

6 Complete the email to a penfriend with the words below.

abroad across astronomy collect go open-air photography sandwiches stew

Hi Gracie,

I hope you're doing well at your new school. You asked me about my hobbies in your last email. I ¹ _____ old postcards, and I also ² _____ rollerblading sometimes. But my favourite hobby is looking at the stars. I'm in the local ³ _____ club. We go out at night and sit in a field or on a hill, then we watch the night sky. It's great fun. Some of our friends are interested in ⁴ _____ too, so they take pictures as the stars move ⁵ _____ the sky. We usually take ⁶ _____ with us, and something hot to drink. In winter we take a curry or a ⁷ _____ because it's a long night and it can be very cold. But I'd rather do an ⁸ _____ activity than stay inside. The only problem with my hobby is the British weather. Sometimes the club has to cancel a trip because it's too rainy to see anything. Maybe in the future I can go ⁹ _____ and watch stars in the desert.

Anyway, what clubs you are in at school?

Dominic

3 Choose the best tense in these sentences.

- 1 I love that film. I've seen / I've been seeing it three times!
- 2 She's got some great ideas for her book, but she hasn't written / hasn't been writing it yet.
- 3 Sorry I'm late. How long have you waited / have you been waiting?
- 4 My mum often works abroad. This week, she's worked / she's been working in Paris.
- 5 Don't take my plate away. I haven't finished / haven't been finishing my lunch!
- 6 We've got / We've been getting ready for the party. We still need to decorate the room.
- 7 Can you speak more slowly? I haven't understood / haven't been understanding everything.

4 Complete the email. Use the present perfect continuous form where possible. If not, use the present perfect simple.

Hi Joel,

How are you? ¹ _____ you _____ (enjoy) the holiday? This is our last week, isn't it? And I ² _____ (not finish) that science project. In fact, to be honest, I ³ _____ (not start) it. I ⁴ _____ (spend) a lot of time with my neighbour, Seth. You ⁵ _____ (not meet) him, but he's really nice – and a great guitarist. We ⁶ _____ (play) the guitar a lot, and he ⁷ _____ (teach) me some new songs. ⁸ _____ you _____ (buy) a bass guitar yet? You ⁹ _____ (talk) about it for months. Let's start a band!

See you back at school!

Maxwell