

3 Read 'Tyler's Tweets'. Where is Tyler from? Who is Dave? Who are the Wilsons? What does Tyler find strange in London?



Tyler's Tweets

Tuesday, September 4, 1:42 p.m.

Still sitting in the airport in NYC. Been waiting three hours, but seems like FOREVER!

Tuesday, September 4, 3:20 p.m.

Just boarded the plane for London. My first trip abroad except for a week in Mexico last year. I'm going to stay with my buddy Dave for a few days in north London before I meet my host family. Dave lives in a place called 'Chalk Farm'. I don't get it – a farm in London?

Thursday, September 6, 4:35 p.m.

It's fun here, but kind of weird. Dave doesn't live on a farm. His folks have a large apartment in a big old house. They call it a 'flat'. I asked for the 'bathroom' – they thought I wanted a bath. I'm learning fast.

Friday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

Dave and I are hanging out together today. We're on a bus! Upstairs! Amazing! Just drove past Buckingham Palace. But they drive on the WRONG side of the road here. Crazy! Also, people say 'cheers' all the time. Isn't that for making toasts? A guy just said it to me when I'd let him pass.

Saturday, September 8, 7:19 p.m.

First night with my host family, the Wilsons. They seem very nice, but their house is a million-mile walk to the subway! (They call it 'The Tube' here!)

Saturday, September 8, 11:10 p.m.

Big day tomorrow. We're visiting Shakespeare's hometown. He wrote plays and stuff hundreds of years ago. He's mega famous.

4 Read 'Tyler's Tweets' again and complete the questions and answers. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

- 'Where is Tyler spending the year?'
'In London.'
- 'Is this his first trip abroad?'
'No, it _____. He _____ abroad once before. Last year he _____ to Mexico.'
- 'Where _____ Dave _____?'
'In north London.'
- 'How long _____ Tyler _____ to stay with Dave?'
'A few days.'
- 'Why _____ the guy _____ "cheers" to Tyler?'
'Because he _____ him pass.'
- 'What _____ he _____ of his host family?'
'He _____ they're very nice.'
- 'What _____ they _____ do on Sunday?'
'They _____ Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace.'

1.3 Listen and check your answers.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

- Name the **tenses** you used in 2 and 4. Why are they used?
- Informal writing** often has a lot of colloquial language and missing words.

And get this! = You won't believe this!

kind of weird = fairly strange

Always love news from home. = I always love news from home.

Still sitting in the airport. = I'm still sitting in the airport.

- Read the email and the tweets again.
 - What do 'You'd go mad for the views!', 'Don't freak, Mum!', 'coolest of all' mean?
 - What do 'my buddy', 'I don't get it', 'hanging out together', 'he wrote plays and stuff', and 'mega famous' mean?
 - Find examples in both texts where words are missing.

Grammar reference 1.1–1.2

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