

# A Holiday Message

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Writing

**A** Look at the pictures. Where is this vacation? Quickly read the e-mail to check.

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hi Mom and Dad,**

This is just a short e-mail to tell you I'm OK. The hotel is very basic, there's no air-conditioning, and it's very cheap! The food's great too—very hot and spicy! And the weather's excellent—it's much hotter than back home.

I'm having a great time—there are so many things to do. Last weekend, Laura and I visited a Buddhist temple in the jungle. We had to walk for two hours through the rain forest before we arrived. Trees are growing on the ruins and there were monkeys everywhere too—it was beautiful. I took some fantastic photos, you can see them on my blog. After that, we rode an elephant—that was really cool.

Tomorrow we're gonna go kayaking in the bay—one of the most beautiful places in Vietnam, maybe the world! There are thousands of islands and secret beaches to explore—it's gonna be great!

Anyway, I have to go. Please say "Hi" to everyone and don't forget to walk Toby.

Lots of love and see you soon,

Steve. XXX



**B** Re-read and answer questions 1-5.

- 1 Is their room hot?
- 2 Is it easy to get to the temple?
- 3 How do Steve and Laura feel about kayaking tomorrow?
- 4 Who's Toby?
- 5 What does XXX mean after Steve's name?

**C** Which paragraphs answer questions 1-6? Complete the table.

- 1 What are you going to do? / How do you feel about it?
- 2 What is the place / food / weather like?
- 3 Are you having fun?
- 4 What did you do before now? / How was it?
- 5 Why are you writing?
- 6 Do you have any other things to say?

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| Paragraph 1 | 5 |  |
| Paragraph 2 |   |  |
| Paragraph 3 |   |  |
| Paragraph 4 |   |  |

**D** Read Write it Right! How does Steve start and end his e-mail? How does he start paragraphs 1 and 4? Underline five added comments.

**Write it Right!**

Try to remember short phrases to start and end e-mails or start paragraphs.  
Use — to add opinions or comments to a sentence.

**E Your turn!** Write your e-mail home in 100-150 words.

| Before  | While  | After   |
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| Choose a location from p. 112-113. Use questions in C to help and imagine your answers. | Use starting and ending phrases and write in paragraphs. | Use all the Write it Right! boxes in the book and check your e-mail, then send it to a classmate. |