

## SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

Read the text and choose the correct option, true (T) or false (F).

Hi Olly,

How are you? I am having the best time here in England. London is great. The school is OK but I miss my school in the USA.

During my time in England, I'm living with a very friendly family: the Turners. Andy Turner is only ten years old so we hardly ever hang out. We have lunch together and then he goes to school. We don't talk much because he spends a lot of time in his best friend's house. Then, there is Sam Turner. He is my best friend here. We are both fourteen years old so we have lots of things in common.

Sam and Andy's father is called James. He works for a record company. He often gets free tickets to rock concerts. Last week, we went to see Arctic Monkeys. It was awesome. I can't wait to go to another concert!

Sam's mum, Norah, teaches Literature at university. I sometimes ask her for help with my homework. School is difficult but the teachers are very patient because they know I am here to learn.

My only problem in England is the weather. Sam and his family say it isn't cold but IT IS! I get up at half past seven every day and it's always freezing. I go running twice a week and I usually wear a woolly hat, scarf and gloves! I have to go now because Norah wants me to help her with dinner.

Love  
Kiran

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1. Kiran likes his school in England more than his school in the USA. T / F
2. Andy is younger than his brother Sam. T / F
3. Kiran enjoyed the Arctic Monkey's concert. T / F
4. Norah is a school teacher. T / F
5. Kiran doesn't do any sports because of the cold weather. T / F

## SECTION B: Language in Use

I. Match the questions with the answers. There are **two extra answers**.

Julia and Mark are waiting for a bus:

- | Julia   | Mark  |
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| 1. Hey, Mark. Did you have fun at my birthday party last night?   | a. Yes, I did. It was a great party. Thanks for inviting me!  |
| 2. How about the cake? Did you like it?   | b. Sure! He's going to love it, too!  |
| 3. Actually... I didn't buy it. My sister, April, made it. She opened a bakery a few weeks ago.                   | c. Yes, I would love to help her. I love drawing so I can help her with the decorations. Is she looking for help? |
| 4. The shop is called "April's Sweet Tooth." You can find her on Instagram. She posts pictures of all her cakes.  | d. Cool... look at this Harry Potter cake. It is beautiful. Do you help her decorate the cakes?                   |
| 5. Not really. I can't help her because I am terrible in the kitchen. What about you? Would you like to help her? | e. Yes, the cake was delicious! Where did you buy it?   |
| 6. Yes, she is looking for an assistant. I will give her your number. Is that OK?                                 | f. Wow, a bakery? Cool. What is the name of the shop?   |
|   | g. Because I was sick. I didn't feel well. What is the test about?  |
|   | h. Yes, please! Give her my number and tell her she can call me any time.   |

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II. Read the text. Choose the right words to complete the blanks.

Hi Sam,

How 0 you? I am working on a project about birthdays around the globe.

Birthdays are quite different depending on the country. In the United States, people usually celebrate with cake and presents. They also sing the "Happy Birthday" song to the person celebrating their birthday before eating the cake. In Mexico, they 1 got a different song. The 2 version of "Happy Birthday" is called "Las mañanitas". They also celebrate birthdays with a piñata filled with candy and toys. The birthday person tries to break the piñata with a stick. In Japan, birthday celebrations are 3 than in other countries. They have a special celebration for children when they turn three, five, and seven years old.

No matter how birthdays are celebrated, they 4 a special day to celebrate someone's life. Personally, I love 5 people to my house on my birthday but this year I 6 have a party at my best friend's house. Sonia and I were born on the very same day. 7 mums are friends too. 8 only one problem about this party. Sonia wants to have a costume party 9 the evening and I want a regular birthday or a barbecue. The important thing is that my sister is 10 a cake

What about people in Argentina? How do they celebrate? Write to me.

Love,  
Julia

Example:

| 0. b | a) is        | b) are        | c) am          |
|------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.   | a) have      | b) has        | c) hasn't      |
| 2.   | a) Mexico    | b) Mexican    | c) Spain       |
| 3.   | a) small     | b) smaller    | c) smallest    |
| 4.   | a) is always | b) are always | c) always are  |
| 5.   | a) inviting  | b) invite     | c) invited     |
| 6.   | a) going     | b) am going   | c) am going to |
| 7.   | a) Our       | b) Their      | c) Her         |
| 8.   | a) There's   | b) There      | c) They        |
| 9.   | a) in        | b) on         | c) at          |
| 10.  | a) prepare   | b) prepared   | c) preparing   |

III. Answer the questions about you. Use **full** sentences.

1. Where do you go to school?

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2. Why do you study English?

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3. How often do you go to the cinema?

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4. Where did you go last Saturday?

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5. What are you going to do after the test?

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SECTION C: Writing

Choose **ONE** of the following options and write about **40 words** on it.

1. You went out for your birthday last week. Write an **e-mail** to a friend and tell him/her about it. Include the following points:

- Where you went.
- Who you went with.
- What you did there.
- Why you had a good time.

2. Write a **paragraph** about one of your classmates. Include the following points:

- Who the person is.
- What the person looks like.
- Where he/she lives.
- What the person does in his/her free time.

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