

What are your daily routine and online hobbies?

1 In real life I live in a big flat near the centre of Manchester. In my everyday life I go to Belton School on weekdays. I sometimes go for a run before school. I **also** often play football at the weekend. After school I always do my homework, of course, **and** then I usually go on my laptop.

2 My favourite online hobby is building a virtual world. After school and at the weekend I usually spend a few hours in my online world. It has lots of great places, **but** my favourite is a theme park I'm building on an island. It's very different from Manchester! There are loads of amazing rides. As well as a beautiful beach, there are also lots of trees. I design new rides for about an hour a day. At the moment I'm testing the rides to make sure they work.

3 I enjoy my online hobbies. However, I also really like chatting to friends at school about my theme park plans **because** they have good ideas for new rides. I often take screenshots of my virtual world and I enjoy sharing them on social media **too**. Although it's not a real place, my virtual world is very relaxing, so I look forward to spending time there!

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3 Study the Writing box and look at the article again. Complete the sentences to make them true for you.

WRITING

A description of your daily routine and online hobbies

Describe daily routines (real world examples)

1 In the morning/Before school 1 _____.
2 In the afternoon/On weekdays 2 _____.
3 I usually/often/sometimes/never 3 _____.

Describe online hobbies (virtual world examples)

1 My favourite hobby is 4 _____.
2 After school 5 _____.
3 At the weekend 6 _____.

End your article: show contrast and sum up

1 I enjoy my online lifestyle. However, I also really like chatting to friends online.
2 Although it's not a real place, my virtual world is very relaxing.
3 I look forward to spending time there.

1.5 Complete the dialogue with sentences a–e.

Listen and check.

Joe: Right, we need to upload a cover photo for our new travel blog. What's the best idea?

Ann: 1c

Joe: Hmm, I'm not sure. I'm not smiling in that picture. I'd rather delete it.

Ann: OK. Well, shall we use this one from the concert in Spain?

Joe: 2

Ann: OK, we've got the photo. We could write the profile now.

Joe: 3

Ann: Great! Let's start by saying who we are and where we live.

Joe: 4

Ann: You're right. I think we can say what our hobbies are instead.

Joe: 5 You can write about drawing and I can say something about horse-riding.

Ann: Great! Let's do that!

a Yes, let's give it a try. I've got some good ideas to make it interesting.

b You can't say where you live online. It's not safe.

c What about the photo of us on the beach?

d That's a great idea. I'm sending the link now.

e That's true.