

## 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 \_\_\_\_ ☐      e p \_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_ nt \_\_\_\_ ☐  
 b fr \_\_\_\_ ndly \_\_\_\_ ☐      f p \_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_ ☐  
 c h \_\_\_\_ rd-w \_\_\_\_ rk \_\_\_\_ ng \_\_\_\_ ☐      g s \_\_\_\_ ns \_\_\_\_ bl \_\_\_\_ ☐  
 d h \_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_ st \_\_\_\_ ☐

## 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?