WRITING

An article

1 **Read the article. Then circle the correct answer below.**

Technology has changed the way we … our friends.

a make contact with b care for
c have fun with

STAYING IN TOUCH: THEN AND NOW



① The way we communicate with our friends has changed a lot. [1] For instance, when our grandparents were young, there were no mobile phones, and what's [2] _____, some families didn't even have a telephone at home. To phone a friend, people needed to go to a public phone box.

② In contrast, today there are lots of ways of contacting friends. For [3] _____, almost everyone can use a smartphone at any time and in any place. Posting status updates is easy with technology, such [4] _____ online chats and messaging apps. In [5] _____, we can send photos and videos to share special moments.

③ Some people think that friends might never meet face-to-face in the future. However, I don't think that will happen. It may become easier to 'see' each other without actually meeting up, but it will always be more fun to sit and chat together.



2 **Complete the article with the words in the box.**

addition as example ~~for~~ more

3 **Read the article again and match 1–5 with a–e.**

1 In the past, there were [d]
2 People needed to use a phone box [ ]
3 Today we can use [ ]
4 It's easier now to share [ ]
5 It will always be more fun [ ]

a photos and videos with friends.
b smartphones to make calls at any time.
c to meet our friends face-to-face.
d no mobile phones.
e to make contact with their friends.

4 **Read the article again and write the correct paragraph number (1–3).**

a Which paragraph is about what might happen in the future? _____
b Which paragraph mentions old technology? _____
c Which paragraph describes ways of communicating today? _____

Write an article about doing homework.

PLAN

5 **Think about homework in the past, present and future. Make notes for your three paragraphs.**

1 How people did homework in the past: _____
2 Technology for doing homework today: _____
3 Predictions for the future: _____

WRITE

6 **Write your article. Remember to include past and present tenses, and predictions with *will/won't and may/might (not)*.**

CHECK

7 **Do you …**

- have three paragraphs?
- use expressions from the *Useful language* box (see Student's Book, p89)?
- make certain and uncertain predictions for the future?

LIVEWORKSHEETS