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

**Preparation**

Write the sentences in the correct groups.

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<th>Good</th>
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<td>The food is disgusting.</td>
<td>We’re having a great holiday.</td>
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<td>The countryside is beautiful.</td>
<td>It rains almost every day.</td>
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<td>The people are very friendly.</td>
<td>The weather is awful.</td>
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<tr>
<td>We’re having a great holiday.</td>
<td>The hotel staff are not helpful.</td>
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<td>The hotel is in a convenient location.</td>
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**Hi Eric!**

**We’re** having a great holiday here in Scotland. We’re staying in a hotel in the centre of Edinburgh. *It’s got* a swimming pool but it’s too cold to swim! There are lots of things to do. The people are very friendly, but sometimes I can’t understand them.

Last week we went to Loch Ness but we didn’t see the monster, unfortunately. Scotland is very beautiful but the weather is awful. *It’s* very cold and windy and it rains every day!

Are you having a good holiday at the beach?

See you soon.

Jenny x

**Top Tips for writing**

Use contractions in informal writing.

- *We are* having a great holiday = *We’re* having a great holiday
- *It has got* a swimming pool = *It’s got* a swimming pool
- *It is* very cold and windy = *It’s* very cold and windy

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1. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Jenny is on holiday in the Scottish city of Edinburgh.  
   True False
2. Eric is on holiday on a beach.  
   True False
3. Jenny is not having a good holiday.  
   True False
4. The weather is beautiful in Scotland.  
   True False
5. Jenny went swimming in the hotel.  
   True False
   True False
7. Jenny is going to Loch Ness to see the monster tomorrow.  
   True False
8. The hotel is in a good location.  
   True False

2. Check your writing: contractions
Rewrite the sentences using contractions.

1. It is so hot and sunny at the beach today.
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2. The hotel is very big and it has got a games room.
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3. Tomorrow, we are going on a tour of the old castle.
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4. They are not meeting us for dinner.
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5. We could not go to the museum yesterday because it was closed.
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6. I did not bring my sunglasses.
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7. I cannot understand the words on the menu.
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8. She is the tour guide for today's trip.
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Discussion
Have you ever sent a postcard or e-card when on holiday? Would you like to visit Scotland?

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