

A. Read the passage and answer the questions (10)**My New Home** *by Beverley Symons*

First, the good news: Mum's starting her new job next month! She's happy because she really wanted it. Then the sad news: we're moving because Mum's job is in the country. Dad doesn't mind because he will work from home on his computer, but I'll miss our semi-detached house in Birmingham.

Some people don't like living in semi-detached houses, but we don't have any problems with our neighbours. My bedroom is next to their daughter's bedroom. I can hear her sometimes and she can hear me, but it doesn't matter.

Tomorrow we're packing our things. We aren't taking all our furniture because our new home is a cottage and it's smaller than this house. Our cottage is near Harris Hall. Harris Hall was the house of a rich family. It had 64 bedrooms and lots of stairs. Now it's a hotel. It still has lots of stairs but lifts too! There's a restaurant on the ground floor and Mum is the new chef there!

Next week we're driving to a town near Harris Hall. We want to check it out and see what activities we can do there. My new school is in the town too. I hope we'll be happy there. I'll write all about it soon!

1. Why is Beverley moving house?
2. How does Beverly feel about moving house?
3. Where is Beverly and her family going to live?
4. What is her mum going to do for work?
5. What are the family's plans for next week?

B. Complete the dialogue with the LETTER of the right answer. There are TWO extra answers (8)

It's Friday afternoon. Kathy and Rose are talking about their weekend plans

1 Kathy: I'm going to the new shopping centre this afternoon. Can you come?

Rose:

2 Kathy: What's wrong with her?

Rose:

3 Kathy: Is it a bad injury?

Rose:

4 Kathy: Poor cat! Do you want to hang out tomorrow?

Rose:

5 Kathy: How about Sunday? Are you free?

Rose:

6 Kathy: Great. Would you like to go to the beach or to the skate park?

Rose:

7 Kathy: Do you like windsurfing?

Rose:

8 Kathy: I'm sure you'll love it. Let's do that! What time should we meet?

Rose:

A I agree with you.

B After ten o'clock. You know I hate getting up early at the weekend.

C Yes, she can't walk.

D I don't know. I've never tried it.

E I'm sorry, I can't come. I'm taking the cat to the vet.

F She put a plaster on it.

G Yes, I am.

H You choose. I don't mind.

I She's got a cut on her foot.

J I'd love to, but we're visiting my grandparents tomorrow.

C. Complete the text with the words from the box (8)

abroad - broke - muscles - cold - enjoy - checked - ambition - never

When Natalie was a little girl, she loved outdoor activities. She played football and went cycling every day. Sometimes she had a ¹ or a runny nose. She went to see the doctor when she had a temperature, but she ² stayed in bed for a long time.

When Natalie was seventeen, she fell off her horse and ³ a leg and an arm. She spent weeks in hospital. But she exercised every day and her bones and ⁴ quickly became stronger. Six months later, she was strong enough to go hiking and rock climbing.

Now Natalie is twenty-four and she lives ⁵ Two years ago, she got a job in Spain. 'I love living here and I am happy and healthy,' she says. 'The first time I came to this place, I ⁶ out the outdoor activities you can do. There are so many!'

Natalie's ⁷ is to have her own business in Spain one day. In the future, she wants to have an adventure camp. I'm sure people will ⁸ going there!

D. Tenses: Circle the correct option of the verbs (10)

Hi Philip,

Finally! We're here in the big city! We **have just moved / moved** house? It's very hard work! Dad **has started / started** his new job and he loves it. Next week, I **am starting / will start** at my new school. I'm a little nervous.

Our block of flats is on a busy street. We **lived / live** on the sixth and **there was / there is** a great view from the balcony. When I **wake up / woken up** in the morning, I can see the park from my bedroom window. I think I **will be / am going to be** very happy here.

Today I must help Mum because she's not very well and she needs some rest.

She **lies / is lying** on the sofa right now, so I'm making dinner tonight
– chips and a salad. I have to **bought / buy** some potatoes and fry them in hot oil. I
enjoy **cook / cooking**.
See you at the weekend.

Jack

E. Listen to Becky talking about her neighbourhood. Write T (true) or F (false)
(5)

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| 1. People cleaned up their flats. | T | F |
| 2. All people planted trees on their balconies. | T | F |
| 3. Becky wants birds to come to her balcony. | T | F |
| 4. The chairs on the balconies aren't new. | T | F |
| 5. The balcony party is next week. | T | F |

F. Writing. **(20)**

Choose ONE of the topics below and **write about 60 words.**

1. **A BLOG ENTRY:** Write a **blog entry** about your plans for next holidays. You may include the following information:
 - Where are you going?
 - Who are you going to be with?
 - Where are you going to stay?
 - What activities do you want to do there?
 - What are the main tourist attractions?

Hello, my dear followers!

Today I would like to write about...

2. **AN EMAIL:** You have just arrived from holidays. Write **an email** to him/her about your holidays. You may include the following information:

- Where did you go?
- What is the place like? (Describe it.)
- What activities did you do there?
- Did you have a good time? Why?
- What was the best moment of your holidays?