

## READING

- 1 Look at the map and read the article about Edinburgh. Match places A-E to the names in the box.

Edinburgh Castle  
 Palace of Holyroodhouse  
 Scottish Parliament  
 St Giles' Cathedral  
 Tourist Information Office



- 2 Listen and check. Then repeat.

- 2 Read the article again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 Edinburgh is the largest city in Scotland.
- 2 Lots of people visit the castle in the summer.
- 3 You can walk from Edinburgh Castle to Holyroodhouse.
- 4 The Camera Obscura museum is about the history of Edinburgh.
- 5 The Queen sometimes stays at Holyroodhouse.
- 6 The Scottish Parliament building is closed to visitors.
- 7 Princes Street is a good place to go shopping.
- 8 All of Edinburgh's guided tours are on foot.

Hey guys! I'm going to **Edinburgh**, the capital of Scotland, soon. Have you got any advice for me?

Lucky you! Edinburgh's great. It isn't the biggest city in Scotland, but it's very beautiful and has an amazing history. The best place to start is Edinburgh Castle. This sits up on top of Castle Rock and from here you can see the whole city below you. It gets very busy in the summer.

Next, walk down the Royal Mile, through Edinburgh's 12th-century Old Town. Don't miss St Giles' Cathedral and the Camera Obscura. This amazing museum is all about how we see things, and has floating fish, funny mirrors and a 3D tunnel of stars. They sell great postcards there.

At the bottom of the Royal Mile is the Queen's Edinburgh home, the Palace of Holyroodhouse. When the Queen isn't there, you can visit the rooms and gardens. Next to the Palace is the Scottish Parliament. Spanish architect Enric Miralles designed it. Parts of it look like fishing boats on the beach. There are also roof gardens and fountains. And you can visit it for free!

You should also go to Edinburgh's New Town. This area isn't very new actually – it's over 200 years old! The most famous street in Edinburgh, called Princes Street, is in New Town. Here you find Edinburgh's best shops and department stores.

If you haven't got much time, you can see Edinburgh with a tour guide. Choose from walking tours, cycle tours and even ghost tours. These take you through the narrow streets of the Old Town late at night, and include scary stories from the 18th century.

Don't forget to take a good guidebook – and your raincoat. It often rains in Edinburgh. Have a great time!



### TALKING POINTS

Would you like to go to Edinburgh? Why / Why not?  
 What would you like to do there?  
 Do you enjoy visiting cities?  
 What kind of museums do you like best?

## READING

1 Read the magazine article about a model village and tick (✓) the places you can find there.

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|-------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1 a train station | _____ | 5 a zoo      | _____ |
| 2 a castle        | _____ | 6 a museum   | _____ |
| 3 a beach         | _____ | 7 a mountain | _____ |
| 4 a cinema        | _____ |              |       |

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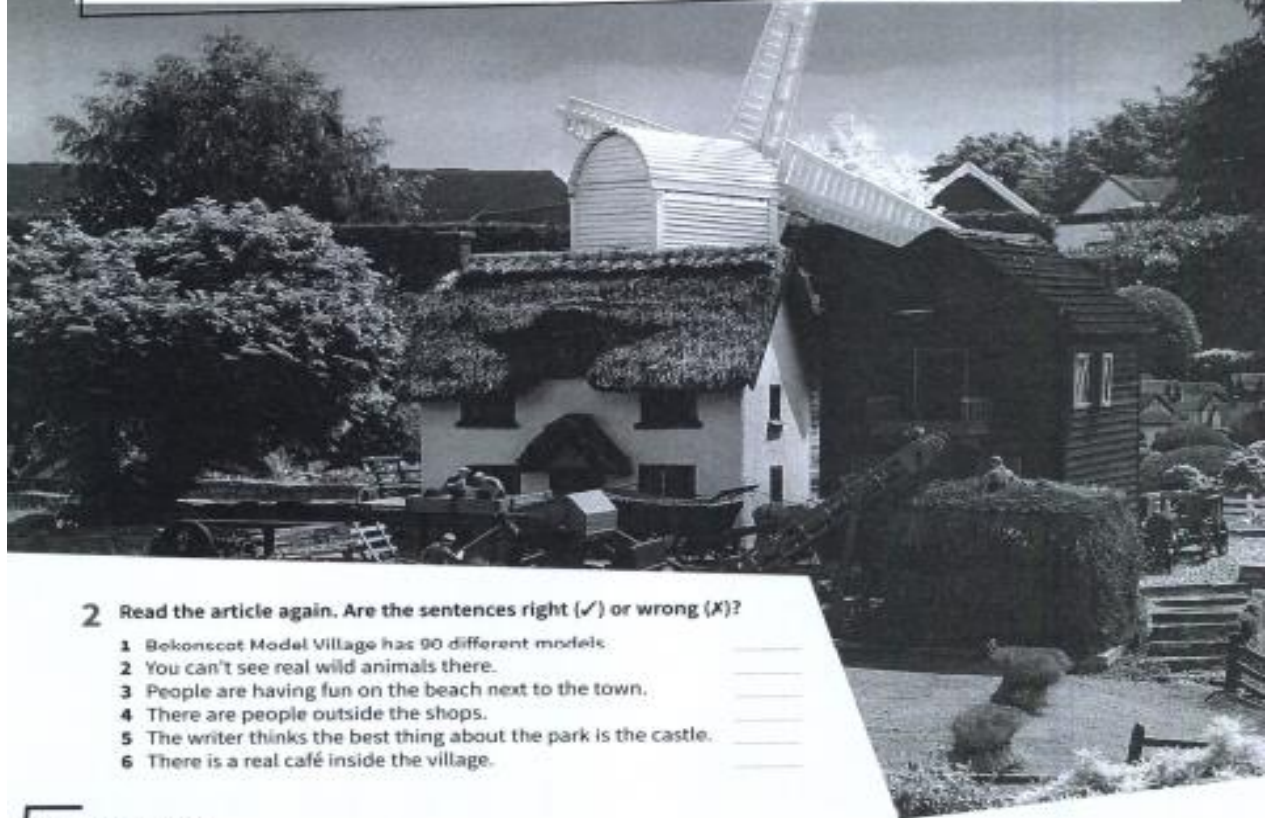
# family day!

Bekonscot Model Village is nearly 90 years old. It's the oldest model village in the world and it's amazing. There are lots of different things to see there. They all look real but of course they are very small!

One place is a zoo with model giraffes and chimpanzees. There are model people looking at the animals in the zoo. Another place is a town next to the sea with a beach. Model children are playing in the water and other people are walking on the sand. There are streets where you can see cars and buses and traffic lights. The traffic lights change colour and the cars move! The main street has lots of shops – with model people inside the shops and on the street. You can look in the shops and see what they are selling.

There is a train station next to the town with little trains that go around the village, across bridges or through tunnels. There is also a mountain and you can watch people climbing it. My favourite place is the castle. It has a king and queen – they are standing at the entrance waving.

You can stay in the model village all morning and then have lunch in a café next to the village. The food is very good – it's real food!



2 Read the article again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 Bekonscot Model Village has 90 different models. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 You can't see real wild animals there. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 People are having fun on the beach next to the town. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 There are people outside the shops. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The writer thinks the best thing about the park is the castle. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 There is a real café inside the village. \_\_\_\_\_