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Bullet point 2 (*compare the friend to her and say what they have in common*) is not addressed.
→ Anna compares Sarina's friend to her best friend Julie instead.

2 a

They are too formal.

2 b

Hi Shirin,

~~I am referring to your email from last week.~~ Thanks for your email! Good to hear that you have already made a friend [...]

~~Finally, I would like to inquire about your progress at your new school. I look forward to your response.~~ I don't have time to write more now, but I'll send you another email soon. Take care!

~~Kind regards,~~ Hugs,

Anna

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- 1 they share similar qualities
- 2 she cares about other people
- 3 she doesn't become angry or upset
- 4 she doesn't get annoyed about unimportant things
- 5 she never tells people things I told her in confidence
- 6 she never talks about people's private lives behind their backs

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Possible answers:

- 1 Someone special / My best friend
- 2 Hi Lorenz!
- 3 How are you?
- 4 I'd like to tell you about a friend who is very important to me.
- 5 Take care

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My best friend is Nora, and she is very kind and patient. **When I didn't understand the maths homework last week, she explained it to me again and again until I finally got it. And she was really nice about it, although it took a long time.**

I like hanging out with her because she never makes a fuss. **When something happens that she doesn't like, she just laughs about it.**

I know I can trust her because she can keep a secret. **When I told her about my secret plans for next summer, she never told anyone. I'm glad because I would have been so embarrassed!**

And she never gossips about people. **When everybody was gossiping about the new student, she told us to respect his privacy.**

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Like Fred, Joan is very kind and patient. **She's never in a rush**, and when people don't immediately do what she wants, **she doesn't get annoyed**. I like hanging out with her because she never makes a fuss; **she doesn't get upset when things don't go the way she likes it**. I know I can trust her because **she can keep a secret**, and **she never gossips about people**. When she finds out something about one of our classmates, **she never tells me although** I am her best friend.

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- 1 h Who is your best friend?
- 2 d Does she help you with schoolwork?
- 3 a Where does she live?
- 4 b Do you talk to her about your problems?
- 5 f Can you trust her?
- 6 j Is she a good friend?
- 7 c Do you have many friends?
- 8 e Where do you spend time with your friends?
- 9 i Are you honest with your friends?
- 10 g Do you help your friends when they are in trouble?

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[...] they were making these amazing sculptures. I was really impressed! [...] But I was unhappy with her suggestion. I wanted to [...] but I wasn't worried. [...] I was feeling very optimistic about my project. [...] I was so focused on my work that I lost track of time, and I was surprised when [...]

[...] this brown, slimy blob on my work table. I was so shocked! [...]

[...] she thought she had offended me. But I wasn't offended at all

I'm already looking forward to our next session, and so are the others. We are all really motivated to make this work! I'm so happy that I decided to join the art club.

[...]

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1 e, **2** a, **3** c, **4** f, **5** b, **6** d

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1 arrived, **2** were making, **3** was putting, **4** collapsed, **5** looked, **6** were giggling, **7** were pointing, **8** suggested, **9** had not worked, **10** told, **11** had happened, **12** was upset, **13** thought, **14** had offended, **15** was not, **16** had been

5 a

1 I'm zapping around, **2** I'm playing/practising the piano, **3** I'm making popcorn, **4** I'm doing my homework

5 b

1 plays, **2** rides, **3** meets, **4** does

6

1 In, **2** next to, **3** in, **4** in, **5** on, **6** in front of

7 are wearing, **8** is putting, **9** is painting

10 look/are/seem to be, **11** Maybe/Perhaps/Probably, **12** could/might be, **13** looks like/could be/might be, **14** seems to be/might be/could be

7 a

1 happiness; **2** creativity; **3** reality; **4** typical, sunny personality; **5** kindness; **6** dirty; **7** natural; **8** popularity

7 b

-y	sunny, dirty, faulty, lucky, speedy
-ity	creativity, reality, personality, popularity, functionality, mentality, personality, usability
-al	typical, natural, functional, personal
-ness	happiness, kindness, darkness, faultiness, illness

1 a

(A) The articles that I've read say that their posh ~~state school~~ **private school** was chosen very carefully. They go to a ~~boarding school~~ **day school** in London and their parents take them to school every day. They follow the same national ~~programme~~ **curriculum** and study the same ~~elective~~ **compulsory** subjects as all the other kids in England, but they can enjoy many ~~subject~~ **extracurricular** activities as well [...]

(C) [...] The children who ~~visit~~ **attend** all come from rich families and often have famous parents because it is very expensive. It costs about £20,000 a year, and pupils (or parents) have to buy the special ~~dress~~ **uniform**, which costs £550. [...]

1 b

(A) Have you seen the articles about the children of the royal family returning to school in their cute school uniforms? I have, and I am fed up with all the fuss. [...]

(D) [...] Do you have any ideas? What is your school like? Share what you think in the comments.

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1 F, 2 T, 3 T, 4 F, 5 F, 6 F, 7 T, 8 F

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Rita's comment:

(P) There should be more electives in our school system.

(E) These subjects, which the students can choose for themselves, allow students to develop their interests and talents and learn skills they can use in later life.

(E) For example, a student who is really good at science can take an extra physics course. This is good preparation for a job or for university.

(L) This is why I think a greater variety of electives should be offered at every school.

Mark's comment:

(P) I think the Matura exam is unnecessary.

(E) Many other school systems, such as the US one, prove that there is no need for a final exam at the end of the students' school career. Instead, students in the US earn credits for successfully completing courses, and at the end of high school, they receive their high school diploma.

(E) In Austria, we get grades in every subject at the end of every semester. All these grades could easily be added up for a secondary school diploma, and we wouldn't need to take a final exam.

(L) Therefore, I believe that the Matura exam should be abolished.

4

1 don't have to, 2 must not, 3 should/ought to, 4 should not

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1 must not, 2 must not, 3 should/ought to, 4 shouldn't/ought not, 5 must, 6 don't have to

6

1 preparation, 2 politicians, 3 speaking, 4 education, 5 development, 6 artists, 7 musicians, 8 achievements, 9 specialists, 10 educators, 11 competition

1

1 C (out), **2** C (single), **3** A (dairy), **4** B (for), **5** D (those), **6** B (remember), **7** A (by), **8** C (habits),
9 B (less)

2

A

I know we have to change our lifestyle to save the planet, but going vegan is not the answer. For example, all the vegans I know eat lots of avocados because they are healthy and taste good. What they don't know is that avocados are bad for the environment. If there is high demand for avocados, farmers in countries such as Mexico sometimes illegally destroy forests to make room for avocado farms. This is why I think we have to consider all the consequences before we change our diet to protect the environment.

B

I know we have to change our lifestyle to save the planet, but going vegan is not the answer. Instead, we should come up with creative new sources of protein, such as insects. Many experts believe that insects are the perfect food for the future because they are rich in vitamins and fatty acids. If you don't fancy adding crickets or worms to your diet, there are many other changes you can make to your diet to protect the environment.

3

1 If I **were** you, **2** It's high time you **started**, **3** Fancy **eating**, **4** What about **eating**, **5** Why **don't you eat**, **6** Let's simply eat

4

1 It's high time, **2** What about/Fancy, **3** Fancy/What about, **13** If I were you, **14** Let's, **15** Why don't you
4 organic, **5** ethnic, **6** spicy, **7** starter, **8** crunchy, **9** raw, **10** delicious/tasty, **11** homemade, **12** share

5

1 do not eat, they sometimes consume; **2** is making; **3** do not use; **4** do not cook; **5** I am cutting out;
6 follow; **7** do not eat; **8** are trying; **9** are inventing

6

- 1** It's high time you slept more, ...
- 2** ... if I were you, I would cut down on screen time.
- 3** And do you fancy building strong muscles
- 4** Why don't you get more exercise?
- 5** Finally, what about getting in some 'power naps' every day? ...
- 6** Let's make sure that you sleep for eight hours every night.

1 a

1 face-to-face, **2** middle, **3** response, **4** rude, **5** in person, **6** superficial, **7** grammar

1 b

Bullet point 3 (*speculate why she is acting this way*) is not addressed.

2

(A) Hi Sophia,

(B) How are you? I'm OK, but I have a problem I need your help with.

(C) It's about my friend Lejla. I really don't know what to do anymore.

(D) Let me tell you, all of this is really irritating.

(E) What should I do?

(F) Please write soon.

(G) All the best,

Ben

3

1 down, **2** up, **3** up, **4** on, **5** down, **6** off, **7** down, **8** on, **9** out, **10** up, **11** off

4

1 F (free), **2** K (reach out), **3** A (back), **4** I (questions), **5** M (safe), **6** D (expert), **7** E (familiar),

8 J (quietly), **9** C (download), **10** O (urgently), **11** N (service), **12** B (circumstances);

not used: H (properly), L (result)

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Picture B: 3 + e

Picture C: 4 + a

Picture D: 5 + b

Picture E: 2 + f

Picture F: 1 + c

1

a present perfect, **b** past simple, **c** present perfect, **d** present simple

2

- 1** clothes have been used to separate people into groups
- 2** these changes have been happening
- 3** they have been used as forms of expression
- 4** people in France spent hours looking through fashion magazines
- 5** hippies made flared jeans popular
- 6** Michael Jackson and MC Hammer made parachute pants all the rage
- 7** fashions have changed and different styles have become fashionable
- 8** people use expensive brand-name clothing to distinguish themselves from others
- 9** this has the effect of excluding certain groups
- 10** it's OK to develop your own sense of style

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1 unretouched, insecurity; **2** recently, unfashionable, justification; **3** loss, skinny; **4** fashionable, trendy; **5** invention; **6** impossible, successful, followers, haters

4 a

Text 1 – picture B

1 smart, **2** tight, **3** see-through, **4** fit, **5** matches

Text 2 – picture A

6 formal, **7** casual, **8** sporty, **9** baggy, **10** suit

4 b

1 casual, **2** smart, **3** fit, **4** tight, **5** baggy

5 a

1 bought, **2** realised, **3** became, **4** have collected, **5** buy, **6** have, **7** wore, **8** had, **9** wanted, **10** has dressed, **11** feels

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... and I am very impressed with the sports ~~rooms~~ **facilities**, for example, the hockey ~~place~~ **pitch**.
We even ~~fight~~ **compete** nationally.

... and maybe it would be a ~~swagger~~ **novelty** for the students at your school.

2

1 F ("Hi" is too informal + no exclamation mark), 2 T, 3 F (don't use short forms), 4 T

3

1 I am writing to you because I would like to take part in the *Move it!* exchange programme next year.

2 I am very impressed with the sports [facilities].

3 I think I am well suited to the *Move it!* programme because I am very enthusiastic about sports, ...

4 We are having a very good season this year.

5 I hope that I will be offered a place on the *Move it!* programme, and I look forward to hearing from you.

4

1 + e: When my team won the tournament after a **hard** game, all the spectators applauded **enthusiastically**.

2 + c: Our coach is very **strict**, and she expects us to train **relentlessly**.

3 + b: When the team lost the match **unexpectedly**, the coach yelled at the players **loudly** in front of everybody.

4 + f: You have to work very **hard** if you want to play for a team which competes **internationally**.

5 + d: The players always say that a **good** referee always has to decide **fairly**.

6 + a: Hockey is quite a **dangerous** sport, so the equipment manager always has to check the players' protective gear **carefully**.

5

1 L (race), 2 M (raises), 3 J (motivating), 4 C (cute), 5 I (individually), 6 D (crowds), 7 A (cheering),
8 N (slowly), 9 G (determination), 10 H (finish), 11 E (defeated); **not used**: F (depressed), K (public)

6

A Last year, B On the day of the race, C Luckily, D Finally

7

1 to compete, 2 to drop out, 3 to cheer sb. on, 4 to put on a burst of speed, 5 to catch up, 6 to defeat sb., 7 to participate in sth., 8 to raise money

1

1 C, 2 E, 3 A, 4 D, 5 F, 6 B

2

- 1** Instead of keeping calm, customers should drink delicious coffee here. → **D**
- 2** An arrogant attitude will not be tolerated here. → **E**
- 3** Certain pieces of clothing can get caught in this mechanism. → **C**
- 4** Running and ball games are strictly prohibited here to protect the plants. → **B**
- 5** In case people want to rent this garden, they can call this number. → **A**
- 6** This sign claims that your car will be flooded if you ignore the tide tables. → **F**

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1 made, would not drink; **2** followed, would enjoy; **3** had listened, would not have had to; **4** had, would not want; **5** are interested, will call; **6** were, would not be; **7** threaten, will get; **8** paid, would not happen; **9** would study, decided

4

1 unhappiness, **2** colourful, **3** informal, **4** unlike, **5** replaced, **6** useless, **7** unfair, **8** disagree, **9** successful, **10** impossible, **11** contribution

5

Possible answers:

1 not allowed/not permitted/not supposed; **2** forbidden/prohibited; **3** not allowed/not permitted/not supposed; **4** forbidden/prohibited; **5** not allowed/not permitted

6

Time and sequence	First, (But) then, When, Then, Next, At that point, In the end
Reason	Because, So, Because of that
Contrast	But (then), However

7

1 had read, **2** would have had, **3** had known, **4** would/could have taken, **5** had been, **6** could/would have left, **7** had behaved, **8** would have believed, **9** had understood, **10** could/would have walked, **11** had thought, **12** would not have done, **13** had not told, **14** would have gone

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1 **baggage**, 2 **accommodation**, 3 **queue**, 4 **conveyor belt**, 5 **passenger**, 6 **airline employee**,
7 **carry-on luggage**, 8 **to go for a stroll**

2

1 + h: [parents to Laura:] "We are going to miss our flight to London!"

2 + f: [Laura to parents:] "I'm going to look after my passport much better in the future."

3 + g: [Chris to his wife and Laura:] "We are going to have a nice dinner tonight!"

4 + d: [family to the man at the Lost Baggage counter] "Hopefully, we'll get our baggage back!"

5 + a: [security officer at the bus stop to the family:] "The next shuttle bus leaves at 11 p.m.,"

6 + e: [Chris to his wife:] "I'll go back and look for my tablet."

7 + b: [Chris to Laura:] "We are going to Salisbury tomorrow, and they have nice restaurants there, too!"

8 + c: [receptionist to Chris:] "You'll wait for hours at the information counter at the airport."

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a present simple – fixed event, b present continuous – arranged activity, c *will* – prediction, d *will* – expectation, e *will* – spontaneous decision, f *be going to* – intention, g *be going to* – plans

4 a

1 **username**: ChrisM

2 **catchy title**: A holiday adventure

3 **the writer addressing the readers directly**:

- Have you ever had a holiday where everything went wrong? Let me tell you what happened on a weekend trip to Stonehenge, England, with my family last year.
- How do you feel at the end of a holiday?

4 **informal language**: ... but **we made it**. / ... we said to the **guy** there and left. / **Lucky me!**

short forms: e.g. I'm going to look after my passport much better ... / ... but our baggage just wouldn't arrive. / ... but we didn't want to wait and ..., etc.

5 **the writer telling the readers what to do**: Let me give you some advice, though: The next time you travel somewhere, be extremely careful with your possessions carefully and make sure to put some extra clothes in your carry-on luggage!

4 b

He uses strategies 2, 4, 5, 7.

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But when we were about to board our flight, ... / When we were on the plane, ... / After we had landed ... / By that time, ... / When we got to the office, ... / When we finally arrived at the hotel, ... / On the next day ... / On our third day in Salisbury, ... / When I was chatting to the receptionist ... / So while my wife and daughter were exploring ...

6 a

incredibly patient, really long, completely exhausted, badly disappointed, absolutely wonderful, totally fascinating, pretty sad, extremely careful

6 b

- 1** I had lots of questions, but fortunately, the airline employee was **incredibly** (really/extremely) patient.
- 2** I was looking forward to visiting Stonehenge because I had wanted to see it for a **really** (pretty/extremely) long time.
- 3** I was **extremely** (incredibly) careful with my hand luggage because I had put my new laptop in it.
- 4** My daughter thought that Chinatown was **totally** (completely/pretty) fascinating.
- 5** After my long flight, I was **completely** (totally/pretty) exhausted.
- 6** I had booked the B&B online, so I wasn't sure if I would like it, but it was **absolutely** wonderful.
- 7** My daughter was **badly** disappointed when we didn't go to her favourite restaurant.
- 8** I love nothing more than travelling, so I'm usually **pretty** sad at the end of a holiday.

1 a

- d** We did a lot of research and found an old flat in Glasgow which we liked very much and which we could afford.
- f** As Claire didn't have time, I had to go to the auction by myself.
- b** Unfortunately, the auctioneer had a very strong Glaswegian accent, and the screen where you can usually see the houses that are being sold wasn't working.
- a** So instead of our dream flat in Glasgow, I bought an old cottage in the village of Dunoon by mistake.
- c** It was built in the 1900s and needed a lot of repairs.
- g** As you can imagine, I was horrified.
- e** Fortunately, Claire was really cool about the whole thing. "It will be an adventure," she said, and she was right.

1 b

1 charming, **2** equipped, **3** central, **4** bothered, **5** spacious, **6** cosy, **7** store, **8** messy, **9** location, **10** countryside, **11** view

2

1 username: Cal

2 a catchy title: Oops, I bought a house... completely by accident!

3 readers addressed directly: If somebody told you they bought a house completely by accident, would you believe them? You should! / ... don't worry, ... / As you can imagine, ... / So, how do I feel about my mistake at the auction a year later? / If you want to learn more about our life in our cottage, keep reading this blog or follow us on Instagram. Let us know what you think. We're always happy to hear from you!

4 informal language: ... **don't worry**, ... / our own **place**. / ... was really **cool** about **the whole thing**.

5 short forms: e.g. As Claire **didn't** have time, ... / ... as we **don't** have a car ... / I **don't** think we would have so much fun ...

6 the writer telling the readers what to do: e.g. If you want to learn more about our life in our cottage, keep reading this blog or follow us on Instagram.

3

1 would have / would have had, had followed, (had) bought; **2** have spent; **3** is; **4** were disappointed, are; **5** miss; **6** have become; **7** has turned; **8** would definitely not buy

4 a

POINT: I would definitely not buy our house again. **EVIDENCE:** Renovating it is a lot of hard work. We have spent so much money and we have become impatient with each other. We have been disappointed by how unfriendly and arrogant our neighbours in the village are, and we miss city life so much. **EXPLANATION:** Claire said our life has turned into a nightmare because of that old cottage. **LINK:** I think we would have had more fun if we had followed our original plan and (had) bought the flat in Glasgow.

4 b

I would definitely not buy our house again. Renovating is a lot of hard work, and we have spent so much money. We have also become impatient with each other. And we have been disappointed: our neighbours in the village are unfriendly and arrogant. This is why we miss city life so much. Claire said our life has turned into a nightmare because of that old cottage, and we would have had more fun if we had followed our original plan and (had) bought a flat in Glasgow.

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1 ✓, **2** very, **3** would, **4** ✓, **5** so, **6** of, **7** ✓, **8** such, **9** fully-equipped, **10** the, **11** ✓, **12** afford, **13** really, **14** time, **15** be, **16** cosy

1

1 creativity, creative; 2 loyal, loyalty; 3 ambition, ambitious; 4 enthusiastic, enthusiasm; 5 patience, patient

2

I have seen your advertisement and would like to apply for the job of ~~full-time~~ **part-time** assistant in your deli. I believe that I am an ~~average~~ **excellent** candidate for the job as I am reliable and ~~self-centred~~ **hard-working** and have some ~~manipulative~~ **previous** sales experience. Working on Sundays would not be a problem for me as I am quite ~~busy~~ **flexible**.

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1 employer, 2 employee, 3 employment
4 apply, 5 application, 6 applicants
7 advertised, 8 advertiser, 9 advertisement

4

1 has often helped, 2 has waited, 3 has also worked, 4 has already had, 5 has watched, 6 has improved

5

1 I have attached my CV. **OK**
2 I ~~write~~ am writing to you to apply for the job advertised on *yourjob.com*.
3 My CV and cover letter ~~are here for you~~. I am attaching / I have attached / Please find attached my CV and cover letter.
4 I ~~attached~~ have attached / am attaching my CV and cover letter.
5 I am attaching my cover letter and my CV. **OK**
6 I ~~attach~~ am attaching / have attached my resume.
7 ~~Here is my CV for you~~. I am attaching / I have attached / Please find attached my CV.

6

1 It is my goal to work as a chef in the future.
2 I am generally considered reliable.
3 Attached please find my CV.
4 I am always available for an interview.
5 I look forward to your reply.
6 I hope you will consider my application.
7 I have some prior coaching experience.

1

1 F (imagine), **2** A (benefit), **3** G (ready), **4** C (fewer), **5** O (university degree), **6** E (highest),
7 B (climate), **8** K (sound), **9** N (understand), **10** H (reasons), **11** I (recover), **12** M (train);
not used: **D** (first-hand), **J** remember

2

1 are travelling, **2** are paying, **3** are living, **4** are enjoying, **5** are dying, **6** are not doing, **7** are starting,
8 are looking

3

1 will need, **2** will earn, **3** will come, **4** will be, **5** will be able to, **6** will become

4

1 not sure if, **2** I'm thinking, **3** I'd rather, **4** might become, **5** might not, **6** could be, **7** Maybe, **8** not
100%, **9** you'd need to be

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1 flexibility, **2** choices, **3** safety, **4** caring, **5** emergency, **6** connections, **7** Friendships, **8** tendency, **9**
appreciation, **10** cultural, **11** similarities, **12** adventurous, **13** desirable