WRITING

A letter to a magazine

1 ☆ **Read the competition details. What is the prize for the best entry?** _____

Competition! Write and tell us about a helpful person in your life who you think deserves an award. As always, the winning letter appears online in next month's edition and receives £100! Answer the following questions.

- Who is the most helpful person you know?
- What do/did they do to help you?
- Why do you think they deserve to win an award?

2 ☆ **Read the letter to a magazine. Does the writer answer the questions in Exercise 1 in the same order?** _____



The most helpful person I know is my English teacher, Mrs Davies. In my [1] ___opinion___, she should definitely win an award. Here's why.

A few years ago, I used to go to a different school and I liked it very much. Then my parents got new jobs in a different city and I changed schools. In the new school, I was shy and not at all confident. I didn't make any new friends. The only person who really noticed this was Mrs Davies. She helped me by talking to me in the class, and putting me in groups with other friendly students. She also often asked questions that she knew I could answer in front of the class. [2] _____ me, that was a very kind thing to do. [3] _____, I think I became more confident and sociable because of Mrs Davies!

In my [4] _____, Mrs Davies deserves an award because she's the calmest and most patient teacher at our school. She's also sensitive to people's feelings and always wants to help her students. She helped me in a difficult situation and she also inspired me to like English!

3 ☆☆ **Complete the *Useful language* phrases in the letter to a magazine with the words in the box.**

For	view	~~opinion~~	Personally

4 ☆☆ **Read the letter again. Are the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false)?**

1 The writer wasn't very happy at her old school. ___F___
2 She went to a new school because her parents wanted to live in the countryside. _____
3 Her teacher asked her easy questions in class to help her. _____
4 The writer thinks Mrs Davies should win the award because she helped build her confidence. _____

Write your own letter to a magazine.

PLAN

5 ☆☆ **Think of a helpful person you know. What do/did they do to help you? Why should they win the competition?**

WRITE

6 ☆☆☆ **Write your letter. Remember to include three paragraphs, past tenses, *used to* and phrases from the *Useful language* box (see Student's Book, p17).**

CHECK

7 **Do you …**

- introduce the person in the first paragraph?
- say why the person should win?
- use language for giving opinions?

LIVEWORKSHEETS