

- 1 Carla is following an English language course in Malta. She writes a postcard to her English friend, Gill. Read the following postcard and answer these questions:
- Is Carla happy, do you think?
 - Where did Gill go on holiday?

Dear Gill,

I'm having a nice time here in Malta. The weather is nice. I'm staying with a nice Maltese family in a nice village called St. Paul's Bay. I have a nice view of the sea from my bedroom. Yesterday I went to see Mdina, the old mediaeval capital. It was really nice. Today I'm going to go for a nice walk in the countryside in the north of the island. Did you have a nice time in France?

I'll ring you when I get back.

Love,

Carla xxx

- 2 What did you notice about Carla's style?
- 3 Carla's use of adjectives is rather limited – she uses 'nice' eight times! Fill in the gaps in the sentences below with a better adjective from the box. You can use each adjective once only. Use a dictionary to help you. Careful! Sometimes more than one word is possible, but not always.

lovely spectacular impressive interesting friendly
picturesque scenic great

- I'm having a _____ time here in Malta.
 - The weather is _____.
 - I'm staying with a _____ Maltese family in a _____ village.
 - I have a _____ view of the sea.
 - Mdina was really _____.
 - I'm hoping to go for a _____ walk in the countryside.
 - Did you have an _____ time in France?
- 4 Test yourself! Cover Exercise 2 and read Carla's postcard again. Try and remember which adjective to use to substitute 'nice'.
- 5 Where were you on your last holiday? Or where would you like to be? Imagine you are there now. Write a postcard to your teacher – and post it if you like to the school! Use Carla's postcard to help you, but you can use the adjective 'nice' once only! Write about:
- the place
 - the weather
 - the accommodation
 - something you did yesterday
 - something you are going to do today