

An email giving news

1 a) Read the rubric and answer the questions.

This is part of an email you received from your cousin Stella.

"How are things there? Are your parents OK?

Write back and tell me all about you."

Write an email to Stella giving her your news.

1 What does the rubric ask you to write?

2 Who is the reader?

3 What is it about?

b) Read the email. Name the people in the photograph.

2 Match the paragraphs to the headings.

A closing remarks – request to write back
 B opening remarks; comment on last email
 C family news

3 a) Read the theory box. Find examples in Julia's letter.

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Linking ideas

We use **and** for things that are similar.

Emma likes skiing and snowboarding. We use **but** for things that are different. *I enjoy PE, but I don't like Maths.*

We use **or** to give a choice. *You can have cola or orange juice.*

b) Fill in: **and**, **but**, **or**.

- 1 Jane likes music, she doesn't like ICT.
- 2 Do you want to go to the cinema watch a DVD?
- 3 I love surfing the Net sending emails.
- 4 PE is really fun, it's sometimes tiring.
- 5 ICT is interesting fun.

Dear Stella,

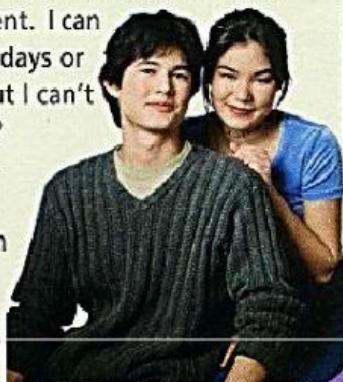
► Hi! I'm glad you're OK! Everything's fine here. I've only got good news to tell you.

► Mum's got a new job. She works as a teacher at a primary school three blocks from home. She likes it a lot. The only problem is that she gets up very early. She has to be at school at 7:30 every morning. Dad wants to learn Spanish! He has lessons every afternoon. Sam and I go swimming. We go to the pool five times a week. Sam finds it tiring, but I'm really keen on it. I think it's fun. I also want to learn to play a musical instrument. I can have guitar lessons on Mondays or piano lessons on Fridays, but I can't decide. What do you think?

► Have to go now. Mum wants me to help her with the housework. Write again soon.

Love,

Julia



Writing (an email giving news)

4 Answer the questions.

- 1 How many people are there in your family?
- 2 What are their names?
- 3 What do they do?
- 4 What extra activities do you do?

5 Portfolio: Use your answers in Ex. 4 to write an email to your English friend giving your news (80-100 words). Follow the plan. You can use Julia's email as a model.

Plan

Dear (your friend's first name),

Para 1: opening remarks (Hi! How are you?)

Para 2: write your news (what your parents/brothers/sisters do; how often)

Para 3: closing remarks; ask your friend to write back. (Have to go now... Write back...)

Yours,

(your first name)