

An English boy in Dubai

I'm Liam. I'm 15 years old and I'm from Cambridge. My parents are working in Dubai this year so I'm writing all my news about life here on this blog. Hope you like it!

Today I'm spending the day in Dubai Mall with my family. It's great! It's got about 1,200 shops, 22 cinema screens and 120 cafes and restaurants.

More than 50 million people visit the mall every year because there are a lot of cool things to do here. Luckily, there aren't only shops because I hate shopping. It's awful! My dad and my sister are watching the fish right now in the wonderful Underwater Zoo. There are more than 33,000 fish there –even sharks!

Outside it's boiling so why am I wearing a sweater? Because I'm skating on the Olympic-size ice rink and it's absolutely freezing. The temperature of the ice is below zero! After the ice rink, I want to go to the mall's theme park, the Sega Republic. It's brilliant – it's got 150 games and rides.

And what are my mum and aunt doing? They're looking at the Dancing Fountain. It's 152 metres high! At night, there's an amazing light show. On a clear night, you can see it from space!

True or False:

- 1) Liam is living in Dubai now.
- 2) The mall is really big.
- 3) There is a zoo in the mall.
- 4) Liam doesn't enjoy the Sega Republic.
- 5) The Dancing Fountain can't be seen from space.

Choose the correct option:

1. My friend Ravi _____ from Turkey.
2. Sorry, can you speak more loudly? I can't hear _____

3. My grandparents hardly ever _____ to visit us.
4. I enjoy _____ the piano. It's my favourite instrument.
5. My birthday is _____ 23rd August.
6. This is the _____ day of my life!
7. When my friends and I get together, we certainly _____ a good time.
8. Paul _____ the exercise and the teacher is angry.
9. _____ sugar is there in a lemon?
10. There _____ milk in the fridge. Can you get some please?

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

My sister and I (try) _____ an experiment at the moment - no shopping for a month! Usually mum (give) _____ me pocket money on Saturday and my friends and I (go) _____ shopping in the afternoon, but this Saturday is different. My friends (shop) _____ for clothes and things but I (write) _____ this blog at home. Why? Well, I (have) _____ a lot of things that I never (wear) _____. This month my sister Jane and I (put) _____ our pocket money in our money boxes for our holidays, and we (do) _____ lots of other things. Shopping all the time is boring!

Ask questions to complete the dialogue. The answers are underlined.

Diana: Hi Paul! Look! This is a picture of my mum. _____?

Paul: Yes! I really like it! She looks like you!

Diana: Really? I don't think so. _____?

Paul: My mum? No, she doesn't look like me. _____?

Diana: Yes, I have two brothers. Tom and Mark.

Paul: _____?

Diana: Tom is 24 and Mark is 20

Paul: _____?

Diana: Well, Tom is a teacher and Mark is studying at University. He wants to be a doctor.

Writing

Write a text describing a famous person you like. What is his/her name? What does he/she do? How old is he/she? What's he/she like? Write 50 words about it.