

# 7.7 Writing

## A review

### 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? <sup>1</sup>*Lots of people have asked me about* Phonix, the pronunciation app, so I decided to write a review.

<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ how easy it is to use. I was playing with it seconds after I'd downloaded it.

<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by the games on it too. Some of them are fantastic and really fun to play. I could play them for hours!

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the design is a bit disappointing. The screens are quite boring and there aren't many pictures.

<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it's an impressive app. If you don't mind the awful design, then it's worth the money. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ language learners.

### 3 Complete the review with phrases a–f.

- I was impressed
- I would definitely recommend it to
- All in all, I think
- Lots of people have asked me about*
- Unfortunately
- I particularly like

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

- Say what you like and don't like.
- Give your personal opinion and recommendation.
- 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

#### X2Lexis app

Type of app: <sup>1</sup>*vocabulary recorder*

What I liked:

- *fantastic* <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ – very beautiful
- *fun games*
- *very* <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for learning and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.