

How to make your writing more interesting

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- A 3
- B 7
- C 1
- D 5
- E 2
- F 4
- G 6
- H 8

2

adjectives	adverbs	linking words	time expressions
beautiful	completely	and	later that day
delicious	easily	because	the next day
modern	loudly	but	this morning
wonderful	quickly	so	yesterday

3 (other possible answers in brackets)

- 1 suddenly (finally)
- 2 but
- 3 early the next morning (the next day; later that day)
- 4 large (delicious; small)
- 5 really (very; extremely)

4

- 1 I was very tired, so I went straight to bed.
- 2 We all went to the party, and everyone had a great time.
- 3 Paul wanted to come with us, but he couldn't.
- 4 We all laughed because it was so funny.

Writing Part 1: An Email

1

You have to respond to the news, say which month you can go, say which sport you would like to see, and suggest something you should buy as a souvenir.

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- 1 D R
- 2 A S
- 3 B O
- 4 C P

3

- 1 I'm afraid I won't be able to come to your party.
- 2 Guess what I'm doing next week?
- 3 I'm sorry, but Dan won't be here when you visit.
- 4 You'll be pleased to hear that I've now finished all my exams.

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- 1 so
- 2 also
- 3 but
- 4 because
- 5 and

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You should respond to the invitation to a barbecue, suggest some ideas for food and suggest what game would be best.

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Students' own answers.

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Sample answer

Hi Logan,
I think a barbecue sounds like a great idea, and I'd love to come! It will be lovely, especially if the weather's going to be warm and sunny.
Why don't we have some salads and potatoes to go with the meat? Also, make sure you remember that some people in our class are vegetarians, so you'll need some special dishes for them.
I agree that games are fun after a barbecue. We could play badminton. It's a very easy game, so everyone can play.
See you on Saturday!
Eva
(91 words)

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Students' own answers.

Writing Part 2: An Article

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The article is about your favourite city. You should say what the city is, why you like it and what makes it so special. You should then explain which city you would love to travel to in the future.

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- 1 There are many benefits to keeping fit.
- 2 The internet has changed people's lives in many ways.
- 3 Teaching is a very difficult job.

3

clothes	films	food	countryside	weather
old-fashioned	amusing	delicious	peaceful	freezing
tight	frightening	tasty	quiet	stormy
fashionable	exciting	spicy	beautiful	hot
expensive	boring	salty	wild	wet
	horror	sweet	empty	cool

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The article is about your perfect job. You should say what makes a job perfect for you. Then give your opinion about how important it is to earn a lot of money in your job.

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Students' own answers.

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Sample answer

For me, an architect is the perfect job because it is interesting, creative, and very challenging. For an architect, every day is different. You might design a modern house, then a new classroom for a school, then change an old factory into flats. So this job is never boring, because every building you work on is different. I think it would also be very satisfying to create beautiful buildings for people to live or work in. I would say it is important to earn enough money so you don't have to worry about it. But if you enjoy your job, you don't have to be rich to be happy. (109 words)

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Students' own answers.

Writing Part 2: A story

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B is the best because it talks about what was in the letter, and suggests that something is going to happen in the story.

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- 1 called
- 2 was waiting
- 3 had passed/'d passed
- 4 was walking
- 5 had forgotten/'d forgotten
- 6 closed

3

- 1 First
- 2 Then
- 3 Next
- 4 An hour later
- 5 Finally

4

- 1 messy
- 2 smart
- 3 spicy
- 4 entertaining
- 5 curly
- 6 disappointed

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Students' own answers.

6

Sample answer

A day at the zoo.
Last week, I went to the zoo. I was there with some friends, and the sun was shining. First, we saw some baby elephants. Then we watched some very funny penguins. By midday, we were getting hungry, so we decided to go for lunch. As we were walking towards the café, we suddenly heard people shouting. A tiger had escaped! We immediately ran to the café and shut the door behind us. It was quite scary, but fortunately the tiger was caught quickly and no one was hurt. Finally, the café offered a free meal to everyone, so the day ended very well. (103 words)

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Students' own answers.