

Writing (an email giving news)

1 ★ Read the rubric and answer the questions.

This is part of an email you received from your English pen-friend Sandra.

"My family has got seven members. I have three brothers and two sisters. My brothers and I go hiking together sometimes. We like playing football together, too. Have you got a big family? What's it like?"

Write an email to Sandra describing your family.

- 1 What does the rubric ask you to write?
- 2 Who is going to read it?
- 3 What is it about?

2 ★ Read the email and put the paragraphs into the correct order.

Dear Sandra,

A Have to go now. Mum wants me to help her with the washing-up. Write back soon.

Julia

B I don't have any brothers or sisters. I have a cousin, Tracey, who's like a sister to me. She's my age and we are in the same class. We love doing sports or going jogging. We often go out together.

C Hi! How're things? Your family sounds great.

D My family's great, too. My mum, Jenny, is 40 years old and works as a teacher. She can speak English and French and she's a great cook. My dad, Alfred, is 45 years old and he's a pilot. He works long hours, so we don't see him very often.

3 ★ Match the paragraphs to the headings.

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| 1 | description of brothers/sisters/cousins, etc. |
| 2 | opening remarks; comment on last email |
| 3 | description of parents |
| 4 | closing remarks; request to write back |

4 ★ Fill in: and, but, or.

- 1 Kathy likes swimming, she doesn't like basketball.
- 2 My sister wants to stay at home watch TV.
- 3 I have to do my homework walk the dog later.
- 4 Robert wants to be a doctor a teacher.
- 5 I don't have any brothers, I have two sisters.

5 a) ★ Read the rubric and answer the questions.

Write an email to your pen-friend about your family.

- Say how many brothers and/or sisters you have.
- Say what your parents' jobs are.
- Mention another family member.
- Ask your friend to write back.

1 How many people are there in your family?

2 What are their names?

3 How old are they?

4 What do they do?

b) ★★ Use the rubric and your answers in Ex. 5a to write an email to your pen-friend about your family (50-80 words).

You can use Julia's email as a model.

Dear
I hope you're OK.
My family
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Have to go now
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Yours,