





**Writing skills practice: A postcard from New York – exercises**

Look at the postcard and do the exercises to practise and improve your writing skills.

**Preparation**

Write the name of the New York tourist attraction in the boxes below the picture.

the Statue of Liberty	a yellow taxi	a Broadway theatre	the Brooklyn Bridge
			

**Dear Mum and Dad**

I'm having a great time here in New York! Aunt Eva has shown me everything – the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and Central Park. I haven't taken a yellow taxi yet but I really want to.

It's sunny and hot every day. Tomorrow we're going to watch a show at a theatre on Broadway.

Wish you were here.

Love Ami xx

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**Top Tips for writing**

1. Start your postcard: Dear + name.
2. Use the present continuous to say you're enjoying the holiday.
3. Use the present perfect to say what you have done.
4. Use going to for your future plans.
5. A good way to finish a postcard.
6. Finish your postcard: Love + your name. xx are kisses!

### 1. Check your understanding: grouping

Write the activities in the correct group.

see Central Park	take a yellow taxi
go to a theatre	see the Statue of Liberty

Things Ami has already done	Things Ami has not done yet

### 2. Check your writing: grammar

Choose the best option in bold and write out the sentences to make the postcard.

1. **Dear Jena / Dear Madam**

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2. **We're going to have / We're having** a wonderful time at the beach.

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3. **We've swum / We're swimming** with dolphins and **we are / we've been** on a boat trip to an island.

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4. Tomorrow **we've played / we're going to play** beach volleyball.

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5. **Wish you were here. / See you tomorrow.**

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6. **Love / best regards**

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Suri and Adi xx

#### Discussion

Have you ever been to New York?

Where is the most interesting place you have travelled to? Did you send a postcard when you were there?