

WRITING SKILLS

An email describing a
visit to a place

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Dear Jim,

Sorry I haven't written for a while, but I've just got back from a week's holiday in Buenos Aires. We stayed in one of the city's best hotels on the Plaza de mayo, right in the heart of the city. It was ideal for sightseeing and shopping.

Buenos Aires is an amazing place. It's the largest city in Argentina, very modern and exciting. But relaxing and cultured at the same time. Did you know it has the world's widest street?

There's plenty to do there, too. We spent most of our time shopping and visiting the main sights, like the Casa Rosada – it is one of the most beautiful buildings I've ever seen! Unfortunately, I had a mishap on the last day. While I was shopping, I lost my passport. As you can imagine I was really upset, but when I went to the police station to report it, some kind person had already handed it in. What a relief!

Well, that's all my news. Hope you are OK. See you soon.

Your friend,

Barry



When we write a letter to a friend about a short visit to a place we usually write four paragraphs.





- **Paragraph 1**
- **Paragraph 2**
- **Paragraph 3**
- **Paragraph 4**

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Paragraph 1

We write our opening remarks and state the place we visited, the length of our stay and where we stay.

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Paragraph 2

We write what the place is like.

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Paragraph 3

We write what we did / saw there and **what** happened to us there.

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Paragraph 4

In the last paragraph, we write our closing remark.

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We normally use present tenses to describe the place and past tenses to describe what we did there.





We use short forms and a variety of descriptive adjectives.



HOMEWORK

READ THE BOX "STRONG ADJECTIVES" EX.4 AND DO THE EX. 5



