PRE-WRITING TASKS

Writing an e-mail about your holiday in Australia

Last summer you went with your family on holiday to Australia. There you met a nice girl/boy and you became friends. Now you are back home and write him/her an e-mail.

Write an e-mail to your new friend (100–130 words).

Tell your new friend

- about the trip back home
- how you felt back home
- what you think about your holidays in Australia
- what you liked best in Australia
- that he/she should visit you one day
- what he/she can do and see in Austria
See you Tom,
Greetings from Austria! My parents were glad they were back, but I am sad about it. How are you?

Hi to you,
Here is an e-mail for you from Austria. I want to write you about my trip back home and how I felt back home.

Dear Aaron,
How are you? I am back in Austria and I wanted to write you an e-mail immediately. The trip was really long.
There are 6 content points you have to write about in your e-mail. Think of 2 things you could write about for each content point (for some content points they can be positive or negative things). There is one example for each content point to help you get started.

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<td>many passengers on the flight, you couldn’t sleep</td>
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<td>how you felt back home</td>
<td>really excited to see your friends again</td>
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<td>what you think about your holidays in Australia</td>
<td>you would like to go there again</td>
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<td>what you liked best in Australia</td>
<td>taking photos of the kangaroos in the Australia Zoo</td>
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<td>that he/she should visit you one day</td>
<td>should come and see you at Christmas</td>
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<td>what he/she can do and see in Austria</td>
<td>see snow in winter and go skiing</td>
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This was also what I liked best about my trip. Being under water and seeing all the fish and the corals in the Great Barrier Reef was an unforgettable moment. Still, Austria has some pretty great things to do as well.

Dear Sandra,
How are you? I hope you are fine and the weather is still great in Sydney.

So when we arrived at home I was so tired that I fell asleep immediately. It was nice to be in my own room again and sleep in my own bed. In the morning I called all my friends to tell them that I was back.

It is really cold here and it is snowing! I finally got home yesterday after a really long flight, which I thought was never going to end. The plane was completely full and I couldn’t sleep for a single second.

I wish I could show you the mountains covered in snow. You should really come and visit me as soon as you can. Maybe you could visit me next winter, so I can show you how to ski. Hope to hear from you soon!

Yours,
Susi

On the phone I already started to tell them about my awesome holidays, which were the best holidays of my life. I had so much fun and I experienced so many new things, for example scuba diving.
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2. I thought never that the flight would take so long.
   ____________________________________________________________

3. My friends are curious what will I say about my holidays.
   ____________________________________________________________

4. We went then to Sydney.
   ____________________________________________________________

5. I think that you should come me visit next winter.
   ____________________________________________________________

6. Have you been again scuba diving?
   ____________________________________________________________
When I came back to Austria, I **could** (can) not believe what the weather was like. It **snowed** (snow) heavily and the wind **blew** (blow). There was an awful storm and my friends **told** (tell) me that the week before there had been one metre of snow. I am sure that the sun **shines** (shine) in Sydney right now.

I hope that I **have** (have) the chance to go to Australia again in a few years’ time. Most of my friends also **want** (want) to go there and **see** (see) the famous sights.

Thank you so much for showing me all those great things! I **have** (have) the best time of my life when I **was** (be) with you this summer.
When writing your e-mail, you have to describe your feelings, your holidays in Australia and things to do and see in Austria. Which words or phrases could you use in your e-mail? A few examples have been done for you.

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<th>tired, excited and glad …</th>
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<td>awesome time, many sights</td>
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<td>Things to do/see in Austria</td>
<td>go skiing, visit Vienna …</td>
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VOCABULARY 2

*Look at the list of German words below. Which of these words do you know in English?*

Flug

Flugzeug

Reise

Wüste

Küste

Meer

tauchen gehen

Hauptstadt

Känguru

in einem Hotel wohnen

glücklich sein

zu Hause

Schlange

gefährlich

Abenteuer
Dear Aaron,
How are you? I am back in Austria and I wanted to write you an e-mail immediately. The trip was really long.

Possible reasons:

- correct salutation formula
- questions address the reader and indicate that a response is expected
- refers to first content point

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