Writing Part 1

- Connect your ideas using linking words, e.g. *since, as* and *although*.
- Try to use interesting vocabulary. Don't repeat words like *good* or *nice*.

Exam advice

1 **Look at the exam task. Then tick (✓) the information (1–7) that the answer should include.**

Read this email, from your English-speaking friend Toni, and the notes you have made.

To:

From: Toni

Hi,

Thanks for your letter. I wanted to tell you about my plans this summer. My family and I are going on holiday to your country in August. I'm really excited!

We'd like to visit some interesting places. Do you know a good place to go?

What is the place like?

We like sightseeing and being active. What can we do there that is fun?

Write soon,

Toni

Great!

Yes — say where it is.

Describe it.

Recommend . . .

Write your email to Toni using all the notes. Write about 100 words.

1 a comment about Toni's news ☐
2 the name and location of a place ☐
3 information about your last holiday ☐
4 a description of the place ☐
5 an invitation to visit your home ☐
6 a suggestion about an activity for a family to do together ☐
7 a suitable opening and ending ☐

2 **Complete Talia's answer with the adjectives in the box. There may be more than one possibility.**

amazing clean delicious excellent fascinating historic long pretty tiny warm

Dear Toni,

I'm really happy you're visiting my country.

I think the best place to go is a village called L'Escala. It's on the coast near Girona, which is very close to the border between France and Spain. The village is very **(1)** ..... and the coast is absolutely **(2)** ..... . There are lots of **(3)** ..... restaurants and the food is **(4)** ..... .

You can go snorkelling there because the water is extremely **(5)** ..... and there is a **(6)** ..... beach where you can walk for hours. If you want to go sightseeing, there are some **(7)** ..... places to visit or you can go shopping in the market on Sundays.

I hope you have a good holiday!

Love, Talia

3 **Exam candidates often make mistakes with adjectives. Underline the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.**

1 When we arrived at the top of the mountain we were absolutely tired.
2 We saw some fasinating sights on holiday.
3 It was amazed – the best experience of my life!
4 It's a very nice city with lots of historical buildings.
5 There was a beatiful view from the hotel balcony.
6 The rooms were a bit tiny but the food was delicious.

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Exam task

34 **For each question, choose the correct answer.**

1 You will hear two friends discussing different holidays they've been on.
What do they agree?
A Holidays in cities always involve shopping.
B Holidays by the sea need good weather.
C Holidays in the mountains offer great activities.

2 You will hear a girl telling a friend about a plane journey she took with her family.
What was unexpected about it?
A how quickly they arrived at their destination
B how soon she ran out of things to do
C how few passengers there were

3 You will hear a brother and sister talking about their stay at a horse-riding camp.
How did they both feel about it?
A disappointed there weren't more people their age
B surprised at being allowed to go alone
C impressed by how they were taken care of

Exam tip

You may find it useful to underline key words in the options to help you focus on what you are listening for.

4 You will hear a boy talking to a friend about his photos from a recent trip to a forest.
What is the girl's opinion of them?
A They're more interesting than his usual selfies.
B They were influenced by his teacher.
C They're much better than he thinks.

5 You will hear a boy asking his friend about good holiday destinations.
The girl advises him to
A look for a family adventure park.
B apply to go to a sports camp.
C stay somewhere on the coast.

6 You will hear a girl telling her friend about a trip she went on in a submarine.
Before she went, the girl was
A worried about the lack of space inside.
B sure she would enjoy the whole experience.
C keen to see some fish under the water.

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