Writing Skills
Messaging

A.1 – We sometimes missout words in text messages. Observe the examples below.

1 Sorry to hear you missed out the job. But you really did well to get that far.

2 Apologies for not coming to the party – I wasn't feeling well. Hope to see you soon.

3 Can't come to training tonight, as I promised Lottie I'd help with her homework.

4 Shame about the tickets. Perhaps get some on eBay?

5 Great news about your exams. Well done on your results. You deserved it after all your work.

6 Brilliant news! When's the happy day?

A.2 – What words are missing? Drag and drop a word/phrase to complete the blanks.

I	I am	I can't	My	That	What	What a

1 _____ sorry to hear you missed out the job. But you really did well to get that far.

2 _____ apologies for not coming to the party – I wasn't feeling well. _____ hope to see you soon.

3 _____ come to training tonight, as I promised Lottie I'd help with her homework.

4 _____ shame about the tickets. Perhaps get some on eBay?

5 _____ is great news about your exams. You deserved it after all your work.

6 _____ brilliant news! When's the happy day?

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B.1– Look at some **prepositional phrases** commonly used in text messages.

1 **Thanks for** you message. I'm afraid I'll be 20 minutes late because long meeting.

2 My **apologies for** not coming to the party – I wasn't feeling well. I hope to see you soon.

3 **Congratulations on** your promotion! Not surprised, but very **pleased for** you!

4 What a **shame about** the tickets. Perhaps get some on eBay?

5 Bad **luck about** your car. Hope the damage wasn't too bad.

6 That's great **news about** your exams. **Well done on** your results!

B.2 – Match the words to the correct prepostion.

apologies	• about	news	• about
congratulations	• for	pleased	• for
luck	• on		• on

shame	• about
thanks	• for
well done	• on

B.3 – Complete the statements with the correct prepostion.

about	about	about	for	for	for	on	on

1 Back luck _____ the flat. I'm sue you'll find another one.

2 Good news _____ the tickets – I got the last two! Thanks _____ telling me.

3 Congratulations _____ finishing the marathon. We're already pleased _____ you.

4 I'm afraid we can't join you on Sunday, because Tina's parents are visting. Apologies _____ that and hope to see you soon.

5 Well done _____ getting into Bristol University! That's brilliant!

6 Shame _____ the party being cancelled. Hope to see you soon anyway.

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