Writing a postcard

TASK 1a Before you read: Have you ever written a postcard? What did you write about?

1b Now read the texts on the three postcards. Match the texts and the pictures on the next page.

June 15, 2019

Hi Jeffrey!
My grandma and I are having a great time in London. It's warm and sunny, and there are so many things to do! Yesterday we went to Camden Town because Grandma wanted to buy souvenirs. Usually I don't like shopping, but the stalls and shops here are fantastic. They sell hand-made jewellery, tasty food, and all kinds of funny gifts! I bought a small present for you, too - you'll be surprised!

Lots of love,
Sarah

Jeffrey Banks
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August 1, 2019

Dear Sarah,
Greetings from sunny Bavaria! It's our first day in Berchtesgaden, a lovely little town in the Alps. You can see the town, the forest and the snowy mountains in the picture on the postcard! Today we visited the old town and tried some traditional food. I had a sweet "Dampfnudel" (a kind of bread roll) with strawberry jam and vanilla sauce - it was so delicious! Tomorrow we're going to hike in the National Park Berchtesgaden - I'm really looking forward to that!

See you next week,
Jeffrey

Sarah White
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England

July 21, 2019

Hello Sarah,
"Bonjour" from France! I'm spending two weeks at a language camp near Marseille. You know I hate French class in school, but I absolutely love it here! It's true, we have to study French in the morning, but our teacher is very nice and we play lots of games. And in the afternoon, we go to the beach or visit interesting sights. There are kids from all over Europe in my class, and now I've got friends from Russia, Spain, Italy and Germany! I wish you were here, too.

Bye,
Christine

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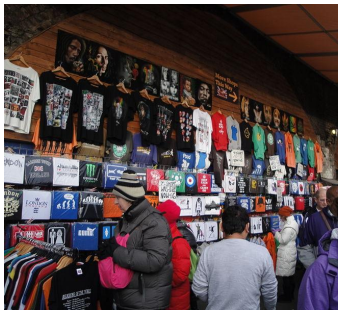

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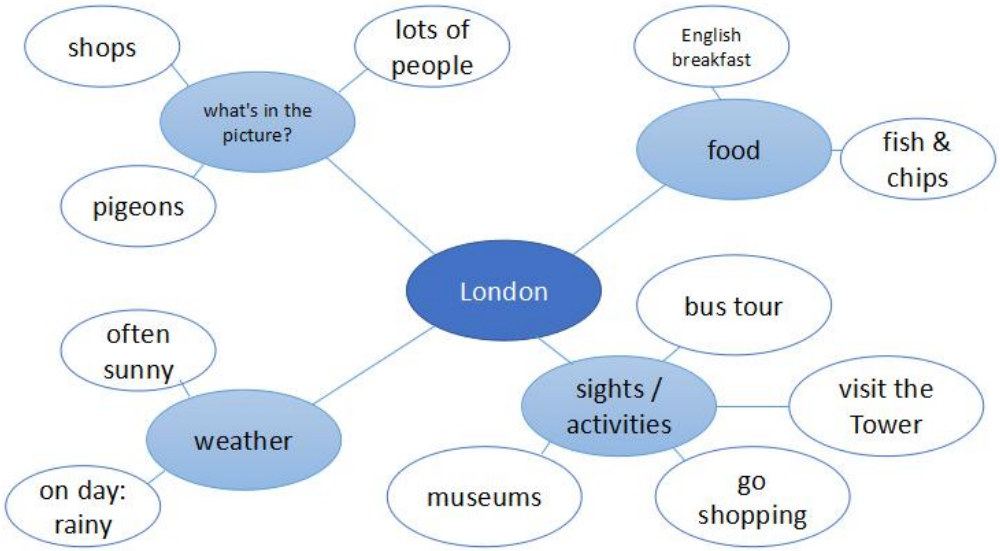
TASK 2 Now read the texts again. Who answers these questions?

Write + or - and mark the text passages in the postcards.	**Sarah**	**Jeffrey**	**Christine**
a) Where are they?	+	+	+
b) Who is on holiday with them?			
c) What have they done already?			
d) What are they going to do next?			
e) What's the weather like?			
f) What's the food like?			
g) What's in the picture on the postcard?			

3a Now write your own postcard. First, decide on a holiday destination - for example, a place you have visited before. Then find a nice picture for your postcard on the internet.
b Make a mindmap with information about your destination. You can also use the internet to look for information. Your mindmap can look like this:



3c Now write your postcard. You can use the writing ideas aond useful phrases on the next page. Also, don't forget to add the recipient's name and address!

Some **writing ideas…**	**… and some useful phrases**
1. Say hi and write the date.	*June 15, 2018* *Dear Tom, / Hi Tom!*
2. Say where you are. 3. Say who is with you.	*Sarah and I are having a great time in Scotland at the moment.* *It's our second day in London.* *My parents and I are staying at a nice hotel / camp side in ...*
4. Say where you have already been.	*Yesterday we **went to … / visited** …*
5. Say what you did there.	*We **looked at / tried / learned a lot about** … there.* *After that, we went **sightseeing / swimming / hiking** and ...*
6. Say how you liked it.	*It was **lots of fun / fantastic / kind of boring / OK / terrible**.* I really ***liked / loved / enjoyed*** the ... However, the **hotel / food / weather** wasn't great.
7. Say what's in the picture.	*In the photo, **you can see / there is** …*
8. Say if something surprising happened.	*You're not going to believe this: When we were there, we suddenly **saw / found** a …*
9. Say what the weather is like.	*The weather is (not) great. It's very **sunny / rainy / windy / warm / cold…***
10. Say what the food is like.	*I absolutely **love / hate** the food.* *Today we had lunch at a nice little restaurant. I tried ...*
11. Say what you're going to do soon.	*Tomorrow we're going to take **a boat ride / a bus tour** …* *We want to visit ... next. I'm really looking forward to that!*
12. Say goodbye and write your name.	*Miss you! / I wish you were here, too!* *Bye, … / Love, … / See you soon, …* *Robert*

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Answer key

EXERCISE 1a Individual solution

EXERCISE 1b 1st postcard - picture C, 2nd postcard - picture A, 3rd postcard - picture B

EXERCISE 2

h) Where are they?	+	+	+
i) Who is on holiday with them?	+	-	+
j) What have they done already?	+	+	+
k) What are they going to do next?	-	+	-
l) What's the weather like?	-	+	-
m) What's the food like?	+	+	-
n) What's in the picture on the postcard?	-	+	+

EXERCISE 3 Individual solution

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