Hi Eduardo,

1 How are you? I've been meaning to drop you a line for ages. Guess who I ran into the other day? Danny Hancock—from the school soccer team, remember? I hadn't seen him since we were in school together. I couldn't believe how much he's changed!

2 He's still really thin with the same fair complexion, but he's much taller now. He's let his hair grow long, too, and dyed it pink! And he wears matching pink-tinted glasses! It's an interesting look! Check out this link to a photo from his Facebook page. He's really outgoing and talkative, too. He was very shy in school, wasn't he? He's been working as a lecturer in computer science in the USA for a couple of years.

3 I couldn't believe he was the same as the little kid from school with a lot of curly hair. I've attached a photo of him, you and me with Mark on the soccer team. Look how short my hair was back then! And you were well-built—always the strongest member of the team! How much weight have you lost since then?

4 Anyway, how are things with you? Drop me a line when you can, and let me know how you're doing! Bye for now,

Graham

Prepare for Task

2 Read the e-mail again. Match paragraphs 1–4 to topics a–d.

a how the person has changed
b the purpose of the e-mail
c asking for news
d describing people in the past

3 **a** Underline all the words and phrases in the e-mail that describe someone. Which describe a) hair? b) face? c) height/size? d) personality?

a. hair?

b. face?

c. height/size?

d. personality?

b Find a phrase in the e-mail that...

1 says you've wanted to write to someone for a while.
2 asks the reader to predict information.
3 expresses surprise about something.
4 tells the reader to look at something.
5 asks the reader to agree with a statement.
6 says that another file is included with the e-mail.
7 asks the reader to send his/her news.
8 ends the e-mail.