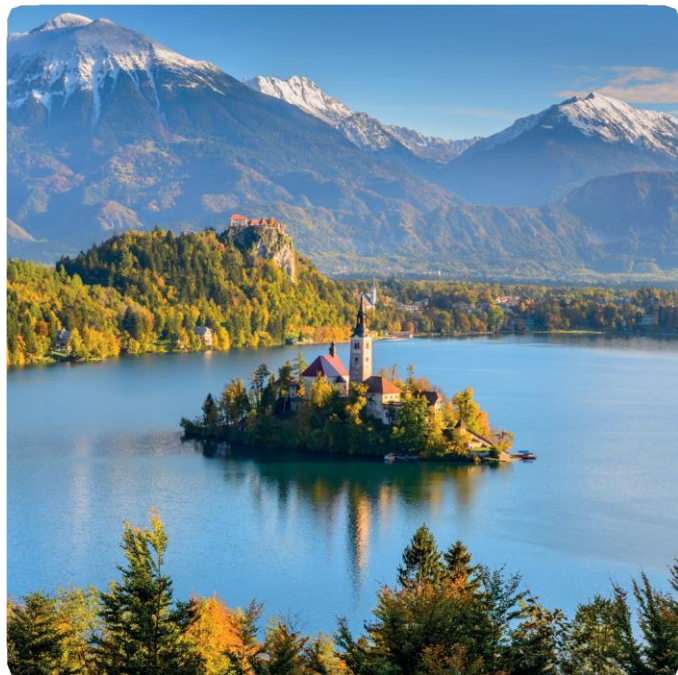


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# 1 From Slovenia with love

## On holiday in Slovenia



30th July

Dear Tina,

I'm in Bled again. I come here every summer for the Okarina Festival. Bled is a beautiful town with a lake and a small island on it. I usually take a Pletna boat to the island. Then I go to the church, make a wish and ring the bell. My friends Franc and Ana live in Bled. I always meet them and we walk around the lake together. The water is warm in summer, but I can't swim. The end of my trip is the best – I have a Bled cream cake in one of the cafe's!

Love,  
Jan

3rd August

Dear Jan,

This is awesome! I'm in Postojna. The cave is beautiful. There are amazing karst stalagmites and stalactites. It's summer, but it's cold in the cave – only 10°C. People wear anoraks, but I haven't got one! Tourists ride the electric train, then walk to see Brilliant, the big stalagmite, and the underground zoo. I like olms the most – people call these animals 'the human fish'. Look, there's a stamp with an olm on the back of the postcard.

See you soon,  
Tina



25th August

Dear Mark and Emma,

We're on holiday in Piran this week. The Slovenian coast is amazing. Piran is a very old town. It's more than 2,000 years old! It's got a nice beach. We sunbathe every day. We go shopping or we ride our bikes in the afternoon. In the evening, we sometimes drink ice coffee or eat ice cream in one of the cafe's in Tartini square. It's warm and sunny all the time. We relax and have fun in the sun. 😊

Lots of Love,  
Tina and Jan



1 Look at the postcards 1-3. What are the names of these places? Which place do you like most? Why?

2 Match the words in the box with the postcards 1-3. Then read the texts and check your answers.

cave lake stalagmite square island  
stalactite church

**Postcard 1: lake**

3 Read the texts again and answer the questions.

Where's the first postcard from?

It's from Bled.

- 1 When is the Okarina Festival?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 How can you get to the island?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 What can you do in the church?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 How many friends has Jan got in Bled?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Who is the second postcard from?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 What's the temperature in the cave?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 What is the name of the big stalagmite in Postojna Cave?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Which animal is called 'the human fish'?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 How old is the Slovenian town Piran?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Where's Tartini square?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 What do Tina and Jan eat and drink in Piran?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 What's the weather like in Piran in August?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4 Complete the text with the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

## JAN AND TINA – having fun in SLOVENIA

Jan doesn't live (not live) in Bled, but he  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there every summer for  
the festival. He 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (not swim)  
to the island - he 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a  
Pletna boat. He 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a wish  
before he 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) the bell in the  
church. He 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) Bled cream  
cakes in a café. He 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (love) Bled  
cream cakes!

Tina 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that Postojna  
Cave is beautiful. It's cold in the cave, but she  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ (not wear) an anorak. She  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) the cave train and then  
11 \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the zoo. Some people  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) the olms, but Tina  
13 \_\_\_\_\_ (think) they are awesome. She  
14 \_\_\_\_\_ (put) a stamp with an olm on  
the postcard.

In August, Tina and Jan 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
(spend) one week in the coastal town Piran. They  
16 \_\_\_\_\_ (sunbathe) on the beach  
every day. They 17 \_\_\_\_\_ (not ride)  
their bikes in the evening - that's when they  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ (relax), 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
(drink) ice coffee and 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) ice  
cream in the square.

5 Choose a city, town or village in Slovenia. Find information about interesting places you can see and things you can do there. Write a holiday postcard for your classmates.

- 1 What is the name of the city, town or village?
- 2 Where is it?
- 3 What can you see there?
- 4 What can you do there?
- 5 Why do you like it?

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## JANEZ'S BLOG



Hi, I'm Janez Novak from Slovenia. It's a beautiful country in Central Europe. I'm very lucky to live here, because there are so many things to see and do: you can swim in the [sea](#), ski in the [mountains](#), visit amazing [caves](#), walk in sunny [valleys](#) and green [forests](#), go kayaking in [rivers](#) or [lakes](#) ... there's something for everyone!

In summer, I like spending time by the sea. My favourite coastal towns are Piran and Koper. I love swimming in the Adriatic Sea. I sometimes swim in lakes and rivers, too. I like the Bohinj, Velenje and Cerknica lakes, but I think Slovenia's most beautiful lake is Bled. There's an [island](#) in the middle of the lake. There are a lot of rivers in Slovenia, but not all of them are good for swimming. I swim in the Soča three or four times every August, but I never swim in the Sava.

There are more than 300 [waterfalls](#) in Slovenia. The best time to see them is in spring. My favourite waterfalls are Savica, Peričnik and Boka, near Bovec. Rinka Falls in the Logar Valley is fantastic, too. In autumn, I often go hiking there and I always stop to see the waterfall.

In the north of Slovenia, there are a lot of mountains, [hills](#) and forests. The highest [peak](#) is Triglav, in the Julian Alps. It's 2,864 metres high. I never climb that high.

Every year, I visit one or two of the 11,500 caves in Slovenia. Everybody knows the famous Škocjan Caves and Postojna, but my favourite is Mayor's Cave near Grosuplje. I usually go there in winter, when there aren't so many tourists.

The capital of Slovenia is Ljubljana. I don't live in Ljubljana, but I go there at weekends, once or twice a month. I prefer villages and small towns in the countryside, like my hometown, Ribnica. I love nature. My next holiday is to the Seven Lake Valley, which is in the Triglav National Park. If you come to Slovenia, you must visit Triglav!



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1 Check the meaning of the blue words in the blog post. Complete the names of the places 1-7.

the Logar valley

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Cerknica
- 2 the Škocjan \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 the Soča \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 the Adriatic \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Bled \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 the Alps \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 the Peričnik \_\_\_\_\_

2 Add one more river, lake, town, cave, waterfall, mountain, peak and valley on the map.

3 Read the blog post and answer the questions. Use short answers.

Is Koper a coastal town?

Yes, it is.

- 1 Does Janez swim in lakes?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Is there an island in Lake Bled?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Does Janez swim in the Sava?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Is Savica a cave?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Are there hills and forests in Slovenia?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Do tourists visit the Postojna Cave?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Does Janez live in Ljubljana?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Are there lakes in the Triglav National Park?  
\_\_\_\_\_

4 Choose the correct words.

Velenje is a forest / lake.

- 1 Rinka Falls is in / near the Logar Valley.
- 2 There are more than 300 / 11,500 waterfalls in Slovenia.
- 3 Janez's favourite cave is Postojna / Mayor's Cave.
- 4 Janez likes / doesn't like the countryside.

5 How often does Janez do these things? Write sentences using words from the box.

usually ~~three or four times~~ always every year  
often sometimes never once or twice a month

swim in a river

Janez swims in a river three or four times in August.

go to Mayor's Cave

He usually goes to Mayor's Cave in winter.

- 1 visit one or two caves  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 climb Triglav peak  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 go to Ljubljana  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 stop to see the Rinka Falls  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 swim in lakes  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 go hiking in the Logar Valley  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 Work in pairs. How much do you know about your country? Do the quiz.

- 1 How many islands are there in Slovenia?  
a 5  b 15  c 55
- 2 What is the name of the biggest coastal town?  
a Piran  b Portorož  c Koper
- 3 How many people live in Ljubljana?  
a 140,000  b 280,000  c 360,000
- 4 Which waterfall is the highest?  
a Boka  b Savica  c Peričnik
- 5 How long is the Sava?  
a 220 km  b 550 km  c 990 km
- 6 Where is Prlekija?  
a in the Logar Valley   
b between the Drava and the Mura   
c near the Triglav National Park

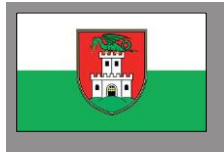


## 3 Ljubljana: an amazing city

# A day in Ljubljana

Ljubljana is the capital city of Slovenia. The name Ljubljana comes from the word 'ljubiti', which means 'love' in Slovenian.

This is the flag of Ljubljana. It's white, red and green. There's a building and a dragon **in the middle**. The dragon is the symbol of the city.



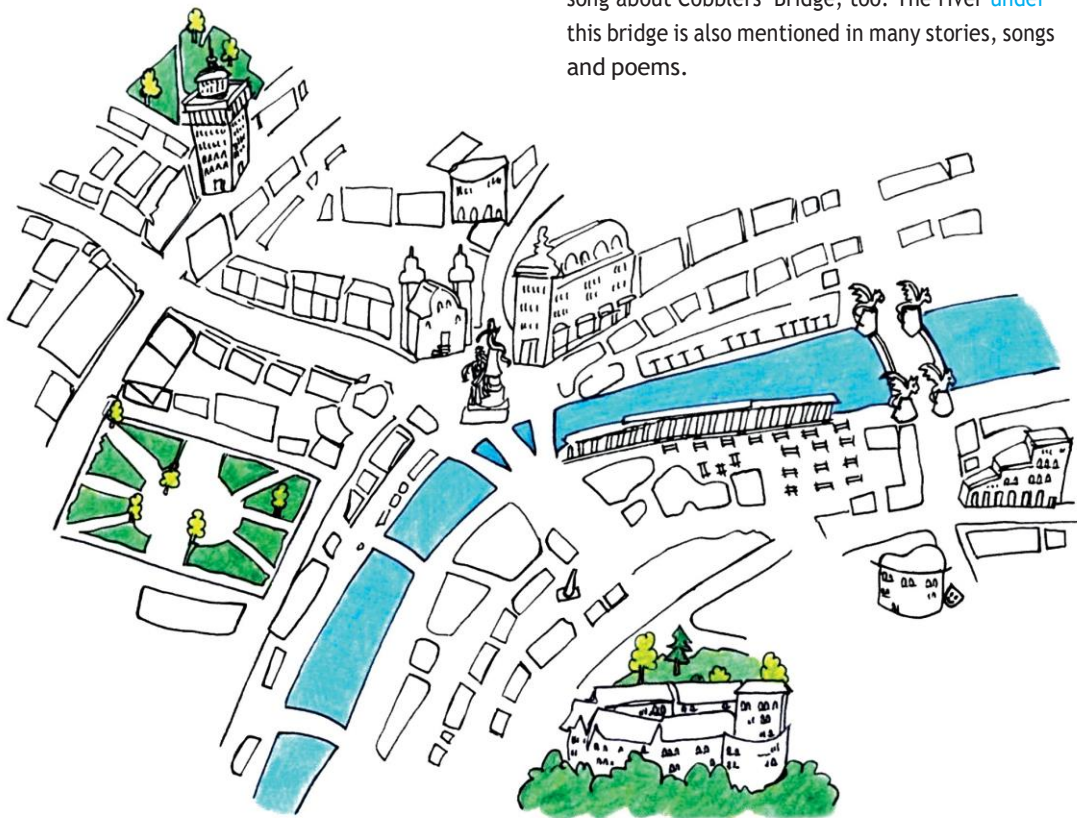
**In** the city centre, there are a lot of beautiful buildings. Prešeren Square is a popular place for tourists. They go shopping in the Centromerkur Department Store. There's a palace **near** it, which is now a pharmacy. The statue of France Prešeren, the greatest Slovenian poet, is in the middle of the square. It's **on the left** bank of Ljubljanica River. There are a lot of bridges **across** the river. The Triple Bridge is **opposite** the Franciscan Church and leads into the old part of the centre.

The Filip Mansion is **on the right** and the marketplace is on the left. The Flatiron Building (Peglezen) is near Šentjakob Theatre and Dragon Bridge. There's a car park on the other side of Dragon Bridge, with a lot of shops **around** it. There are a lot of cafés and restaurants, too. There are some old department stores, like Nama, which is opposite the post office.

Ljubljana Castle is **on** a hill **above** the old city. You can see it from Prešeren Square. There's a park **next to** the castle. The Town Square with the Town Hall and Robba's Fountain **in front of** it is worth seeing, too. The Seminary is **between** the market and the cathedral.

There are many parks in Ljubljana. The park in the centre is called Zvezda (Star) because of its shape. The University is opposite Zvezda park. The beautiful building across the street is the Slovenian Philharmonic Building.

There are some hotels in the city centre, like Grand Hotel Union and Hotel Slon. There's a very tall building near Hotel Slon - it's called Nebotičnik (Skyscraper) and it's a great tourist attraction. There's a beautiful park **behind** it. Nebotičnik has got a café and a terrace with awesome views of Ljubljana. There's a song called *Little Terrace* about this place. There's a song about Cobblers' Bridge, too. The river **under** this bridge is also mentioned in many stories, songs and poems.



1 Read the description of Ljubljana city centre and look at the map. Check the meaning of the blue words in the text. Then choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

Ljubljana Castle is above / between / under the old city.

- 1 The castle is opposite / on / near a hill and there's a park in / between / next to it.
- 2 There's a statue of a Slovenian poet on the left / in the middle / on the right of Prešeren Square. The pharmacy and Centromerkur Department Store are near / under / across the statue.
- 3 The Franciscan Church is around / on the right / opposite the Triple Bridge. The river under / on / between this bridge is called Ljubljanica.
- 4 There are a lot of bridges behind / across / next to Ljubljanica River. Dragon Bridge has got two dragons on the left / in front of / in the middle side and two on the right.
- 5 There's one more bridge in / between / around the Triple Bridge and Cobblers' Bridge.
- 6 The Filip Mansion is across / opposite / on the right bank of Ljubljanica River. You can swim on / above / in this river, but tourists prefer to take a boat trip.
- 7 There are a lot of nice old buildings around / in the middle / under Zvezda park, but some think the Slovenian Philharmonic Building is the most beautiful of all.
- 8 There's a park opposite / above / behind Nebotičnik and a wide road next to / in front of / opposite it.

2 What are these buildings and places? Complete the words.



a skyscraper



1 a b



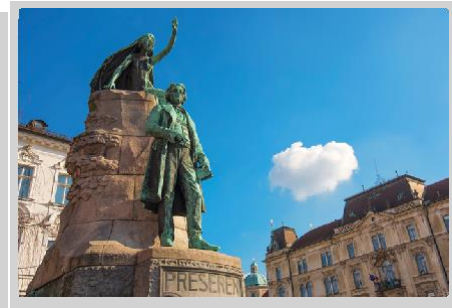
2 a c



3 a t



4 a c



5 a s

3 Give directions. You are at Prešeren Square. Use the phrases from the box.

go along go past  
go straight on  
turn left turn right  
it's on your left  
it's on your right

Excuse me.  
How do I get  
to Zvezda park?

Excuse me.  
How do I get to  
Dragon Bridge?

Excuse me.  
How do I get to  
the skyscraper?



## Women in art

Ivana Kobilca (1861-1926) is a famous Slovenian painter. You can see her paintings in many galleries in European capitals like Ljubljana, Vienna and Paris. Her most famous paintings are *Coffeemadam* (1888), *Summer* (1889-90), *Women Ironing* (1891), *Dutch Girl* (1886), *Zitherist* (around 1887), *Portrait of Sister Fani* (1889), *Children in Grass* (1892), *Parisian Woman Selling Vegetables* (1892) and *Self-Portrait* (1894-95).

*Coffeemadam* and *Summer* are two of Ivana Kobilca's best paintings. They are both oil paintings and both show a woman in the centre. However, there are many differences, too.

The woman in the first painting is very old. She's got grey hair. She's wearing a black hat with a fur trim on her head. Her black dress is long and has got a white lace collar. The woman is sitting on a brown chair in a dark room. She's holding a coffee cup with her right hand and a saucer with her left hand. The coffee cup is small, but beautiful. There are some red flowers with green leaves on it. These are the only bright colours in the painting. The old woman isn't drinking the coffee. She's holding the coffee cup and she's waiting for something. She's looking at somebody, so maybe there is another person in the room, but we can't see them. She's smiling because she's happy.

The woman in the second painting is young. She's got long dark hair. She's wearing a beautiful hat. Her blouse is white and her long skirt is pink. The woman is sitting on a wooden bench in a garden. She's playing with her children. They're making chains of summer flowers. There are a lot of trees and flowers in the garden. The woman's son is sitting on the ground. He's giving an orange flower to his mum. The boy has got short blonde hair. He isn't wearing shoes. The woman's daughter is standing next to her, on the right. She's helping her mum. She is wearing a dark blue dress. There are two other children in the painting, but we can't see them very well. They all look happy. They're enjoying a day outside in the sun. It's summer. The sun is shining and it's probably quite warm.



*Coffeemadam* (1888)



*Summer* (1889-90)

**1** Read the text and look at the paintings *Coffeemadam* and *Summer*. Then read the sentences and write *true* or *false*. Correct the false sentences.

*Coffeemadam* and *Summer* are paintings by Ivana Kobilca.

**true**

- 1** The woman in *Coffeemadam* is very young.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2** She's wearing a long dress with a white collar.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3** There are flowers on the coffee cup and on the woman's hat.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4** She's sitting on a green chair in a dark room.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5** The woman in *Summer* is wearing a white skirt.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6** The young woman is holding some flowers.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7** The young woman's son is standing next to her.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8** The woman, the boy and the girl are happy.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Answer the questions.

What is the old woman drinking?

**She's drinking coffee.**

- 1** What is she holding with her left hand?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2** Why is the old woman smiling?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3** Where is the young woman sitting?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4** Who is the boy looking at?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5** Where is he sitting?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6** What is the little girl doing?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7** What is she wearing?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8** Who is giving a flower to the woman?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3** Work in pairs. Look at the paintings *Coffeemadam* and *Summer* again. Which of the two paintings do you prefer? Why?



**4** Look at the painting *Women Ironing* (1891) by Ivana Kobilca. Describe the painting. Use the questions below to help you.

- 1** How many women are there in the painting?
- 2** Are they young or old?
- 3** Where are they?
- 4** What are they wearing?
- 5** What are they doing?
- 6** How are they feeling?
- 7** Do you like this painting? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Answer key

## 1 From Slovenia with love

### Exercise 1

**Postcard 1:** Bled

**Postcard 2:** Postojna

**Postcard 3:** Piran

Students' own answers.

### Exercise 2

**Postcard 1:** lake, island, church

**Postcard 2:** cave, stalagmite, stalactite

**Postcard 3:** square

### Exercise 3

- 1 It's in summer.
- 2 You can take a Pletna boat to the island.
- 3 You can make a wish and ring the bell.
- 4 Jan has got two friends in Bled: Franc and Ana.
- 5 It's from Tina.
- 6 The temperature in the cave is 10°C.
- 7 The name of the big stalagmite in Postojna Cave is Brilliant.
- 8 The olm is called 'the human fish'.
- 9 It's more than 2,000 years old.
- 10 Tartini square is in Piran.
- 11 Tina and Jan eat ice cream and they drink ice coffee.
- 12 It's warm and sunny.

### Exercise 4

- |                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1 goes                 | 11 visits     |
| 2 doesn't / can't swim | 12 don't like |
| 3 takes                | 13 thinks     |
| 4 makes                | 14 puts       |
| 5 rings                | 15 spend      |
| 6 eats                 | 16 sunbathe   |
| 7 loves                | 17 don't ride |
| 8 says                 | 18 relax      |
| 9 doesn't wear         | 19 drink      |
| 10 rides               | 20 eat        |

### Exercise 5

Students' own answers.

## 2 My life in Slovenia

### Exercise 1

- |         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| 1 lake  | 5 island / lake |
| 2 caves | 6 mountains     |
| 3 river | 7 waterfall     |
| 4 sea   |                 |

### Exercise 2

Students' own answers.

### Exercise 3

- 1 Yes, he does.
- 2 Yes, there is.
- 3 No, he doesn't.
- 4 No, it isn't.
- 5 Yes, there are.
- 6 Yes, they do.
- 7 No, he doesn't.
- 8 Yes, there are.

### Exercise 4

- 1 in
- 2 300
- 3 Mayor's Cave
- 4 likes

### Exercise 5

- 1 He visits one or two caves every year.
- 2 He never climbs Triglav peak.
- 3 He goes to Ljubljana once or twice a month. / He sometimes goes to Ljubljana.
- 4 He always stops to see the Rinka Falls.
- 5 He sometimes swims in lakes.
- 6 He often goes hiking in the Logar Valley.

### Exercise 6

- 1 a
- 2 c
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 c
- 6 b



### 3 Ljubljana: an amazing city

#### Exercise 1

- 1 on, next to
- 2 in the middle, near
- 3 opposite, under
- 4 across, on the left
- 5 between
- 6 on the right, in
- 7 around
- 8 behind, in front of

#### Exercise 2

- |                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1 a skyscraper | 4 a theatre |
| 2 a bridge     | 5 a castle  |
| 3 a church     | 6 a statue  |

#### Exercise 3

Students' own answers.

#### Exercise 3

Students' own answers.

#### Exercise 4

Students' own answers.

### 4 A Slovenian artist

#### Exercise 1

- 1 false (The woman in *Coffeemadam* is very old.)
- 2 true
- 3 false (There are some red flowers on the coffee cup, but there aren't any flowers on the woman's hat.)
- 4 false (She's sitting on a brown chair.)
- 5 false (The woman in *Summer* is wearing a pink skirt.)
- 6 true
- 7 false (The young woman's son is sitting on the ground.)
- 8 true

#### Exercise 2

- 1 She's holding a saucer with her left hand.
- 2 The old woman is smiling because she's happy.
- 3 The young woman is sitting on a wooden bench in a garden.
- 4 The boy is looking at the woman / his mum.
- 5 He's sitting on the ground.
- 6 The little girl is helping the woman / her mum.
- 7 She's wearing a dark blue dress.
- 8 The boy is giving a flower to the woman / his mum.

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