

Hi, I'm Ellie, and this is the first sentence of my first ever blog. ¹ _____ I want to be a journalist, so I guess a blog might be the best way to start. Right now I live with my parents and brother in an apartment in the center of a big city in California. I go to a huge high school called Maybank High.

Maybank High is a friendly place, and there aren't too many rules. I like English best, and I'm quite interested in sports as well. ² _____ It's great except for weekend games. I mean, I love sports, but not on Saturday mornings! Saturdays are for resting! My best friend does karate, and I'm thinking of taking that up too, but just for self-defense – not for the medals.

I'm into other things as well as sports. I'm learning salsa dancing, for example, which is great fun and very good exercise, so I do that every Tuesday evening. I like IT, too, and I'm making good use of my skills. ³ _____ They taught us how to do it at school, and it's a great way to make a bit of money.

I can't imagine life without shopping. On Saturdays and Sundays my friends and I often meet up downtown and then just go around window shopping. It's fun! Plus, there are lots of movie theaters, the music scene is pretty good, and there's a brand new sports center. ⁴ _____ So we often just hang out together instead.

I'm a junior, so I have to choose which subjects to study next year. ⁵ _____ I definitely want to go to college, but I don't know which one's best. My ambition is to be a journalist, or, even better, a sports writer, but I'm not sure how to start.



Read Ellie's blog. Five sentences have been removed. Choose from sentences A–F the one that best fits each blank. There is one extra sentence that you don't need to use.

A In fact, I play field hockey for the school team.

B It's a hard decision to make.

C My teacher suggested it, as a way of getting some writing practice.

D The trouble is, no-one can really afford to do much.

E All in all, I think I'm pretty lucky.

F I even manage a website for a neighbor!