Writing 3h

An email giving news

1 a) **Read the rubric and answer the questions.**

> This is part of an email you received from your cousin Stella.
> *"How are things there? Are your parents OK? Write back and tell me all about you."*
> Write an email to Stella giving her your news.

1 What does the rubric ask you to write?
2 Who is the reader?
3 What is it about?

b) **Read the email. Name the people in the photograph.**

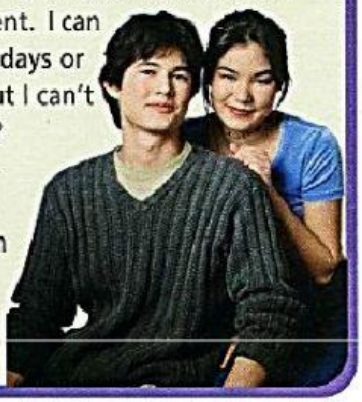
Dear Stella,

1 Hi! I'm glad you're OK! Everything's fine here. I've only got good news to tell you.

2 Mum's got a new job. She works as a teacher at a primary school three blocks from home. She likes it a lot. The only problem is that she gets up very early. She has to be at school at 7:30 every morning. Dad wants to learn Spanish! He has lessons every afternoon. Sam and I go swimming. We go to the pool five times a week. Sam finds it tiring, but I'm really keen on it. I think it's fun. I also want to learn to play a musical instrument. I can have guitar lessons on Mondays or piano lessons on Fridays, but I can't decide. What do you think?

3 Have to go now. Mum wants me to help her with the housework. Write again soon.

Love,
Julia



2 **Match the paragraphs to the headings.**

A ☐ closing remarks – request to write back
B ☐ opening remarks; comment on last email
C ☐ family news

3 a) **Read the theory box. Find examples in Julia's letter.**

Linking ideas see p. GR5

We use **and** for things that are similar. *Emma likes skiing and snowboarding.* We use **but** for things that are different. *I enjoy PE, but I don't like Maths.*
We use **or** to give a choice. *You can have cola or orange juice.*

b) **Fill in:** *and, but, or.*

1 Jane likes music, ... she doesn't like ICT.
2 Do you want to go to the cinema ..... watch a DVD?
3 I love surfing the Net ..... sending emails.
4 PE is really fun, ... it's sometimes tiring.
5 ICT is interesting ..... fun.

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4 **Answer the questions.**

1 How many people are there in your family?
2 What are their names?
3 What do they do?
4 What extra activities do you do?

5 ***Portfolio:*** **Use your answers in Ex. 4 to write an email to your English friend giving your news (80-100 words). Follow the plan. You can use Julia's email as a model.**

Plan

Dear (your friend's first name),
Para 1: opening remarks *(Hi! How are you?)*
Para 2: write your news *(what your parents/ brothers/sisters do; how often)*
Para 3: closing remarks; ask your friend to write back. *(Have to go now ... Write back ...)*
Yours,
(your first name)

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