

VSTEP WRITING PROGRESS TEST

Time allows: 40'

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks

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| why don't you both come and stay | writing to thank you both for |
| write to you earlier | I hope this letter finds you well |
| Dear | Hope to see you soon |

Sample:

- 1..... John and Jane,
- 2..... I'm just
- 3..... the holiday and for the photos you sent.

The photos arrived this morning in the post. They reminded me what a great time I had during my stay with you last month. You really were fantastic hosts, and I couldn't have asked for a better guide to show me around. Sorry I didn't 4....., but I've been working flat out since the moment I arrived home. Do you remember I told you I had assignments to finish? Well, the deadline was two weeks earlier than I thought it was!

Anyway, I'm back to normal now and I've handed in all of my assignments. In fact, now that I'm free, 5.....? There's a spare room here, so you're welcome to use it whenever you like.

- 6.....,

Exercise 2: You should spend about 30 minutes on this task.

Your English friend Tom came to visit you recently and he has just sent you an email and some photographs. Read part of his email below.

Thanks for taking me to the airport. I hope your journey home wasn't too long.

I really enjoyed staying with you. Here are the photos I took. Which one do you like best?

When I got home, I realized I left my watch behind. It's green and gold. You haven't found it, have you?

I think we'll have a great time together when you come here in September. We could either spend the whole time in my family's flat in the city or stay on my uncle's farm in the countryside. Which would you like to do?

Write a letter responding to him. You should write at least 120 words. You are not allowed to include your name.