



**STUDENT'S FULL NAME:**.....

**Reading**

Last month we asked our readers to write and tell us about a special relationship in their lives. Thank you to everyone who wrote in; we enjoyed reading all your stories. Over the next few weeks, we'll be publishing some of your entries.

A friend for life

My friends have always been incredibly important to me as I'm an only child but one friend in particular, Clare, has always been special to me. We've known each other for almost twenty years and we met when we were both teaching at the same school. As soon as she introduced herself I knew that we would be friends. It was clear that we were very much on the same wavelength and had a lot in common - we're both very keen on sports amongst other things and after a couple of months we decided to share a flat together. What is it that makes her such a good friend? Well, she's totally dependable, funny, tolerant, generous, kind-hearted and almost always upbeat. I can honestly say that in all the years I've known her we've hardly ever fallen out and if we have an argument, we make up very quickly. I really enjoy her company and we can spend hours together just messing around. We have the same sense of humour and spend a lot of time laughing at the silliest things.

Unfortunately, I had to move away recently because I'd been offered a new teaching job. I was worried that we might lose touch as we're no longer in the same country but we've managed to stay as close as ever. Clare is really good at keeping in touch with her family and friends and thanks to phone and email we're able to speak or write to one another almost every day.

Last year she invited me to Canada during the summer holiday to spend time with her family. It was so good to see where she grew up. Her childhood was so different from mine as she was brought up in the country while I grew up in a big city. She's the oldest of six children and the only one who didn't stay close to home so when she goes home she has a lot of catching up to do.

I can't imagine her not being in my life and I must say that I feel incredibly lucky to have her as a friend.

**1. Read this magazine article. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?**

The writer is a teacher.

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- 1 The writer doesn't have any brothers or sisters. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Clare and the writer enjoy doing the same things. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Clare is always happy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Clare and the writer have never had an argument. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The writer recently met Clare's family. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Complete the sentences using the prompts**

a) That's the boy! Someone gave him my bike.

e) Playing ball games is forbidden here.

That's the boy.....my bike! (**WAS**)

You.....ball games here (**MUSTN'T**)

b) He is an artist. People buy his paintings for thousands of euros.

f) Maybe I'll find a flatmate to help with the bills.

He is the artist.....for thousands of euros (**SOLD**)

I.....to help with the bills (**COULD**)

c) Most cities are dirtier than Singapore.

g) The bed was more comfortable when it was new

Singapore is.....(**ONE**)

The bed is not.....it was when it was new (**AS**)

d) It's not necessary for us to book a place on the course

We.....book a place on the course (**HAVE**)

**3. Complete with a suitable word**

a) Are you interested .....books?

g) Very .....flatmate is wanted to share home.

b) Would you like to spend time with friends talking.....books?

h) I broke .....with my husband.

c) Are you keen .....exercise but not good .....team sports?

i) You can drop.....of school and universities but not exams.

d) I haven't heard him .....ages.

j).....you buy this face cream, you'll look old.

e) we .....won't waste so much.

k) I can .....you \$10.



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## Level 4

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f) She'll ..... move to the USA.

I) The museum charges an entrance.....

**4. Complete the sentences with the -ing or infinitive form of the following verbs: BEAT- GET- HAVE- PLAY (x2) SPEAK- STUDY-WATCH - WRITE**

1. Bill Clinton adores ..... the saxophone.
2. Gwyneth Paltrow loves languages and learning ..... Spanish
3. Ronaldinho is trying ..... better at karaoke-he has a machine in his house.
4. Robbie Williams is often invited ..... football in celebrity matches.
5. Film star Knightley enjoys ..... films.
6. Kylie Minogue loves Scrabble and regularly manages ..... her writer, Salman Rushdie!
7. Serena Williams designs clothes and would like ..... her own fashion company.
8. Angelina Jolie finished ..... to be a pilot in 2004. She now flies her own plane.

**5. Complete with the correct form of the verb**

1. I ..... her for my book six times, and she still ..... (ask/ return)
2. I'm exhausted. I ..... all night and I still have to do one more essay! (study)
3. If you ..... an umbrella, you ..... wet. (take/ get)
4. I ..... an English course in September. (start)
5. Last year Angelenos ..... an average of 136 hours a year stuck in traffic. (spend)
6. Yesterday, the police ..... a man who ..... while playing on his laptop computer (stop/ drive)
7. Not many articles ..... by the editor. (write)
8. Branches of our company can ..... in most countries (find)
9. .... you ever ..... to San Francisco? (be)
10. I ..... from you for ages! (not/ hear)
11. .... you ..... for long? (wait)
12. I ..... Sam at 2 o'clock. (meet)
13. .... you ..... to the party this evening? (come)
14. The president ..... to resign. (ask)
15. This happened about eight years ago when I ..... for my degree. (study)
16. When I ..... a child, I like ..... (be/ swim)
17. My sister ..... just as I ..... some lunch. (arrive/ cook)
18. I ..... a new job in June and it's in Oxford. (start)
19. I think I ..... my own house one day (buy)
20. There are some wonderful shops in London. I ..... you the address of a great shoe shop. (give)

### 6 Write about an important event in your own life:

1. Setting the scene
2. Main setting
3. The big event
4. The result

