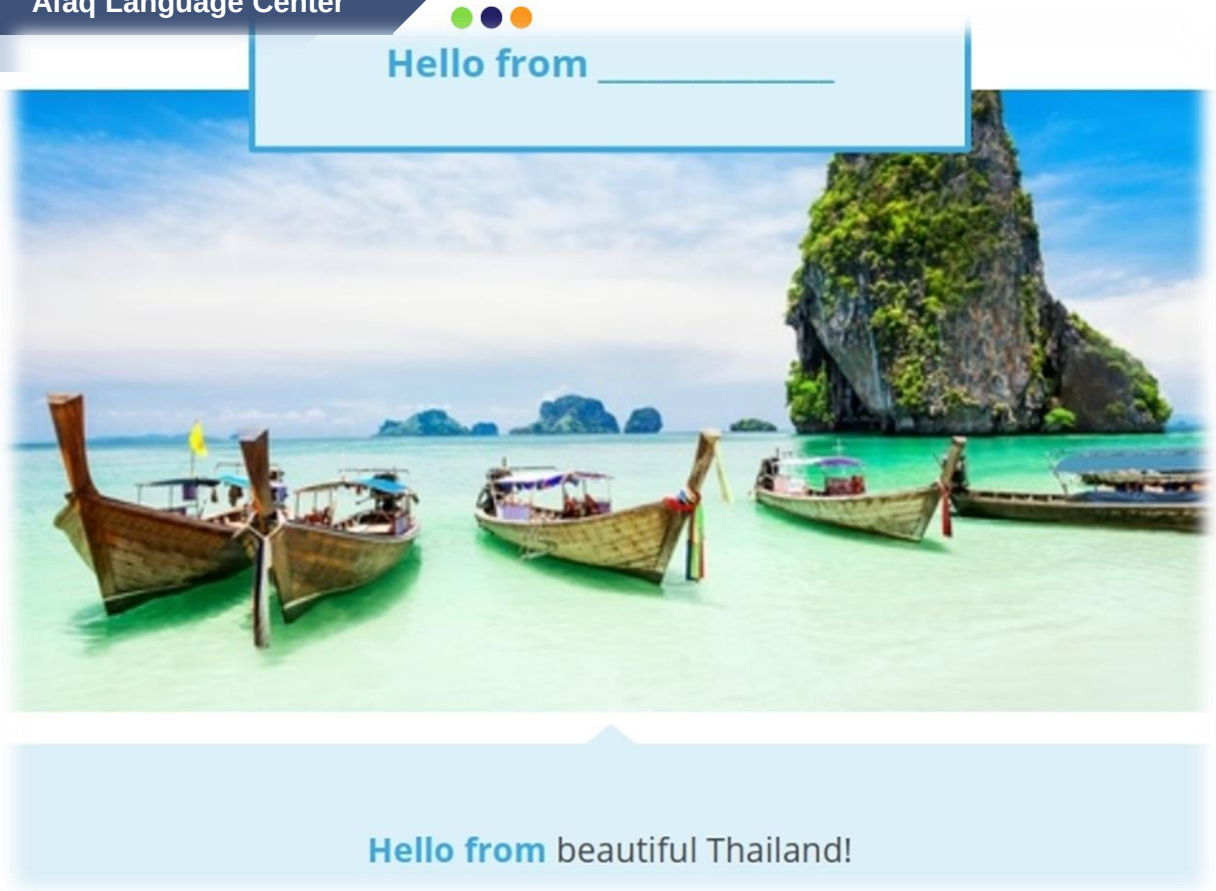
Dear Mum and Dad, I'm having a great time on holiday!

Change and type in the public chat.

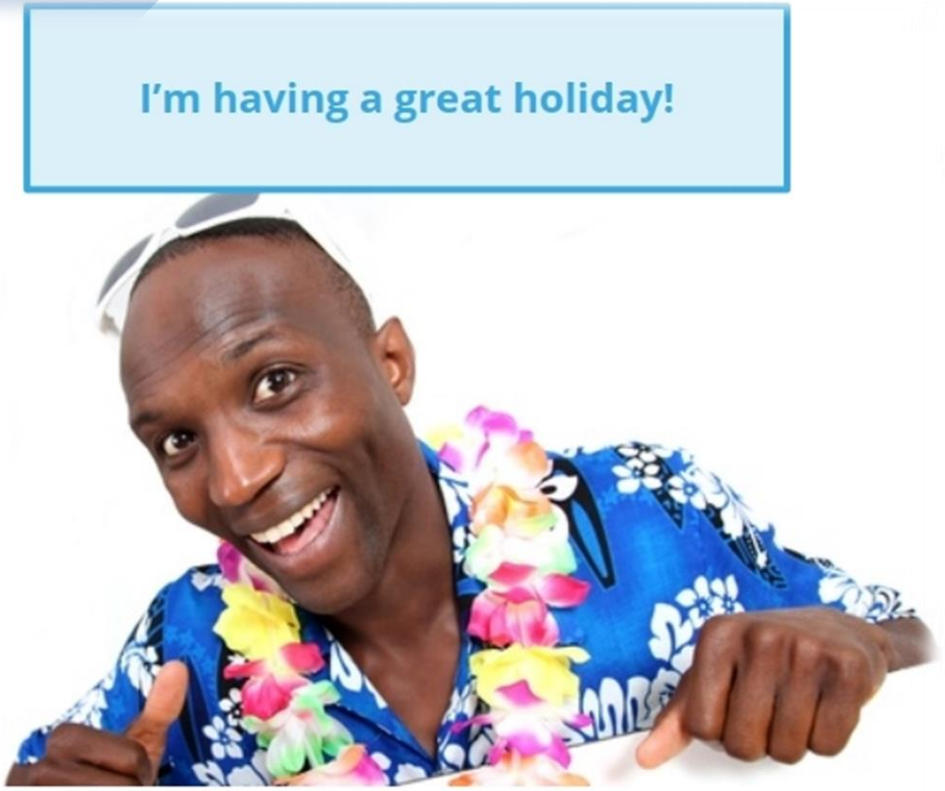
Hello from _____



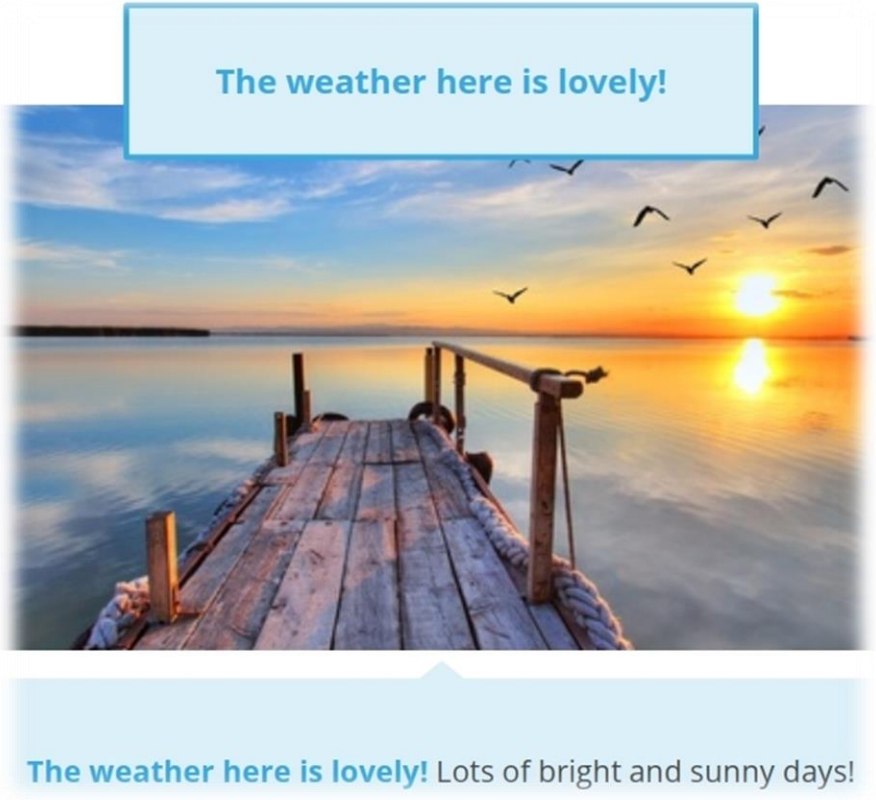
Hello from beautiful Thailand!



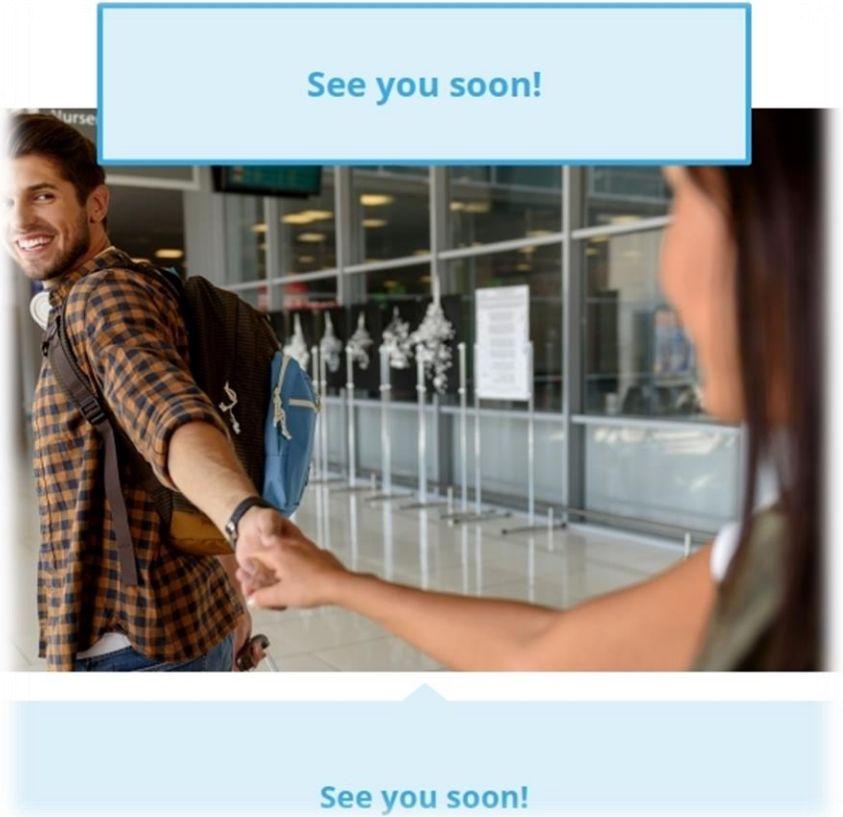
Change and type in the public chat.



Change and type in the public chat.



Change and type in the public chat.



Join your groups and make a list of other alternatives to end the postcard with.

WRITING A POST CARD

Use **short sentences** when writing a **postcard**.

Write about simple topics like **weather**, **food** and **holiday activities**.

Weather	→	The weather is lovely here! The days are long and sunny.
Food	→	The local food is delicious.
Holiday activities	→	There are lots of interesting things to do! I go sightseeing every day.

WRITING A POST CARD

Weather

Food

Holiday activities

Go in pairs
and write sentences
about these 3 topics
in the public chat.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the lovely postcard. I'm happy to hear that you're having a nice time in Barcelona!

I am really enjoying my time in Ireland. The weather is not so good, but the people are lovely and I have already made a lot of friends! I am learning so much English too.

Tonight I'm going to a karaoke bar in the city centre. Hopefully it is fun!

Talk soon,

Christina

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FILL IN THE GAPS

_____ Christina,

Hello _____ beautiful Barcelona. I'm having a great _____!

The weather _____ is lovely. I go to the beach every morning. The local _____ is delicious too! I'm going _____ now.

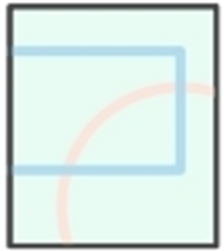
See you soon!

Bob

holiday	food	from
here	Dear	sightseeing

HOMEWORK

Write a postcard to a friend or family member.



Tell them about your holiday