1a Read the problems. Then answer the questions.

Who…

1 stays up late? _____

2 didn't send a card? _____

3 spends too much money? _____

4 sends texts in class? _____

5 checks their mobile all the time? _____

AUTHOR		MESSAGE
	A	I have to check my mobile for messages every ten minutes or I start feeling depressed. Sometimes I check it a hundred times a day! Is it normal? How many times a day should I check my messages? Happy Tom
	B	I play computer games every night and I feel tired the next day. Sometimes I try to stop after an hour, but the game is so exciting! And then I forget about the time and suddenly it's 2 am. Should I try to stop using the computer? Bookworm
	C	I send text messages to my friends all day, sometimes hundreds of messages a day. I shouldn't send messages in my lessons, but I usually do and then the teacher gets upset with me. What should I do? I really have to send messages or I start to feel lonely. Pandaboy
	D	I love talking to my friends on my mobile. Sometimes I talk for an hour or even longer! And then I have to pay a lot of money at the end of the month, and my pocket money isn't enough to pay for it. What should I do? Musicman
	E	I sent my sister an email on her birthday and she was angry with me. She wanted a card! I think email messages are just as nice as cards. But she doesn't agree! Cat

1b Match the problems to the advice. Write the *correct letter*.

1 You should try to spend less time talking on the phone and send more text messages. They're cheaper.

2 You don't have to send lots of messages to be popular with your friends. Sometimes just one or two longer messages are better than many short ones.

3 You should try to find other activities that you can do on the computer that take up less time.

4 You should buy her some flowers and write a nice card to say you love her.

5 You shouldn't feel worried about your messages. You should check your messages once an hour.

2 Choose the best words to complete the paragraph.

I take my mobile with me **1** _____. I use it every day to **2** _____ text messages. I send about 20 – 30

messages in a day. I sometimes **3** _____ my parents when I'm at my friend's house, and I usually text my friends after **4** _____. I check my messages quite **5**_____ – maybe once an hour. I love **6** _____ messages! It makes me feel good. I can text quite **7** _____ , especially if I use abbreviations. I also take **8** _____ with my phone and put them on my computer. I **9** _____ most of my pocket money on my phone. It's expensive, but I can't **10** _____ without it!

1	**a** everywhere	**b** somewhere	**c** anywhere
2	**a** phone	**b** send	**c** draw
3	**a** send	**b** text	**c** talk
4	**a** home	**b** study	**c** school
5	**a** often	**b** usually	**c** sometime
6	**a** get	**b** getting	**c** take
7	**a** good	**b** slowly	**c** fast
8	**a** pictures	**b** messages	**c** emails
9	**a** put	**b** spend	**c** buy
10	**a** text	**b** write	**c** live

1a Read the three texts then find the sentences below in the article. *What* or *who* does *it* refer to in each sentence?

an animal (x2); a noise a house a ship

1 ...so ***it*** can see us! _____

2 ***It*** looked empty and dark. _____

3 But then they heard ***it*** again... _____

4 ***It*** was standing behind the trees... _____

5 ***It's*** coming towards us...! _____

The ship

The sun was shining on the bright blue of the ocean. Donna and Richard were looking for footprints in the sand. They were walking slowly along the beach when they saw a small ship in the distance. 'Look!' said Donna, 'Let's climb the hill and start a fi re so ***it*** can see us!' When they arrived at the top, it was already sailing far away.

The old house

It was starting to snow heavily. The snow was shining in the cold winter sun. There was an old house at the side of the road. ***It*** looked empty and dark. They knocked on the door but no one answered so Donna and Richard went into the house. 'What's that noise?' said Richard 'Oh, just some mice,' said Donna. But then they heard ***it*** again... It was the sound of someone closing the door behind them.

The winter forest

It was dark and the wind was freezing. Donna and Richard were walking through the thick forest. The light of the moon helped them to find their way through the trees. In the distance they heard a dog. Suddenly they saw a strange animal. ***It*** was standing behind the trees and watching them. 'What's that?' said Donna. It was as large as a bear, but moved slowly like a tiger. ***'It's*** coming towards us...!' They started to run.

1b Read the texts again. Then decide if the sentences are true (*T*) or false (*F*).

The ship

1 It was a sunny day.	T	F
2 They were walking along a beach.	T	F
3 They saw a small ship.	T	F
The old house		
4 It was summer.	T	F
5 No one answered the door.	T	F
6 Donna and Richard entered the house.	T	F
7 Richard closed the door behind them.	T	F
The winter forest		
8 They were walking through the forest at night.	T	F
9 The animal was watching them.	T	F
10 They saw a tiger in the forest.	T	F

2 Choose the best words to complete the paragraph.

It was getting **1** _____ and the wind was very cold. In the **2** _____ they could see the lights of a small town. Ivan and Daria **3** _____ walking in the hills. They were **4** _____ tents and sleeping bags, but they didn't want to stay in the hills at **5** _____. 'It's not **6** _____' said Daria. 'We can make it. Come **7** _____.' But Ivan was **8** _____ and he was walking very **9** _____ because of his bad leg. 'I don't know', said Ivan, 'I'm **10** _____.'

1	a dark	**b** sunny	**c** raining
2	**a** snow	**b** town	**c** distance
3	**a** was	**b** were	**c** did
4	**a** carry	**b** carrying	**c** carried
5	**a** night	**b** day	**c** afternoon
6	**a** close	**b** far	**c** fair
7	**a** on	**b** up	**c** in
8	**a** slim	**b** tired	**c** depressing
9	**a** slowly	**b** fast	**c** bad
10	**a** irritated	**b** angry	**c** worried