

## 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.<sup>1</sup> For instance, when our grandparents were young, there were no mobile phones, and what's<sup>2</sup> , 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 <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, almost everyone can use a smartphone at any time and in any place. Posting status updates is easy with technology, such <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ online chats and messaging apps. In <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

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

- 1 In the past, there were
- 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?