

An informal email (asking for advice)

→ Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the words in the gaps

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Hi there Tom,

Sorry that I haven't been in **1** for a while, but we have been really busy. As you probably **2** , we are moving into the new apartment, and we have been packing everything up. In a week or so, we'll probably be living in our new place. We're so excited! I hope you can visit next year.

How's life **3** you? Hope you and Sarah are **4** well. I was really glad **5** that David could get into Oxford. He's always been such a brilliant student. You must be a very proud dad right now! Anyway, the **6** I'm writing is because I want to take Susan on a trip to the north of Spain next month and, as I know you and Sarah went to Cantabria last summer, I was **7** you could give me some advice. Can you tell me about a nice place to stay? Do you think I **8** rent an apartment or book a room in a hotel? Also, I **9** some information about restaurants and places to visit.

Well, that's all for now. I hope you can visit us soon. We want to show you our new home. Give **10** to Sarah and David.

Best,

Tony.

PS Susan doesn't know anything about the trip. It's going to be a surprise.

→ **Complete the sentences below with the words in the box.**

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1 Thanks your e-mail, it was great from you.

2 Sorry for not earlier.

3 It has been a since I last wrote to you.

4 How are ?

5 I you are well.

6 I'm to hear about your new job.

7 to hear that you didn't get the job.

8 I'm writing to you know that I'm moving into a new flat.

9 I'm looking to seeing you soon.

10 Anyway, that's all .

→ **Structure and useful language**

Which of the phrases/expressions you've seen could be used for the following sections of an informal email? Write some of them here:

Greetings

Opening lines

Body of the email

Closing lines

Signature