

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 ____	<input type="checkbox"/>	e p ____ t ____ nt ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
b fr ____ ndly ____	<input type="checkbox"/>	f p ____ l ____ t ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
c h ____ rd-w ____ rk ____ ng ____	<input type="checkbox"/>	g s ____ ns ____ bl ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
d h ____ n ____ st ____	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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 c school
b home and family 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?