

VOCABULARY (Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

conversation interest on my way violinist ~~favourite~~

1. the one that you like the most
Most of my clothes are blue, but my favourite colour is red.
2. talk in which people exchange news, feelings, and thoughts
I enjoy being able to have a _____ in English.
3. someone who plays the violin
The _____ was playing works by Beethoven.
4. in the course of a journey
_____ to London I ate my lunch.
5. an activity that you enjoy doing or a subject that you enjoy studying
When I am not studying, my main _____ is watching films.

READING (Read in chunks. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words above.

Letter to a New Pen Pal

Hi Tommy,

I found your name / on the Internet / under 'Pen Pals Wanted.' // I want a pen pal / in the UK, / so I am writing to you. // I am a French boy / and I live in Paris, / the biggest city / in France. // I am 12 years old / and live with my parents / and younger sister. // I am in Year 7. //

I like most sports, but my 1 _____ sport is football. I play in my school's football team and often go to matches with my dad. My other 2 _____ is music, and I play the violin. I started to learn to play when I was only five. I will probably be a 3 _____ when I leave school. I have to practise for two hours every day. Sometimes I have school recitals where friends can come and hear me play.

I am not very good at schoolwork, but I usually get good grades in English. This is because my dad has English friends who come to visit us at home. Everyone speaks English then, so I can practise my English 4 _____. My dad's friends also often bring me comic books in English, and I read them on the bus 5 _____ to and from school. I have to spend about two hours a day on buses!

I have heard that French children study much harder than English children. This is what my dad's friends say. Do you think that's true?

Please write to me and tell me about yourself.

Sincerely yours,
Jean Colin

Reading Time

_____ minutes _____ seconds **271 words**

READ & THINK (Answer the questions.

1. Why is Jean writing this email?
 - a. To buy a computer
 - b. To get information
 - c. To find a website
 - d. To introduce himself
2. How does Jean probably feel about English?
 - a. It is fun.
 - b. It is boring.
 - c. It is too difficult.
 - d. It will help his future.
3. How long does it take Jean to get to school?
 - a. 10 minutes.
 - b. one hour.
 - c. 30 minutes.
 - d. two hours.
4. What does Jean do when he gives a *recital*?
 - a. Play music
 - b. Sing songs
 - c. Read a story
 - d. Write letters

5. How do you practise your English conversation?

6. Why do you want to learn English?

7. How do you travel to school or work?

SUMMARY (Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

English soon practised interests himself

Jean wrote a letter to his new pen pal. He introduced 1 _____ and wrote about his hobbies and 2 _____. He explained that he 3 _____ English with his dad's 4 _____ friends. When they visit his dad, Jean tries to speak English with them. Jean asks his pen pal to write back 5 _____.