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

Preparation
Write the correct word in the boxes below the picture.

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<th>a theatre</th>
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1. Dear Mum and Dad
2. I'm having a great time [here in New York! Aunt Eva has shown me everything!]
3. The Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building and Central Park. It's sunny and hot every day. Tomorrow [we're going to watch a show] at a theatre on Broadway.
4. [Wish you were here.]
5. [Love Ami xx]

Top Tips for writing
1. Start your postcard: Dear + name.
2. Use the present continuous to say you like your 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 + name, xx are kisses!
1. Check your understanding: grouping
Write the activities in the correct group.

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<th>Things Ami has already done</th>
<th>Things Amy is going to do</th>
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2. Check your writing: grammar
Choose the best option 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**
Where is the most interesting place you have travelled to? Did you send a postcard when you were there?

Find this exercise at:
http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/english-skills-practice/improve-your-writing/postcard-new-york