

## Reading

Hi Stephanie – How are you? Sorry you couldn't make my party at the weekend. Lots happened ...

I told you that Mum and Dad finally agreed that I could have a party for my birthday. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ So I was allowed to have a party, but only if I promised not to invite more than ten of my closest friends and it had to finish at eleven o'clock.

On the night of the party, Mum and Dad went out for the evening. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_ We put some music on. Half an hour later, lots of people from school arrived. They had all heard about the party. Amy eventually admitted that she was so excited that she mentioned it on social media! <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_

By nine o'clock, there must have been over 70 people in the house. Someone kept turning up the music after I kept turning it down. Then people started singing along. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_ What about the neighbours? What would Mum and Dad do?

Later, there was a knock at the door. It was our neighbour. I explained the situation. I was so embarrassed. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_ Thankfully, she took control of the situation. She turned off the music and told all the uninvited guests to leave. By the time Mum and Dad came back there were just ten people, so they never knew about the problems.

Phew!

Claire xx

**Read the email. Match sentences A–E with gaps 1–5. (10 marks)**

- A** My friends arrived soon afterwards.
- B** I was surprised how sympathetic she was.
- C** I was really annoyed with her.
- D** They were worried we might upset the neighbors.
- E** I was so stressed by the noise.

Over to you : Have you ever had an experience like this one? If not, would your parents let you make a party at home? Write details .