

Before FaceTime and texting became the normal means of communication between friends, people wrote brief messages on postcards. In some cities, postcards were delivered up to 12 times each day. They were effectively the text messages of the 1900s.

Postcards are generally written in an informal tone, but spelling and punctuation should be accurate.

Your task is to write a postcard. Even if you haven't been away on holiday, you could write about something that you have done or you could invent a holiday destination.

Here is an example:

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!

Dear