

## A holiday blog

*I can write a holiday blog post.*

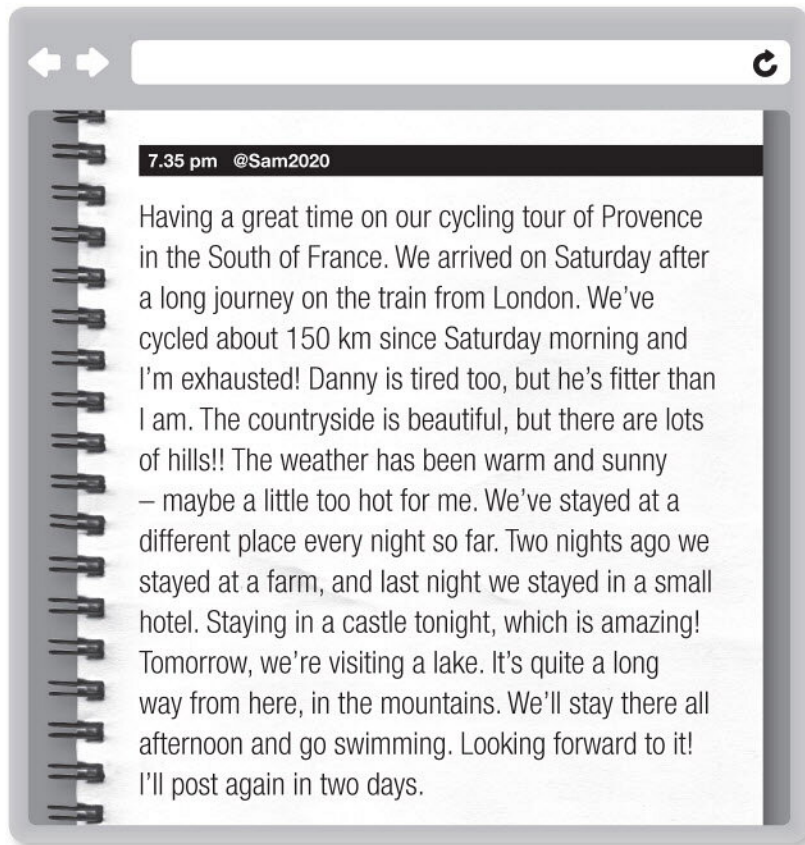
### Preparation

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.



#### 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?

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2 How are you travelling?

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3 What is the weather like?

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4 Where have you stayed?

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5 What are your plans?

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### 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?