

WRITING INSTRUCTIONS



TEST 3

Part 1 - Question 1

"Read this email from your English speaking friend Brian and the notes you have made". Read the information which will help you to write your email.

Question 1 WRITING TUTOR



Writing Ideas

- Make a note of any questions asked in the email.
- Create an answer for each question.
- Ask questions yourself.
- Use vocabulary and phrases like: *Do you like...?*, *Why don't we...?*, *I think it would be nice/fun to...*, *How about having a picnic/barbecue/pizza?*
- Maybe add some extra relevant information.

Suggested Structure

- **Paragraph 1** - Say when you will arrive and thank Brian for picking you up.
- **Paragraph 2** - Say what you would like to do.
- **Paragraph 3** - Say what food you like and make some suggestions for the afternoon.
- **Paragraph 4** - Tell Brian you are excited and close off the email.

MODEL ANSWER - Question 1

Hi Brian,

My train arrives at 10.30 in the morning. I'm happy that you will pick me up from the station.

I think it would be nice to go to the beach because I haven't been swimming for a long time.

Why don't we have a picnic at lunchtime? That won't be too much work for your mum. I eat everything. I'll bring a cake with me. Then, after lunch we could go for a walk or maybe a bike ride.

It's going to be fun. I'm really looking forward to visiting you.

See you Sunday morning,
Gemma

Part 2 - Question 2

"Write your article". Read the information which will help you to write your article.

Question 2 WRITING TUTOR



Writing Ideas

- Ask yourself which type of TV programmes you enjoy and why.
- Think about how often you watch TV and what time of day.
- Think about who you often watch TV with.
- Do you ever disagree about what to watch on TV with your family?
- Maybe use words and phrases like: *boring, interesting, exciting, documentary, the news, action, comedy, makes me laugh, good acting, educational, family entertainment*

Suggested Structure

- **Paragraph 1** - Start the article saying which type of TV programmes you enjoy and why.
- **Paragraph 2** - Say what your favourite programme is and why it is so good.
- **Paragraph 3** - Say who you watch TV with or if you prefer to watch it on your own and why.
- **Paragraph 4** - Finish the article with a closing sentence.

MODEL ANSWER - Question 2

TV Programmes

I like to watch anything on TV that makes me laugh because it is a good way to forget all your problems.

My favourite TV programme is an old one. It is called "Friends" and it is about a group of friends who live in New York. The actors are very funny and they are always in funny situations together.

Sometimes I watch TV on my own but I prefer to watch it with my family or friends because then you can talk about what you have seen. My parents want me to watch educational programmes but I think they are boring.

I think TV is a good thing because you can spend time with the people you love.

Part 2 - Question 3

"Write your story". Read the information which will help you to write your story starting *As the train arrived at the station, Sue realised that her life was about to change forever.*

Question 3 WRITING TUTOR



Writing Ideas

- You need to use your imagination.
- Ask yourself if Sue is going somewhere or is she meeting someone.
- Choose one situation and imagine how Sue is feeling. Use words like *nervous, excited, worried*.
- Use phrases and words like: *suddenly, next, after that, finally, in the end*.
- Write what happens in the end.

Suggested Structure

- **Paragraph 1** - Use the sentence given and describe why Sue is at the station.
- **Paragraph 2** - Say how she felt.
- **Paragraph 3** - Explain what happened next.
- **Paragraph 4** - Say what happened at the end of the situation and how Sue felt.

MODEL ANSWER - Question 3

As the train arrived at the station, Sue realised that her life was about to change forever. She had been waiting for this day for months. She was finally leaving home and going to university.

Although Sue was excited, she was also very nervous. She was worried that she would not make any friends and that the lessons would be very difficult.

Sue sat next to a window. There was a boy her age sitting opposite her. He was reading some information for students. It was for the same university that she was going to. They started to talk to each other and soon became friends.

Sue realised that university life was going to be fun. She felt happy and relaxed.

TEST 4

Part 1 - Question 1

"Read this email from your English-speaking friend Peter and the notes you have made". Read the information which will help you to write your email.

Question 1 WRITING TUTOR



Writing Ideas

- Make a note of any questions asked in the email.
- Create an answer for each question.
- Use vocabulary and phrases like: *Thanks so much for..., I enjoy, I really/quite like..., I'm not keen on..., What time...?, That would be great...*
- Maybe add some extra relevant information.

Suggested Structure

- **Paragraph 1** - Thank Peter for the invitation.
- **Paragraph 2** - Say what films you enjoy and ask about the time to meet.
- **Paragraph 3** - Tell Peter what you like to eat.
- **Paragraph 4** - Make a final comment and say goodbye.

MODEL ANSWER - Question 1

Hi Peter,

Thank you for the invitation to your birthday party. It sounds like it will be a great day.

Comedies are my favourite films and I really want to see the one that is on at the cinema now. What time should we meet outside the cinema? You didn't say in your email.

It's very kind of your Dad to buy us burgers after the film. I love burgers although I don't eat them very often. I'm not keen on the milkshakes though, I prefer Coke.

I hope you like the present I have bought you. I think that you will.

See you Saturday,
George



Part 2 - Question 2

"Write your article". Read the information which will help you to write your article.

Question 2 WRITING TUTOR



Writing Ideas

- Do you have a pet? Ask yourself what type of pets people often have.
- Think about why people decide to have a pet.
- Use words or phrases like: *keep you company, people feel lonely, look after something, make you laugh, keep you fit, protect your house.*
- Think about the problems of having a pet.

Suggested Structure

- **Paragraph 1** - Start the article saying what kind of pets people have.
- **Paragraph 2** - Say what is good about having a pet.
- **Paragraph 3** - Say what might be a problem having a pet.
- **Paragraph 4** - Finish the article with a closing sentence.

MODEL ANSWER - Question 2

Pets

People of all ages like to have a pet. Sometimes the pet will live inside the house and sometimes they are kept outside. People often have a dog, cat, bird, fish, rabbit or even a snake or a spider.

The good thing about having a pet is that it stops you being lonely. Also, it teaches children how to look after something and to be kind.

Having a pet can be expensive though, as you have to feed them and look after them when they are sick.

I believe that having a pet makes your life better and people that have an animal in their home are happier. That is why so many people want a pet.

Part 2 - Question 3

"Write your story". Read the information which will help you to write your story starting *I was so happy when I saw the car coming.*

Question 3 WRITING TUTOR



Writing Ideas

- You need to use your imagination.
- Ask yourself where you were and why.
- Think of something that would make someone feel worried and needing help.
- Think about what happened before this moment.
- Use phrases like: *I didn't know what to do, I felt very alone, I was quite worried/frightened, I thought no one would come.*
- Say what happened in the end. Use phrases like: *we all laughed, everything was ok.*

Suggested Structure

- **Paragraph 1** - Use the sentence given and describe where you were and why you were there.
- **Paragraph 2** - Say how you felt before you saw the car.
- **Paragraph 3** - Explain what happened next and who was in the car.
- **Paragraph 4** - Say what happened at the end of the situation and how you felt.

MODEL ANSWER - Question 3

I was so happy when I saw the car coming. I had been waiting on my own by the road for over an hour. I had gone for a walk in the forest and I got lost.

I was worried and frightened. I didn't know where I was or how anyone could find me. All I could hear was the birds singing in the trees.

I thought I might start to cry. Then suddenly I heard a car. After a few seconds, I saw the car. I stood by the side of the road and waved my hands.

The car stopped and there was a family inside it. They asked me if everything was ok and said they would take me home. Then, I realised I was only ten minutes walk from my house. We all laughed.