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Writing

A personal profile

I can write a personal profile.

Preparation

1 Complete the personality adjectives using *a*, *e*, *i*, *o* and *u*. Then tick the three most important, in your opinion.

a cr___t__v__ ☐
b fr___ndly ☐
c h__rd-w__rk__ng ☐
d h__n__st ☐
e p__t___nt ☐
f p__l__t__ ☐
g s__ns__bl__ ☐

Writing Strategy 1
You can use contractions (e.g. *I'm* and *she's*) in letters to friends and family, emails and other informal texts.

2 Read Writing Strategy 1. Then rewrite the sentences below using contractions instead of full forms.

1 My name is Megan and I am sixteen.
My name's Megan and I'm sixteen.
2 My dad is not English. He is Russian.
_____
3 I have got two brothers. They are ten and twelve.
_____
4 We have got two dogs. They are both black.
_____
5 My mum is a doctor.
_____

3 Read the personal profile below. Underline three full forms which could be contractions.

1 Hello! My name's Sam and I'm sixteen years old. I live in Brighton with my parents and my two sisters. They are twelve and fourteen.
2 We all go to Millwood Secondary School. It is a large school, but it's very friendly. I love it! My favourite subjects are art and drama. I'm very creative!
3 At weekends, I play tennis and volleyball and I go swimming. I also have piano lessons – but I am not very good!
4 My ambition is to become an actor. I want to be on TV and in films one day.

4 In which paragraph (1–4) does Sam write about these topics?

a ambitions ☐
b home and family ☐
c school ☐
d hobbies and interests ☐

5 Choose the correct preposition to complete these sentences.

1 I ride my bike **for** / **to** school every day.
2 I play basketball **to** / **with** my friends.
3 I listen **to** / **with** music on the bus.
4 I'm **at** / **in** Year 12.
5 My brother is **at** / **on** university.
6 I have guitar lessons **at** / **in** the weekend.

Writing Guide

Writing Strategy 2
Always write in paragraphs. A paragraph usually contains two or more sentences about the same topic. When you prepare a piece of writing, make a paragraph plan.

6 Read Writing Strategy 2. Then complete the paragraph plan for Harry's profile. Add the words and phrases below to the correct part of the plan.



become a doctor football and rugby listen to music
pet dog travel around the world two brothers
Westford School Year 11

Paragraph 1: Home and family
Paragraph 2: School
Paragraph 3: Hobbies and interests
Paragraph 4: Ambitions

7 Imagine you are Harry. Write a personal profile using the paragraph plan from exercise 6. Invent extra details.

CHECK YOUR WORK
Have you ...
☐ followed the paragraph plan?
☐ used contractions (short forms)?
☐ checked your spelling and grammar?

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