7.7 Writing

A review

1 Choose the correct option.

1 Oh no, I wrote in pen *by* / *on* mistake!
2 Look, these shoes are *in* / *on* sale. They're very cheap.
3 I did nothing *at* / *by* all at the weekend – just relaxed.
4 Sorry, I can't speak now. I'm *on* / *in* a hurry.
5 We waited ages for a bus but none came, so *at* / *in* the end, we just walked home.

2 Read the review quickly. Is it a positive or negative review overall?

Phonix: the new pronunciation app

There are hundreds of apps out there for language learning, so how can we know which ones are good? [1] *Lots of people have asked me about* **Phonix, the pronunciation app, so I decided to write a review.**

[2] _____ how easy it is to use. I was playing with it seconds after I'd downloaded it. [3] _____ by the games on it too. Some of them are fantastic and really fun to play. I could play them for hours!

[4] _____, the design is a bit disappointing. The screens are quite boring and there aren't many pictures.

[5] _____ it's an impressive app. If you don't mind the awful design, then it's worth the money. [6] _____ language learners.

3 Complete the review with phrases a–f.

a I was impressed
b I would definitely recommend it to
c All in all, I think
d ~~Lots of people have asked me about~~
e Unfortunately
f I particularly like

4 Put the information in the order it appears in the review.

a ☐ Say what you like and don't like.
b ☐ Give your personal opinion and recommendation.
c ☐ Say what you are reviewing and why you chose to review it.

5 Complete the notes about an app with the words below.

confusing design remembering sounds useful ~~vocabulary~~

XZLexis app
Type of app: [1] *vocabulary recorder*

What I liked:
- *fantastic* [2] _____ *– very beautiful*
- *fun games*
- *very* [3] _____ *for learning and* [4] _____ *vocabulary*

What I didn't like:
- [5] _____ *to use at times; instructions aren't clear*
- [6] _____ *and music on it are awful*

Recommend it? Yes!

WRITING TIME

6 Write a review of an app. Use the ideas in Exercise 5 or your own.

1 Find ideas
Make notes about:
- what you are reviewing and why you are reviewing it.
- its advantages and disadvantages.
- your personal opinion and whether you would recommend it.

2 Plan and write
- Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use the review in Exercise 2 to help you.
- Write a draft of your review.

3 Check
- Check language: have you included prepositional phrases?
- Check grammar: have you used the passive correctly?
- Write the final version of your review.

I can write a review and refer opinions and points of view. 7 Unit 7

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