

## English for Emails

### Unit 7: Organising your writing

#### Task 1

Match the beginnings of the emails with the descriptions of the writer's purpose.

- A. I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow.
- B. I am writing to complain about the delay.
- C. Many thanks for your email this morning.
- D. I hope you and your family are well.
- E. Could you please give the office key to Jawal?
- F. By the way, my wife has just had a baby, so I'm very happy!
- G. My name is Andy Carr, and I am a software designer. I saw your advert on [dazzle.com](http://dazzle.com), and ...

  

- 1. The writer thanks the reader for their email.
- 2. The writer greets the reader (e.g. by asking about their health).
- 3. The writer mentions their next communication (e.g. meeting, phone call or email) with the reader.
- 4. The writer asks the reader to do something.
- 5. The writer explains the purpose of the email.
- 6. If the reader does not know the writer, the writer explains who they are.

- 7. The writer mentions some new information, which is not connected to the main topic of the email.

#### Task 2

Put the following elements of an email in the typical order.

- A. The writer thanks the reader for their email. Or if the reader does not know the writer, the writer explains who they are.
- B. The writer mentions some new information, which is not connected to the main topic of the email.
- C. The writer explains the topic/purpose of the email.
- D. The writer mentions their next communication with the reader.
- E. The writer greets the reader.
- F. The writer asks the reader to do something.

#### Task 3

Complete the sentences.

I am writing about / My name is Andrea Ponzi. / Could you please always put / I'm writing because / How are you? / Shall we meet / Could you please confirm / Could we speak

1. Dear Janice,

haven't seen you for ages! I'll be at the Global Education seminar next week. I'm glad you're going, too.

and have a coffee? Could you let me

know?

With best wishes,  
Dana

2. Dear Sir or Madam,

\_\_\_\_\_ my  
reservation for 2 March. Unfortunately  
I have to cancel my reservation for  
personal reasons. I hope there will  
not be any charge for this. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ this cancellation?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,  
Mary Sinati

3. Dear Professor Stenier,

\_\_\_\_\_ I am an  
MBA student at Bath University in  
England. I would like to ask you some  
questions about your research.

\_\_\_\_\_ on  
the phone sometime next week?

Could you please let me know if this  
is convenient for you?

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Andrea Ponzi  
MBA student – Bath University,  
England

4. Dear Teachers,

\_\_\_\_\_ the cleaners have complained about  
the classrooms.

They have found papers and books  
on the floor. Tables and chairs are  
often in the wrong place. This gives  
them too much extra work.

\_\_\_\_\_ the  
furniture in place? Thank you very  
much for your cooperation.

Regards,  
Tim Piper

#### Task 4

Match the topics with the paragraphs or  
sections of the email.

reason for writing / request / greeting /  
'look forward to' + ending / other news

1. Hello Mrs Hannan,  
I hope you are well, and that you are  
still teaching at Perrymead School.

2. As you may remember, I was in your  
English class last year. I am now  
applying for jobs, and I need to give  
employers a reference. I am writing to  
ask if you could possibly do this for  
me.

3. Would you mind if I put your name on  
my CV as a referee? Could you let  
me know if this is possible?

4. I also have some good news: I am  
engaged, and we're getting married  
next February, so of course I am very  
excited!

5. I look forward to hearing from you  
soon.  
With best wishes,  
Elena Chaois