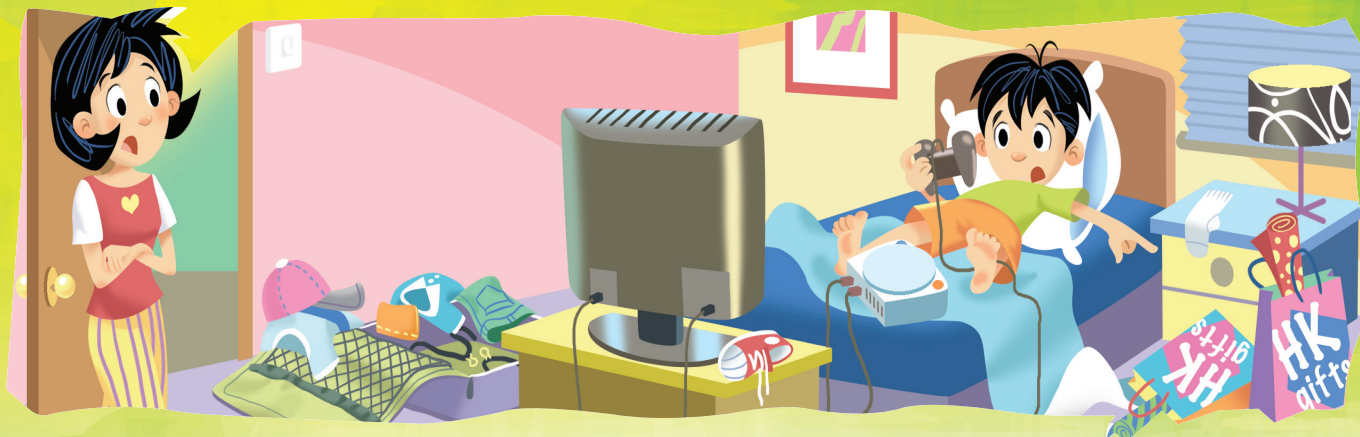


# Reading

Read the story.



Dan was going on a study tour to England. The day before he left, Mum asked, 'Have you packed yet?' Dan was playing a game. 'Erm, no, I haven't,' he said. 'What about the present for Mr and Mrs Scott?' Mum asked. 'Dad has already bought it,' said Dan. 'But I haven't wrapped it yet. It's a Chinese teapot.' 'A teapot?' questioned Mum. 'I hope it doesn't break.'

Mum turned off the game. Dan groaned. 'Come on! You need to pack. I can't do everything for you,' said Mum.

Dan flew to England the next day. A few days later, Mum sent a text message to Dan.

Things to do in England  
1 Give a present to my host family  
2 Eat local food  
3 Send a postcard  
4 Buy souvenirs



How are you doing? Is everything OK?

I'm having a great time. 😎😎😎



Have you eaten any local food yet?

Yes, I have. Last night at dinner I ordered Yorkshire puddings for dessert. The Scotts laughed. Yorkshire puddings aren't sweet. They're savoury — people eat them with beef and gravy!





Have you sent us a postcard?



No, I haven't. But I've just made a video. I'll send it to you.



That's better than a postcard!  
Have you given the Scotts the present yet?



Yes and no! You were right about the teapot. It arrived in six pieces! 😞 I drew them a card and cooked a meal instead. The Scotts loved my food!



Wow! You never cook at home. You're so grown up. 👍  
See you soon!



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When Dan returned, his parents met him at the airport. 'So glad to have you back,' said Mum and hugged him. 'You look taller.' 'I've brought you a souvenir,' Dan said. 'It's an English teapot.' Mum was surprised. 'Really?' she asked. 'No,' laughed Dan, 'I'm pulling your leg!' Mum was confused. 'It means *I'm joking*. It's actually a box of English tea,' explained Dan. Mum laughed. 'You're taller, smarter and you have a British sense of humour!' she smiled.



Is going on a study tour the best way to learn about different cultures?  
In what other ways can you find out about life in other countries?