WRITING activities.

1) Could you write a story for our teenage readers? The story must begin with this sentence: **Feeling very excited, Lisa picked up her bag and got on the train.**

Your story must include:

- some flowers
- a stranger

Drag the words into the correct boxes.

Feeling very excited, Lisa picked up her bag and got on the train. It was the first time she had travelled on a train alone (1) _____ her parents. She was going on a school trip to Italy, and all her friends were going too. They were all talking and laughing as they settled down for the (2) _____ journey.

It took them ten hours to get to the town where they would be staying, but the time passed (3) _____ as they played games and looked out of the window at the changing scenery. They were to be living in a (4) _____ town beside a lake in the mountains. The sun was (5) _____ as they arrived, and it looked beautiful. Lisa knew she was going to be (6) _____ there.

As they left the train, they met a group of (7) _____ students who would be spending the next two weeks with them. They were all (8) _____ flowers to welcome Lisa and her friends. All tall girl with (9) _____ hair and smiling eyes came to give Lisa a beautiful bunch of flowers. It was the start of a (10) _____ fortnight.

fantastic
happy
quickly
small
long
without
carrying
setting
dark
Italian

2) **B2 An important Day** is practice for the Cambridge Assessment English B2 First (FCE) examination. For this task, the title of the short story is an important day.

The main purpose is to engage the interest of the reader. You need to have an effective answer that has a clear storyline which links coherently to the prompt sentence and demonstrates a sound grasp of narrative tenses.

B2 An Important Day

Fill in the missing words.

I woke up feeling refreshed, and I glanced at my phone. I couldn't believe my eyes. It was 9.30 am. I (1) _____ forgotten to set my alarm last night and now I was late. This was a day when I wanted to wake (2) _____ early because I was going on a two-week holiday with my best friend and her family.

We were going to Singapore to watch the F1 Grand Prix, and they were going to pick (3) _____ up at 9.45 am, as we had an early afternoon flight. I only had 15 minutes to (4) _____ dressed, pack my suitcase and make sure I had everything I needed! I should (5) _____ taken my mum's advice and packed before I went (6) _____ bed.

Suddenly, I heard (7) _____ knock at my bedroom door, and my mum walked into my room. 'Don't worry, I've packed your case,' she said with a big smile. She had brought (8) _____ a cup of tea with some chocolate biscuits for my breakfast. I am so lucky to (9) _____ such a great mum like her. I gave her a big hug and told her that I'd get her a charming present (10) _____ Singapore.

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3) **B2 The Hidden Beach** is practice for the Cambridge Assessment English B2 First (FCE) examination. For this task, the first sentence of the short story is 'Although it was beautiful, I knew I didn't want to stay much longer.

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B2 The Hidden Beach

Drag the words into the correct boxes.

Although it was (1) _____, I knew I didn't want to stay much longer. It was one of the most amazing places I had ever been to in my life. It was a little hidden beach away from the city - (2) _____ sand, warm and (3) _____ weather, a lovely view of the (4) _____ sky and never-ending horizon, and most of all, no tourists around.

When I looked closely at the sand, I discovered tiny crabs almost the size of buttons on my shirt. They were everywhere, digging (5) _____ holes to escape from the rising tide or maybe to hide for the night. I didn't know what the holes were for but, I found it funny to watch them working hard and looking (6) _____ walking sideways.

However, when I went for a swim, the feeling of being in paradise changed at once. "What is this?" I thought. I found myself swimming next to an (7) _____ shoe, an infinite number of plastic bottles of all sizes, a reminder of someone's lunch, and (8) _____ bags filled with something I didn't want to know about it. But worst of all there was a layer of some sort of (9) _____ oil. Only later on I found out it was a combination of oil and petrol, leaking from the boats of the (10) _____ fishermen.

plastic
clumsy
local
white
sunny
old
deep
industrial
blue
beautiful

4) **B2 The Forgetful Girl** is practice for the Cambridge Assessment English B2 First (FCE) examination. For this task, the first sentence of the short story is 'Sara realised the girl's bag was still on the library chair.' In this story, you also have to include something about a bus and being surprised.

B2 The Forgetful Girl

We are looking for stories for our website. Your story must begin with this sentence: **Sara realised the girl's bag was still on the library chair.**

Your story must include:

- a bus
- being surprised

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Fill in the missing words.

Sara realised the girl's bag was still on the library chair. The girl had walked out (1) _____ the library and got on a bus without it. For a moment, Sara couldn't think (2) _____ to do. The bus moved off, and Sara could see the girl was chatting (3) _____ her phone. Maybe that was why she hadn't noticed that she'd left her bag behind.

Sara was with her mum, so they decided to look (4) _____ the bag and see if they could work (5) _____ who the girl was and where she lived. They found a small piece of card with a name and address on it. (6) _____ their amazement, the address was of a flat in their street.

Sara and her mum went to (7) _____ flat and knocked on the front door. A woman opened the door, and Sara's mum explained why they were there. 'Oh, that's typical of Maria! She's so forgetful!' said the woman, laughing, 'I'll call her and tell her straight (8) _____.' Later that afternoon, Maria called Sara and her mum to thank them.

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