

Writing Postcards



Level:

Beginner—Advanced



Objectives:

The student will practice writing using greetings, the past tense, descriptive words, synonyms, etc.



Timing

15+ minutes



Prep/

Materials:

Prepare some postcards for the student to write on

Bring a couple of postcards for the student to choose from. Students of all ages seem to love the activity, which might be due to the novelty factor. This activity is ideal for working on common greetings, the past tense, using descriptive words, as well as using synonyms to avoid repetition.



Breakdown:

Ask the student to pick the card they like and imagine they went on this vacation. Then, they will have to write about their trip to a friend or a family member. This can be an in-class activity or you can make it a home assignment. In any case, you need to discuss the ideas for writing together. You can provide a list of words to use for a lower level student (for example, descriptive adjectives) or just plan out the structure of what they are going to write for higher level students. If your student has recently returned from vacation, this can be even easier to implement. They won't need to imagine they went on a trip, but they will have to describe their experiences to you.