

#### 1 Present Perfect vs. Past Simple

Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or past simple.

- 1 Jason ..... (see) the play directed by Jacob Abbot.
- 2 Kristina ..... (cook) her favourite dish for her friends last night.
- 3 Juan ..... (play) the guitar for over three years.
- 4 Dorothy ..... (win) the beauty contest 4 years in a row. This year, she decided not to take part in it.
- 5 Two years ago we ..... (go) to Portugal by motorbike.

#### 2 Articles (a/an – the)

Fill in the gaps by using either a/an, the or -.

It was ..... (1) dark and quiet night near ..... (2) port, where all of ..... (3) pirate ships stayed before they sailed. There were no lights on ..... (4) street, and ..... (5) only sounds were ..... (6) laughing and singing behind ..... (7) closed door of ..... (8) bar called The Blue Dolphin. .... (9) man wearing ..... (10) black pirate hat opened ..... (11) door of ..... (12) Blue Dolphin. He had ..... (13) black patch over ..... (14) one eye and ..... (15) scar on one side of his face. Everyone suddenly became quiet. .... (16) sailor at ..... (17) bar asked ..... (18) barman, "Who's that?" "That is Captain Pike, ..... (19) greatest pirate in all ..... (20) world. They say he's stolen from ..... (21) Queen of England, ..... (22) King of France and ..... (23) King of Spain."

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#### 3 My Home Town

Write an email to a friend abroad, describing your home town.

#### 4 My Hometown

Fill in the gaps in the following text about Hamburg.

delicious      fancy      enjoy      outside  
hardly      book      sightseeing

My hometown is Hamburg, in the North of Germany. Hamburg has a big port and many ..... (1) attractions. If you want to eat in one of its ..... (2) restaurants, make sure you ..... (3) a table. The cuisine is not heavy, as many believe. Try it for yourself. You will find a wide variety of ..... (4) dishes. If you enjoy beaches, go to the North Sea or Baltic Sea, both just an hour ..... (5) of Hamburg. The nightlife of Hamburg is famous, and it is ..... (6) surprising that you can find any type of bar or club you may wish for. I hope you ..... (7) your trip!