

VI WRITING

Writing about family routines

1 Work in groups. Which of the following activities in the pictures do you think can be family routines?

a



having dinner

b



having a picnic

c



watching a game show

d



visiting grandparents

e



celebrating birthdays

f



cleaning the house

2 Read Joey's email about his family routines and complete the table with the information from it.

New message

To: dong@webmail.com

Subject: My family routines

Hi Dong,

How are you getting on? In your last email you asked me about my family routines. Well, we have quite a few routines to help us learn life skills and build family bonds, but I'll tell you about three main ones.

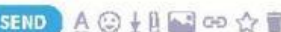
First, my family always have dinner together. Dinners are important for us since we share our daily experiences and talk about the latest news. Second, we watch our favourite game show on TV together every Friday evening. We discuss the questions and guess the answers. It's great fun every time we get a correct answer. Third, every two weeks, on Saturday we clean the house together. We make a list of all the chores. Each of us then chooses one or two household tasks according to personal choice. We all feel happy and proud when we see our home spotlessly clean at the end of the day.

Do you have similar family routines? I'd be interested to know about your family. Please write back soon.

Best,

Joey

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Routines	When / How often	Things to do to strengthen family bonds
1. have dinner together		
2.	every Friday evening	
3.		- make a list of chores - choose tasks

3 Complete the email about Dong's family routines using the information in the box.

Routines	When / How often	Things to do to strengthen family bonds
1. have breakfast together	every day	- eat bread or noodles - share their plans for the day
2. watch TV together	every Saturday evening	- watch a film and share snacks - exchange opinions after the film
3. visit grandparents	on the second Sunday of the month	- do some housework for grandparents - have lunch with them

New message

To: joey@webmail.com

Subject: My family routines

Hi Joey,

How are you? We're all doing fine here. You asked me about my family routines. Well, we have a number of routines to help us learn life skills as well as build family bonds. Here are three main ones.

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What do you think about my family routines? Please write back soon and let me know.

Best wishes,

Dong

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VII COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE / CLIL

Everyday English

Expressing opinions

1 Listen and complete the conversation with the expressions in the box. Then practise it in groups of three.

- A. I strongly believe that
- B. I'm not sure about that
- C. I have no doubt that

Anna: Do you guys think that teenagers should do housework?

Minh: Yes, (1) _____ teenagers as well as other members of the family should share the housework.

Anna: Do you mean everybody in the family has to help with the housework?

Minh: That's right. (2) _____ doing household chores together helps build family bonds.

Tu: Well, (3) _____. Teenagers should spend all their time studying instead of doing housework. They'll need good grades to get into top universities.

2 Work in groups. Have similar conversations exchanging opinions about whether family members should spend time together.

Useful expressions

Strong opinion	Neutral opinion
- I strongly believe that ...	- In my opinion, ...
- I'm sure that ...	- To my mind ...
- I have no doubt that ...	- I suppose that ...