1 Read the article. Match paragraphs 1–3 with topics a–c.

a ☐ being a different person online
b ☐ a typical day
c ☐ knowing the difference between virtual life and real life

My life in the **real world** and **online**

by Matt Thompson

1 Like most teenagers, I love going online and chatting to friends, **but** I also have my real life. On a normal day, I go to school and I often meet my friends in the afternoon. We like going to the cinema or a café. At the moment, we're studying a lot **because** we have exams soon. Revising for exams is a bit boring. In the evenings, I finish my homework and then I update my story on social media.

2 At the weekend, I always have free time, **so** I visit my favourite virtual world. You make an avatar **as well as** choose a place to live. You can do anything! At the moment, I'm a chef in a restaurant in Italy. It's fun. It can be stressful, **too**. Sometimes the customers are unhappy, just like in real life!



3 **Although** I enjoy my online world, I know isn't real. The time I spend in the real world with my friends is more important. **However**, my virtual world helps me relax when life is complicated. So I always look forward to spending time there **as well**.

2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1 ☐ Matt and his friends enjoy spending time together.
2 ☐ Matt is studying for exams at school.
3 ☐ Matt works as a real chef at the weekend.
4 ☐ Matt's virtual world is more important to him than the real world.

3 Choose the correct connector.

1 My virtual world isn't very big. *Although* / *However*, I enjoy spending time in it.
2 I meet lots of interesting people, *so* / *because* I never get bored.
3 I play on my laptop *as well as* / *as well* on my smartphone.
4 There's a theme park here and a zoo *but* / *too*.

4 Complete Anna's notes with these words.

friends hours online post smartphone tennis ~~weekdays~~ weekend

Daily routine
- go to school on [1] weekdays
- after school, do my homework and [2] _____ on social media
- favourite hobbies are [3] _____ and photography

Online hobbies
- live a virtual life on an island
- usually play at the [4] _____ or after school
- play on my [5] _____
- enjoy having lots of [6] _____ friends

How I combine these worlds
- don't spend more than a couple of [7] _____ online each week
- always make time for my real world [8] _____ and hobbies

WRITING TIME

Imagine you are Anna. Write a description of your daily routine and online hobbies.

FIND IDEAS
- Use the notes in Exercise 4.
- Note down more ideas of your own.

PLAN AND WRITE
- Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use the description in Exercise 1 to help you.
- Write a draft article.

CHECK
- Check language: did you use connectors correctly?
- Check grammar: did you mostly use the Present Simple and adverbs of frequency?
- Write the final version of your article.

LIVEWORKSHEETS