Writing

Part 1

Read this email from Patsy, an English friend, and write a reply

Remember to answer all her questions

Hi,
How are you? I know you're on holiday at the moment. Who are you with? What's the weather like? Are you doing anything interesting? And do you like the food?
Write soon!
Patsy

In your email you should talk about:

- the people you're with.
- the weather.
- what activities you are doing.
- the food.

Write **100–125 words**

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1 Look at the photo and the title of the text. What do you think happened?

I think



2 Read the text. Were your predictions in 1 correct?

A German student, the Chinese police and a 2000-year-old army

1 In 1974 two local farmers accidentally discovered the world-famous Terracotta Army near the ancient city of Xian in China. There were thousands of brown terracotta soldiers. They were there to guard the ancient emperor Xian Shi Huang, a job they began 2200 years ago. Archeologists immediately called the Terracotta Army the find of the century.

2 Thousands of people visit the Terracotta Army each day in the museum in Xian. On 18th September 2006 one of those visitors was a German art student called Pablo Wendel. Pablo, 26, looked like a normal tourist when he walked into the museum. But he was carrying a bag with something special in it. Inside was a brown costume that looked very old. It was an exact copy of the uniform that the terracotta soldiers were wearing.

3 Pablo quickly put on his soldier's uniform, covered his face in brown paint and jumped down into the area where the Terracotta Army was standing. Security officers saw him, but Pablo was well prepared and knew exactly what to do. He found a space in the lines of soldiers and stood completely still. The police arrived, but now that he wasn't moving, the officers didn't know which was the real person and which were the statues.

4 However, after two minutes, one of the policemen finally found him. Still Pablo didn't move a muscle. In the end, the police officers had to pick him up like a statue and carry him away. The officers asked Pablo a lot of questions to find out why he was there. He told them that he loved the Terracotta Army and wanted to be part of it for just one day.

5 The police decided not to arrest him, probably because Pablo didn't actually touch or break any of the terracotta soldiers. But they took away his uniform, told him not to do it again and sent him back to the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou where he was studying.

3 Read the text again and choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

1 Pablo Wendel wanted to
   a join the modern Chinese army.
   b be part of an ancient Chinese army.
   c be an expert in Chinese armies.
2 The Terracotta Army began their work
   a 100 years ago.
   b 30 years ago.
   c over 2,000 years ago.
3 It was difficult to find Pablo Wendel because
   a he was a good statue.
   b he was behind the soldiers.
   c the police weren't paying attention.
4 When the police found him, Pablo
   a started running.
   b didn't do anything.
   c attacked the police officers.
5 The police
   a said Pablo could stay in Xian.
   b carried Pablo away and questioned him.
   c thought the incident was funny and unimportant.

4 Answer the questions.

1 What did Pablo Wendel do on 18th September 2006? .....
2 Why did he do it? .....
3 Why did the police decide not to arrest him? .....

5 What is the meaning of these words from the text? Write a definition, explanation or synonym. Use your dictionary if necessary.

1 accidentally (*paragraph 1*) *without planning or wanting to do something*
2 century (*paragraph 1*) .....
3 costume (*paragraph 2*) .....
4 muscle (*paragraph 4*) .....
5 pick up (*paragraph 4*) .....
6 arrest (*paragraph 5*) .....

6 What about *you*?

Do you think that what Pablo did was right or wrong? Why?

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