

Writing a postcard

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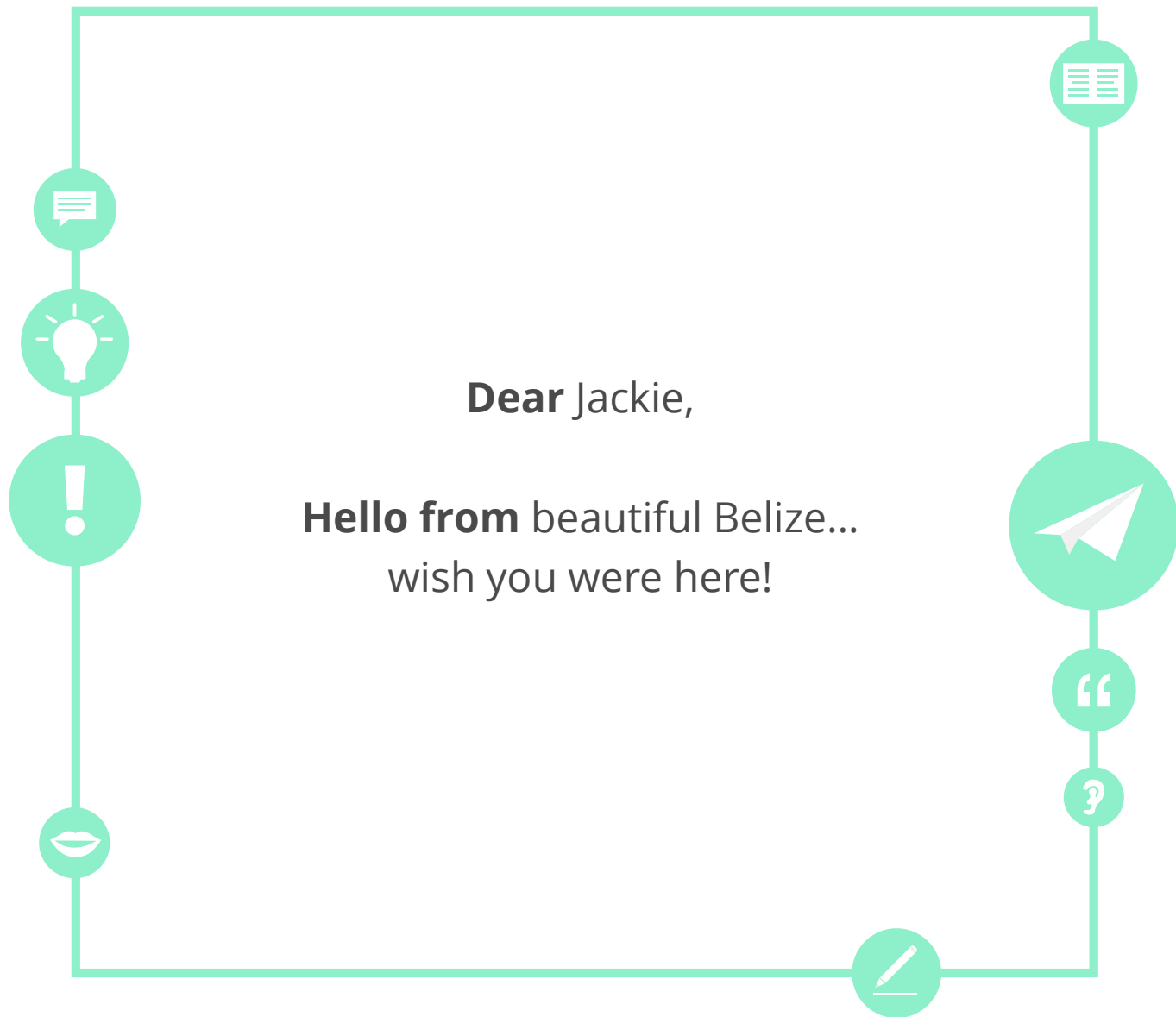




Goals

- Can understand new simple phrases used to write a postcard
- Can use new vocabulary and the present simple and present continuous to write a basic postcard to a colleague describing a holiday







Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will learn to **write a postcard** and practise **writing about your travel experiences**.



Hello from sunny Bora, Bora!



Remember these words?

holiday

to travel

luggage

beach

sea

sun

to fly

local food





Talking about a holiday



I take two **holidays** every year.

I **travel** to all the famous places.



We always try lots of interesting **local food**!

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





On holiday



The days are long and **sunny**!

The **beach** is nice and quiet.





Match the words to the pictures

1. sunny

2. holiday

3. beach

4. sightseeing



A



B



C



D



Talking about travel

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





The present simple

- 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**.

Personal pronoun	Verb	Object
I	work	at a big company.
You	have	two weeks' holiday.
He	works	in Hong Kong.
She	travels	a lot for work.
We	live	in Frankfurt.



- Remember to add **s** to the verb after the pronouns **he**, **she** and **it**



The present simple

- We use **the present simple** for:

When to use it	Example
Regular actions in the present	I go to the beach every day.
Facts	People speak Spanish here.
Habits / Routines	We eat breakfast at the hotel.
General truths	The weather is lovely!



The present continuous

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

Personal pronoun	to be	-ing form
I	am	eating.
You	are	dancing.
He/She/It	is	sleeping.
We	are	learning.
They	are	laughing.



The present simple vs. the present continuous

- Use **the present simple** to talk about an action that is **regular** or **always true**.
- Use the **present continuous** to talk about actions happening **now**.

Present simple	Present continuous
I travel to Greece every year.	I am travelling to Greece right now.
You go shopping at the weekend.	You are going shopping now.
He works on weekdays.	He is working today.



Present simple or present continuous?

1. My sister _____ two children.

a. has

b. is having.

2. I _____ a postcard now.

a. am writing

b. write

3. We're _____ a great time on holiday!

a. have

b. having

postcard



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

Dear _____



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

Hello from _____



Hello from beautiful Thailand!

I'm having a great holiday!



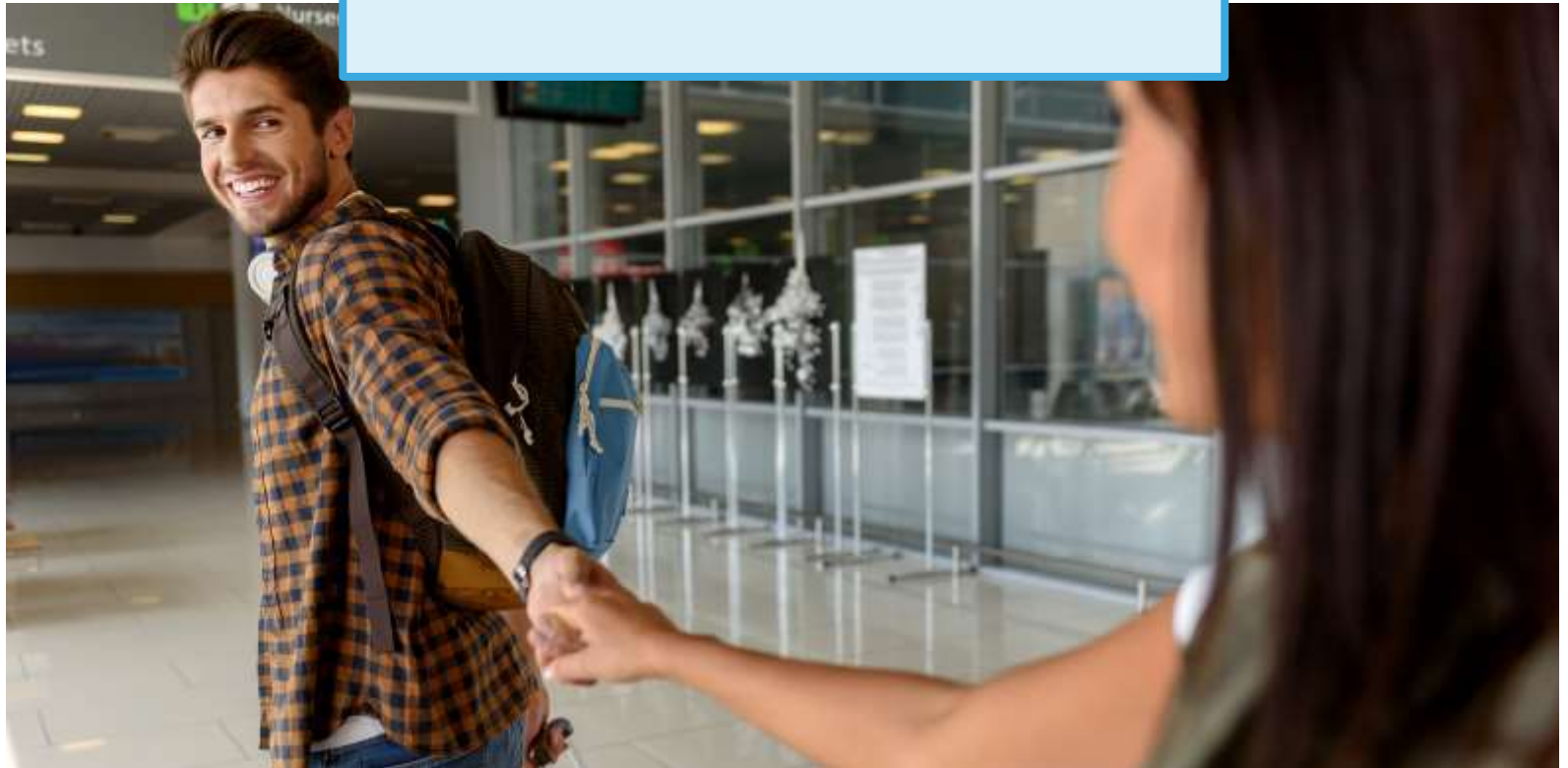
I'm having a great holiday! I love travelling!

The weather here is lovely!



The weather here is lovely! Lots of bright and sunny days!

See you soon!



See you soon!



What's the weather like?



The weather here is lovely!

The weather is **not so good!**





Useful phrases



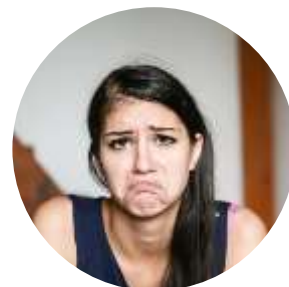
Hello from sunny Cape Town!

Hello from rainy Ireland!



I'm having a great holiday with my friends!

I'm not having such a good time.





Writing a postcard



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.



What can you see in the picture?



A



B



C



D



Talking about travel

What do you do when you're on holiday?





Sample postcard

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





Complete the postcard

_____ 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



Writing a postcard

Write a postcard to a colleague back at the office. Then compare your postcard to your classmates'.

The postcard template is divided into two main sections by a vertical line. The left section (front) contains ten horizontal lines for an address, with the first line being shorter than the others. The right section (back) features a rectangular box in the top right corner, outlined in blue with a red curved line indicating where to place a stamp. Below this box are four horizontal lines for writing a message.



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 1, p.7

1. C – 2. D – 3. A – 4. B

Exercise 2, p.13

Simple: travel – is – walk – write – has

Continuous: having – travelling – going – writing – doing

Exercise 3, p.14

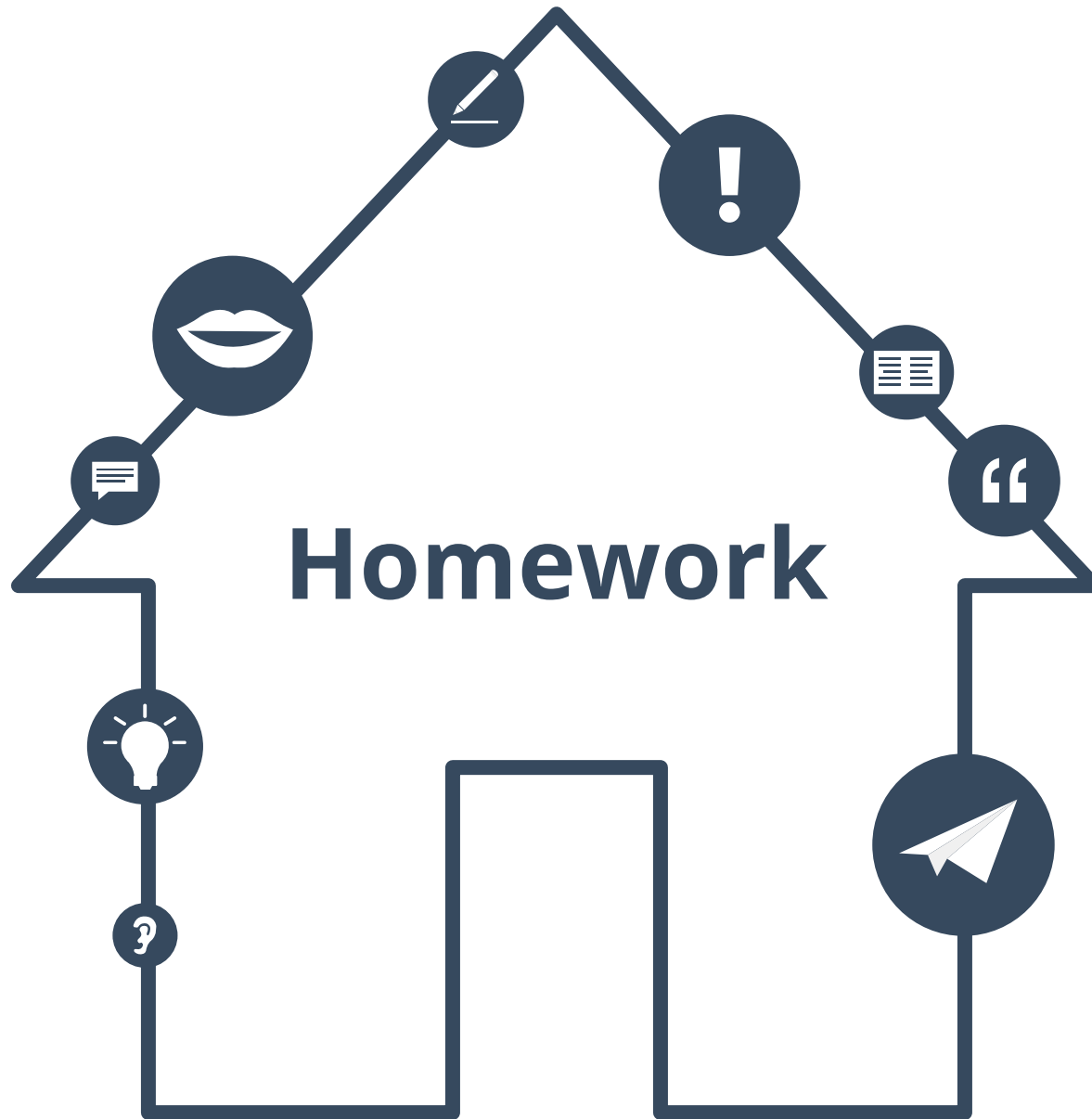
1. a – 2. a – 3. b

Exercise 4, p.24

A: surfing – **B:** sightseeing – **C:** beach – **D:** local food

Exercise 5, p.27

Dear – from – holiday – here – food – sightseeing





Fill in the gaps

1. I'm having a _____ holiday.
2. The weather _____ is lovely.
3. It is _____ every day.
4. _____ Mum & Dad.
5. I go _____ when I'm on holiday.
6. The _____ food is delicious!
7. I go swimming at the _____ .
8. Hello _____ sunny Portugal!
9. See you _____ !

soon

local

great

Dear

sunny

sightseeing

here

beach

from



Vocabulary lists

**Check the first five words of the lesson.
Sort them into two lists.
Give your lists a name.**

List 1: _____

List 2: _____



Homework answer key

Exercise p.33

- 1. great – 2. here – 3. sunny – 4. Dear – 5. sightseeing –
- 6. local – 7. beach – 8. from – 9. soon



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