

## ESSAY

**2** *Question:* Will environmental problems be worse in 20 years? *Ideas:* pollution, climate change and your own idea

**3** | It includes the extra idea of a growing population.

**5** | **Ideas** 1, 3, 4, 6, 8

**6** | **1** sentence 1 **2** sentences 3, 6 **3** sentences 4, 8

**7** | **1** B. (It makes general statements to introduce the topic and the arguments which will be developed in the essay.)  
**2** C. (It sums up arguments on both sides, and expresses a personal opinion.)

**9** | **1** as **2** in my opinion **3** In addition to this **4** Firstly  
**5** such as **6** as a result

**11** | **Model answer**  
Cycling is becoming a very popular way of getting around cities nowadays, and a lot of big cities have cycle schemes which allow people to use public bikes. But there are advantages and disadvantages to bikes as a form of city transport. On the one hand, cycling is good for your health. It provides good exercise, and can help you to lose weight and keep fit. It is also cheap, because if you have your own bike, it does not cost you anything to travel around the city. A third advantage is that cycling is good for the environment, because it does not cause any pollution.  
On the other hand, cycling on busy streets can be dangerous. Car and lorry drivers do not always notice cyclists, especially when it is dark, and this can lead to accidents.  
On balance, I would say that cycling is an excellent form of transport in cities during the day and when the weather is nice. However, when it is dark or the weather is bad, I think that buses and trains are a better option.

## EMAIL / LETTER

**2** | You should write an email to a friend, Jo. You should write about your new home, things there are to do in the city and your new friends.

**3** | Yes, it answers all the questions in Jo's email. The tone is informal.

**5** | **1** false **2** true **3** true **4** false **5** true **6** false

**6** | Sentences 2, 5, 6 and 8. They are suitable because they are formal.

**7** | **1** Dear Ms Copeland **2** in response to **3** currently  
**4** would be interested in working **5** studied different aspects of **6** was employed **7** gained some experience as **8** customer satisfaction **9** I would be grateful if you would **10** I look forward to hearing from you.

**9** | **Model answer**  
Dear Ms Simpson,  
I am writing in response to your job advertisement, which appeared in the *Weekly News* last week.  
I am interested in applying for the job of receptionist at your hotel this summer. This role interests me particularly because I am a very friendly and outgoing person, and I would enjoy meeting guests and helping them feel welcome. As I am currently studying English, it would also be a good opportunity for me to practise using the language.  
I have experience of working as a hotel receptionist, as I spent last summer working in a hotel in Ireland. I am therefore used to taking reservations, helping guests check in and check out and dealing with problems they may have. I am cheerful and hardworking, and I understand the importance of providing good customer service. I am also a good team worker, which I know is a very important quality for working in a busy hotel. I have a good level of English, and I am able to communicate well in the language.  
I hope you will consider me for this role, and I look forward to hearing from you.  
Lisa Bianchi

## ARTICLE

**2** | You should write an article about your hobby. You should say what it is, when you started doing it, and why you enjoy it. People will read your article in an English-language magazine.

**3** | **1** yes **2** four **3** one **4** informal

**5** | B is the best. The title is interesting and makes the reader think. The first sentence is a question which engages the reader and makes them think for themselves about Mandela's achievements.

**6** | **1** d **2** e **3** a

**7** | **1** fascinated by **2** packed **3** huge **4** freezing  
**5** terrifying **6** absolutely essential

**8** | **2** I like is **3** that really surprised me was **4** I will never forget is **5** I noticed was

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- 1 For 2 in 3 as 4 which 5 What 6 tell

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**Model answer**

A healthy life is a happy life

Can you be happy if you're not fit and healthy? For me, the answer to this question is definitely no, and keeping fit and healthy is an important part of life.

Firstly, a good diet is vital if you want to maintain a healthy life. This means eating plenty of fruit and vegetables, and avoiding foods high in fat and sugar. It can be difficult to achieve this if you eat out in restaurants, where portions tend to be large and the food is often rich. However, it is possible to maintain a balanced diet if you make careful choices.

The second important part of a healthy lifestyle is exercise. There are obviously hundreds of different ways to exercise, from running and hiking to playing football and tennis, but in my opinion, the most important thing is to find a form of exercise that you enjoy. After all, no one can motivate themselves to do something every week if it isn't fun!

By eating sensibly and doing regular exercise, it is possible for anyone to improve their health, and remember – healthier people are happier people!

## STORY

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- 1 Feeling slightly nervous, Emma walked up the steps and onto the plane. 2 bad weather and a surprise 3 on an English-language website for young people

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- 1 yes 2 yes 3 yes 4 past simple, past continuous and past perfect 5 yes

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B is better. It gives some background information (there was no one else on the train, someone had left the bag), it includes a description which helps the reader have a picture in their mind (a modern, fashionable bag) and it includes some suspense (it doesn't say immediately that it was a phone in the bag that was ringing). It also uses a wider range of verb forms, and a wider range of vocabulary.

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A is best because it gives a clear ending to the story. Laura had obviously spoken to the woman and they had arranged to meet. There are no more questions to answer. Answer B doesn't give a clear ending. We don't know why the woman suddenly appeared, and we don't know that it is definitely her bag. It doesn't feel like an ending because it feels as if something else is going to happen, e.g. the woman will call the police.

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- 1 suddenly 2 By the time 3 As soon as 4 during  
5 In the end 6 Before long

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- 1 'Will you come with me?' he asked. 2 'Don't worry,' he said. 3 'Get out!' she cried. 4 'It doesn't matter,' she said.

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The wrong number

When he saw the postman coming up to his door, Matt ran to open it. His phone had broken the week before, and he was expecting a new one. He and his parents had recently moved to a small village, and he was missing his old friends in London. There didn't seem to be any young people here! Matt unpacked the phone, quickly tapped in his friend Oli's number, then waited excitedly. 'Hello,' a voice said, but it wasn't Oli's. 'Who are you?' Matt asked. 'And where's Oli?' 'I don't know anyone called Oli,' the boy replied. 'I live in a little village called Norton, and there's definitely no one called Oli here.'

'You live in Norton?' Matt said, amazed. 'So do I!' 'Hooray!' the boy replied. 'You must be the new boy at number 42. I live at number 37. Look out of your window!' Matt walked to the window and saw a boy in the house opposite, waving to him.

'How amazing!' said Matt. 'I didn't think there were any young people here! Maybe I'll make some friends after all!'

## REVIEW

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You should write a review of a film you have seen. You should say what it is about, say why you did or didn't enjoy it, and say whether you think other people will enjoy it. People will read your review in an English-language magazine.

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- 1 yes 2 yes 3 anyone except young children  
4 informal and friendly

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Plan A is better. Each paragraph has a clear topic and gives the reader useful and helpful information; it starts with a general introduction with factual information; it gives good points and problems about the website/product; it ends with a clear recommendation. Plan B contains information that is not relevant for the reader, e.g. the writer needed a new tablet, how the writer found the website; the third heading is not appropriate, as the focus should be the product you bought, not games that you play; it doesn't end with a clear recommendation.

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- 1 incredibly 2 ridiculously 3 rather 4 brilliantly  
5 extremely 6 very 7 absolutely 8 really

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

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- 1 spite 2 though 3 despite 4 Although 5 However

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- 1 than 2 disappointing 3 will 4 miss 5 using  
6 advise

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### **Model answer**

#### Playa de Oro

Last summer, I spent a week with my family in a holiday resort called Playa de Oro in the south of Spain. This is a popular tourist area, but we were keen to choose a quiet resort where we could just relax on the beach or by the pool.

The resort had some positive points. The apartment buildings were attractive, and our apartment was spacious and well-equipped. The resort had two swimming pools, and both were extremely clean and well-maintained. The staff were also incredibly friendly and helpful.

However, we were disappointed to find that our resort was surrounded by several other, much bigger resorts. The beach was therefore absolutely packed with people every day, and it was almost impossible to find a place to sit. Even worse, the advert said that the resort was peaceful, but in fact there were two nightclubs nearby which were open every night until four o'clock in the morning! We hardly slept, and came home exhausted.

This resort might be OK if you want a week-long party, but my advice is to avoid it if you want a peaceful, relaxing holiday.