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# Postcards: From a good hotel?

- 1 Look at the picture. Sam is on holiday and she is staying at this hotel. She has written a postcard to her friend but she doesn't want to tell him how awful the hotel is! Read her postcard, cross out the wrong words and write the correct information.



*terrible*  
Hello from a ~~wonderful~~ hotel! There's lots to do here. The swimming pool is enormous and the beach is near the hotel. The hotel is very clean and the food is delicious. It's hot and sunny, and ice creams are really cheap! I wish you were here!

*Best wishes,*  
*Sam*

Use words from this box.  
You won't need all of them!

a long way from    awful  
comfortable    dirty  
expensive    nothing  
raining    strong    terrible  
tiny    wonderful



2 Cross out the adjectives which cannot complete the sentences.

1

Our **hotel** is ...

clean, quiet, soft, dirty, fast, modern, expensive, enormous, tiny

2

The **weather** is ...

expensive, terrible, modern, dry, great, big, sunny, grey, strong

3

The **food** is ...

delicious, cold, Italian, large, white, boring, round, cheap, modern

4

The **people** here are ...

boring, noisy, expensive, friendly, cool, cheap, empty, interesting, awful, honest

3 Now it's your turn. Look at the prompts and write two postcards. You can use any suitable adjectives.

1 I / on holiday / **ESP**



Hi!

I'm on holiday in Spain.

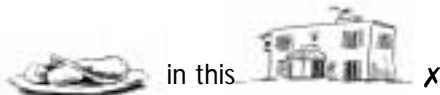
Our .....

But .....

And it .....

See you soon!

2 We / on holiday / **GB**



Hi!

We .....

The .....

and .....

But .....

See you soon!



# Messages: Excuse notes

1 Five pupils were absent from school yesterday. Complete their excuse notes with the right verb. Use the past simple. (There is one extra verb.)

1 Jason was absent yesterday because he ....*went*.... to his aunt's wedding.

2 *Jenny was off school yesterday because she ..... the school bus.*

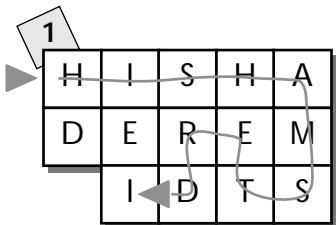
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3 I am sorry that Euan was not at school. He ..... ill.

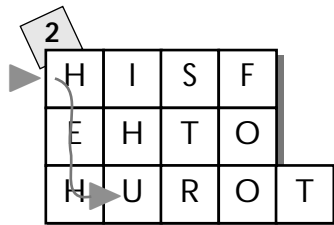
4 I am sorry that Dominic was absent yesterday. He ..... diarrhoea.

5 **Rebecca was off because she ..... and ..... her arm.**

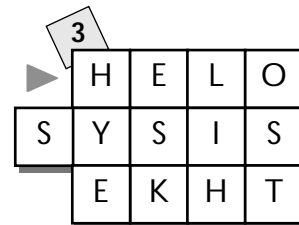
2 Johnny was absent every day last week! What were his excuses? Follow the letters and find the sentences.



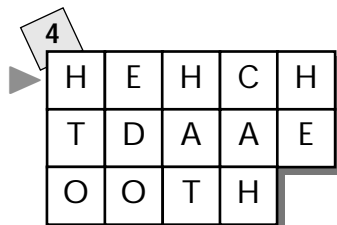
*His hamster died.*  
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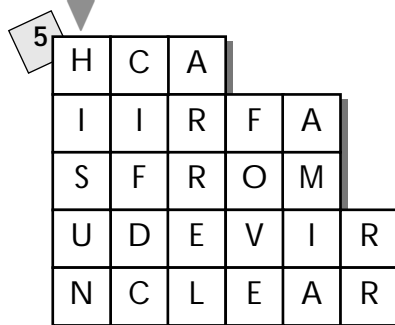
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3 Look at the pictures and complete the Absence Record.



Alice Smith



Dean Armstrong



Richard Short



Kylie Preston

**Absence Record**

**St John's High School**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>Reason for absence</b>
<i>Alice Smith</i>	_____
<i>Dean Armstrong</i>	_____
<i>Richard Short</i>	_____
<i>Kylie Preston</i>	_____

4 You didn't go to school last week – you went to the park! Invent two excuses and write your mum or dad's name!

Your excuses can be sensible or funny.

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