

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 11

pronouns

speakout WRITING TIP

We use pronouns (*he, my, them, etc.*) to substitute nouns so that we don't repeat them. Pronouns help to avoid unnecessary repetition of words and to write longer sentences.

My sister and I went to a concert last night. My sister and I had a great time.

*My sister and I went to a concert last night. **We** had a great time.*

I've never been to Berlin. What's Berlin like?

*I've never been to Berlin. What's **it** like?*

- 1** Read the travel blog. Match the pronouns in bold to the things they refer to in the box.

the Golden Gate Bridge the hotel
the weather San Francisco his cousin
walk along the Golden Gate Bridge
his mother

Gary's America Blog

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It's now the 15th of June and I've finally arrived in San Francisco. **It's** a beautiful city! The people who live here are very lucky. I phoned my mum on Skype, and **she** said that I have a cousin here. **She** gave me **his** number and I'm going to phone **him** later. I've checked into a hotel with a great view of the bay. **It's** expensive, but it's really relaxing and comfortable. Everyone says that you have to walk along the Golden Gate Bridge, so I'm going to do **that**. I hope the weather is OK because **it** is sometimes very misty **there**.



Comment

- 2** Rewrite the travel blog. Replace the words in bold with pronouns.

Prague or bust!



Well, here we are in Prague! ¹ _____ (**Prague**) is the historical capital of Bohemia and the modern capital of the Czech Republic. There are so many things to see ² _____ (**in Prague**)! Unfortunately, we aren't the only tourists in the city. There are thousands of ³ _____ (**tourists**)! I'm not sure what to do first. Perhaps we'll go up Petrin Hill. They say that ⁴ _____ (**Petrin Hill**) gives you a wonderful view of the city. The problem is, my boyfriend wants to go to a bar first. ⁵ _____ (**My boyfriend**) likes beer, and in ⁶ _____ (**my boyfriend's**) opinion ⁷ _____ (**the beer**) is exceptionally good here. Well, I don't care! ⁸ _____ (**Me and my boyfriend**) aren't going to spend all the time in bars. Sometimes I wonder why I'm going out with ⁹ _____ (**my boyfriend**)!

- 3** Imagine you are visiting a foreign city. Write a travel blog about it. Write 100–120 words.

Plan your writing

- Think about the foreign city you are visiting. Where you are? What are the main things to see and do? What are your plans?
- What are your personal views/opinions of the city?

Check your writing

- Have you used pronouns to avoid repetition?
- Have you checked your grammar and spelling?
- Did you find any mistakes?