

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Oh no, I wrote in pen by / on mistake!
- 2 Look, these shoes are in / on sale. They're very cheap.
- 3 I did nothing at / by all at the weekend – just relaxed.
- 4 Sorry, I can't speak now. I'm on / in a hurry.
- 5 We waited ages for a bus but none came, so at / in the end, we just walked home.

2 Read the review quickly. Is it a positive or negative review overall?

Phonix: the new pronunciation app



There are hundreds of apps out there for language learning, so how can we know which ones are good? ¹ Lots of people have asked me about Phonix, the pronunciation app, so I decided to write a review.

² _____ how easy it is to use. I was playing with it seconds after I'd downloaded it.

³ _____ by the games on it too. Some of them are fantastic and really fun to play. I could play them for hours!

⁴ _____, the design is a bit disappointing. The screens are quite boring and there aren't many pictures.

⁵ _____ it's an impressive app. If you don't mind the awful design, then it's worth the money. ⁶ _____ language learners.

3 Complete the review with phrases a–f.

- a I was impressed
- b I would definitely recommend it to
- c All in all, I think
- d Lots of people have asked me about
- e Unfortunately
- f I particularly like

4 Put the information in the order it appears in the review.

- a ☐ Say what you like and don't like.
- b ☐ Give your personal opinion and recommendation.
- c ☐ Say what you are reviewing and why you chose to review it.

5 Complete the notes about an app with the words below.

confusing design remembering sounds
useful vocabulary

XZLexis app

Type of app: ¹ vocabulary recorder

What I liked:

- fantastic ² _____ – very beautiful
- fun games
- very ³ _____ for learning and ⁴ _____ vocabulary

What I didn't like:

- ⁵ _____ to use at times; instructions aren't clear
- ⁶ _____ and music on it are awful

Recommend it? Yes!

WRITING TIME

6 Write a review of an app. Use the ideas in Exercise 5 or your own.

1 Find ideas

Make notes about:

- what you are reviewing and why you are reviewing it.
- its advantages and disadvantages.
- your personal opinion and whether you would recommend it.

2 Plan and write

- Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use the review in Exercise 2 to help you.
- Write a draft of your review.

3 Check

- Check language: have you included prepositional phrases?
- Check grammar: have you used the passive correctly?
- Write the final version of your review.