

A short letter to a friend**1 Work with a partner. Read the letter and answer the questions.**

Dear Andy,

Hello from Madrid! How's the weather back home? Is it raining as usual? Here in Madrid the weather is fantastic, some days it's too hot!

I'm staying in an apartment near the center with two other girls from Britain who also work as English teachers. The apartment is rather small but I have my own bedroom. It's close to shops, restaurants and bars, but it's really crowded – there are so many tourists here! Anyway, I like living here because it's near the summer camp where I teach.

I only teach five hours a day, and I don't work on weekends, so I have a lot of free time. In the morning, I usually go jogging in the local park before it gets too hot. When I come back home, I have lunch and I prepare classes for the next day. In the afternoon, I go for walks around the city – I like sitting in a coffee shop and looking at people. Everybody seems so friendly here. In the evenings, I read a bit and chat online with my friends and family at home.

On weekends, I meet other teachers from school: we play sports or go around this amazing city. In the evenings, we usually go dancing – I'm learning to dance flamenco! On Sundays we have dinner in a restaurant but not in the center where everything is more expensive – the food in Spain is amazing.

I really like it here – you should come next summer!

Kisses,

Emma

- 1 What does Emma think about the weather in Madrid?
- 2 What does Emma do in Madrid?
- 3 How many hours a week does she teach?
- 4 What are the good things about the place where she lives?
- 5 What doesn't she like about the place where she lives?
- 6 Why does she go jogging in the morning?
- 7 What does she like doing in the afternoon?
- 8 How does she contact her friends and family at home?
- 9 What does she usually do on weekends?
- 10 What is she learning to do?
- 11 Why don't they have dinner in a restaurant in the center?
- 12 What does she think about the food in Spain?

2 Imagine you are working abroad during the summer. Write a short letter to a friend. Write about the place where you live, the job you have, and your leisure time. Use the letter in exercise 1 as a model.