

# Grammar

## Present simple and present continuous

1 Each of these sentences contains a mistake. Cross out the mistake and write the correct word or words at the end of the sentence.

- Living in the countryside is ~~having~~ many advantages. ...was...
- I'm feeling that cities are dirty, noisy and expensive places. ....
- Winters in my city are hard because it's snowing a lot. ....
- City life becoming more and more expensive. ....
- I'm study English at a language school in my home town. ....
- People generally are believing that country life is healthier than city life. ....
- The city council is build lots of new apartment blocks in the suburbs. ....
- I'm not liking small towns because there's nothing to do. ....

2 Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in the box (present simple or present continuous).



be (x3)    become    have (x2)    like    live    look  
meet    play    rise    sit    stay    think    watch

- I 1 live in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.  
I 2 ..... a small flat in the suburbs, but at the moment I 3 ..... with my parents in the city centre because my mother 4 ..... ill and I 5 ..... after her until she gets better.  
I 6 ..... that Buenos Aires is a really lively and exciting city, and I 7 ..... it here a lot. City life in general 8 ..... lots of advantages. There 9 ..... always so many things to see and do.

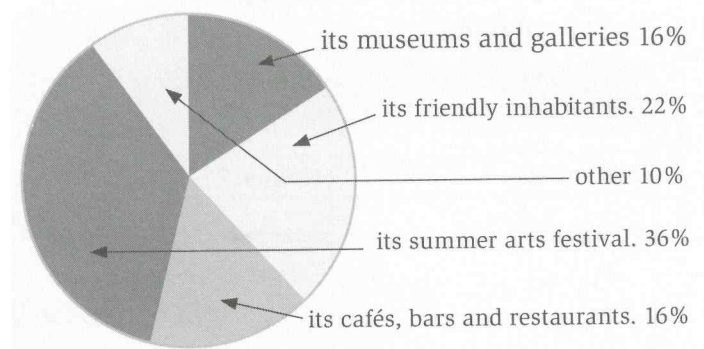
One of the things I enjoy the most is something called 'people watching'. So right now I 10 ..... on my parents' balcony and 11 ..... people in the street below.

In the evenings I 12 ..... my friends for a meal, or sometimes we 13 ..... volleyball in one of the city parks. Of course, there 14 ..... bad sides to the city as well. It 15 ..... more and more crowded, for example, and the crime rate 16 ..... because there are a lot of people out of work.

# Writing

## Task 1

1 Look at the pie chart and match sentence parts 1-7 with a-g.



Edinburgh visitors survey: What are the city's best features?

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| 1 The chart shows  | a choose its museums and galleries as the things they like the most. |
| 2 The largest percentage, 36 percent,                      | b choose its friendly inhabitants.                                   |
| 3 22 percent   | c choose other things.   |
| 4 16 percent of visitors                                   | d think that its summer arts festival is the best thing about it.    |
| 5 The city's cafés, bars and restaurants were popular with | e think the city's cultural attractions are its best features.       |
| 6 10 percent   | f another 16 percent of visitors.                                    |
| 7 Overall, the majority of visitors                        | g what visitors to Edinburgh like most about the city.               |