

5.7 Writing

An informal email

1 Complete the email with the words below.

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To: claire@email.com

Hi Claire,

How are ¹*you*? I hope you're ² _____ and that you passed all your exams! I'm fine. ³ _____ what! I'm in France! I'm staying with my French friend Jacques for a week and it's amazing.

² _____ He lives in a small village. It's called Beauchamp. It's ⁴ _____ the north of France and it's not ⁵ _____ from the sea. There aren't many houses or shops, but there's a café and a small supermarket. It ⁶ _____ nice. There isn't a train station, but you can catch a bus to the next town.

³ _____ Jacques lives with his family in a lovely ⁷ _____. It's ⁸ _____ the third floor. It's in a very old house, but everything inside is modern. I really like the high ceilings and big windows. It's ⁹ _____ a very quiet street. From his bedroom window you can see across the countryside. It's really beautiful.

⁴ _____ I ¹⁰ _____ to go now because Jacques' mum is calling me for dinner. The food here is wonderful!

Take ¹¹ _____!

Ryan



2 Read the email and answer the questions.

1 How long is Ryan staying in France?

2 What does he say there is in the village?

3 What does he like about the flat?

3 Read the email again. Match paragraphs

1–4 with the information in points a–e. One paragraph gives two pieces of information.

- a a description of Jacques' home
- b some news in Ryan's life
- c a reason for finishing the email
- d a question about Claire's life
- e a description of Jacques' town

4 Write the opposites of the adjectives.

1 small *big*

2 modern _____

3 comfortable _____

4 dark _____

5 beautiful _____

6 tidy _____

WRITING TIME

5 Imagine you stayed with a friend in another town or village. Write an email to tell your friend about the town.

1 Find ideas

Make notes about:

- the town or village where you're staying.
- some interesting places and what they look like.
- your flat/house and the things that you like about it.

2 Plan and write

- Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use Ryan's email to help you.
- Write a draft email.

3 Check

- Check language: did you use adjectives to describe places?
- Check grammar: did you use the correct relative pronouns?
- Write the final version of your email.