

WRITING

An article

- 1 **★** Read the article. Then **circle** the correct answer below.

Technology has changed the way we ... our friends.

- a make contact with b care for
c have fun with

STAYING IN TOUCH: THEN AND NOW

- ① The way we communicate with our friends has changed a lot. ¹ For instance, when our grandparents were young, there were no mobile phones, and what's ² _____, some families didn't even have a telephone at home. To phone a friend, people needed to go to a public phone box.



- ② In contrast, today there are lots of ways of contacting friends. For ³ _____, almost everyone can use a smartphone at any time and in any place. Posting status updates is easy with technology, such ⁴ _____ online chats and messaging apps. In ⁵ _____, we can send photos and videos to share special moments.

- ③ Some people think that friends might never meet face-to-face in the future. However, I don't think that will happen. It may become easier to 'see' each other without actually meeting up, but it will always be more fun to sit and chat together.



- 2 **★★** Complete the article with the words in the box.

addition as example for more

- 3 **★** Read the article again and match 1–5 with a–e.

- 1 In the past, there were
2 People needed to use a phone box
3 Today we can use
4 It's easier now to share
5 It will always be more fun

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- a photos and videos with friends.
b smartphones to make calls at any time.
c to meet our friends face-to-face.
d no mobile phones.
e to make contact with their friends.

- 4 **★** Read the article again and write the correct paragraph number (1–3).

- a Which paragraph is about what might happen in the future?

- b Which paragraph mentions old technology? _____
- c Which paragraph describes ways of communicating today?

Write an article about doing homework.

PLAN

- 5 **★★★** Think about homework in the past, present and future. Make notes for your three paragraphs.

- 1 How people did homework in the past:

- 2 Technology for doing homework today:

- 3 Predictions for the future:

WRITE

- 6 **★★★★** Write your article. Remember to include past and present tenses, and predictions with *will/won't* and *may/might (not)*.

CHECK

- 7 Do you ...
- have three paragraphs?
 - use expressions from the *Useful language* box (see Student's Book, p89)?
 - make certain and uncertain predictions for the future?