

# Starter Happy days

## 1 Match sentence halves (1–7) and (A–G).

- 1 This summer I travelled .....
- 2 On the first day we looked .....
- 3 After that we went .....
- 4 I tried .....
- 5 Then we met .....
- 6 I didn't take any .....
- 7 We didn't want to return .....

- A around the British Museum for hours.
- B British food and I liked it.
- C home because we were having such a good time.
- D to London with my parents.
- E photos of the palace because there were too many people.
- F walking along the river Thames.
- G some friends from home, outside Buckingham Palace!



## 2 Choose the adjective which has a similar meaning to the word in brackets, to complete each sentence.

amazing boring gorgeous huge successful

- 1 Their first performance was ..... (very good).
- 2 Let me show you a photo of my ..... (very pretty) dog!
- 3 I liked the book, but the film was really ..... (not very interesting).
- 4 The city centre isn't ..... (very big), but there's lots to do.
- 5 My cousin's a ..... (top) businesswoman. She owns a technology company.

## 3 Write the word that completes all three sentences in each group.

- 1 If you do well in the competition, you will get a ...  
For my last project, my teacher gave me a ...  
My favourite team has won first ...
- 2 I'm really tired – I need a ...  
You have a busy day tomorrow – try to get some ...  
After carrying the boxes upstairs, we stopped for a ...
- 3 I'm pleased to be learning a new ...  
For me, cooking isn't a hobby; it's a ...  
A great footballer needs both speed and ...
- 4 Travelling to Australia takes a long ...  
I love the weekends because I have lots of free ...  
I'm going to swim outdoors for the first ...
- 5 Everyone clapped when the actor walked onto the ...  
I get nervous every time I'm on ...  
She sang her song, said goodnight and left the ...

## 4 Choose the correct words to complete the message.

## 5 Complete the article with a, an, the or no article (-).

## 1 Elote

## TOP TEN

foods to try while you're in

# MEXICO

Elote is a very popular snack and you shouldn't leave <sup>1</sup>..... Mexico without trying it. It's made from grilled corn with <sup>2</sup>..... salt, chilli, lime, butter and cheese. You can eat elote from <sup>3</sup>..... cup, but it's easier to eat it on <sup>4</sup>..... stick – rather like <sup>5</sup>..... ice cream. You'll find it at <sup>6</sup>..... most cafés or restaurants in tourist areas, but <sup>7</sup>..... best place to buy it is in <sup>8</sup>..... street, cooked on a barbecue.

**6** Make sentences using the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1 dogs / cats (friendly)

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2 cycling to school / taking the bus (good)

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3 trying new foods / always eating the same things (interesting)

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4 the food market / the supermarket (cheap)

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5 summers in Spain / summers in the UK (hot)

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6 having a picnic / cooking a meal (easy)

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**7** Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1 Mexico City is ..... (big) city I've visited.

2 Walking is ..... (natural) way to get fit.

3 Yuk! That's ..... (bad) cup of coffee I've ever had.

4 Yesterday was ..... (happy) day of my life.

5 The paintings inside that building are ..... (beautiful) ones in Rome.

6 Finishing my project was ..... (good) feeling ever!

**8** Rewrite the sentences using (not) as ... as.

1 Having a picnic is more interesting than eating indoors.

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2 My brother is more active than me.

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3 Kelly is very shy and so is Amanda.

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4 Doing your best is more important than winning.

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5 Pete was very disappointed and so was Eric.

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**9** **5.1** Complete the conversation with these verbs.

There are three extra verbs which you do not need. Listen and check your answers.

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went were weren't

A: Hi! Did you have a good weekend?

B: Yes, I <sup>1</sup>....., thanks. I <sup>2</sup>..... horse-riding for the first time.

A: Wow! Where did you <sup>3</sup>..... that?

B: In the countryside near my uncle's village. It <sup>4</sup>..... amazing! I <sup>5</sup>..... to wear a special helmet and riding boots.

A: I'd love to try horse-riding. But it sounds a bit scary!

B: It's not. Well, at least I <sup>6</sup>..... scared – I was on the horse with my uncle. Although I nearly <sup>7</sup>..... off the horse at one point! It wanted to run but, luckily, my uncle was in control, so it <sup>8</sup>..... go too fast.

**10** When was the last time you did these things? Write true sentences about you using the past simple. Use *when* where possible.

1 try a new food

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2 take a photo

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3 have a meal with a friend / friends

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4 swim in the sea or a lake

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5 travel by train

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6 buy something

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