In this part you:

- **read** a text which has six gaps in it
- **write** one word to fill in each gap

FOCUS: READING FOR GIST

1 Without trying to fill in any gaps, read the text below and answer these questions.

What text type is it?

a a news report
b an article
c an advertisement

What is the writer's purpose?

a to encourage young people to study abroad
b to recommend a particular country
c to warn of the dangers of travelling

What is it about?

a the best way to travel
b the customs of other countries
c teenagers studying abroad

2 In pairs, fill in gaps 1–4 using one word for each.

For many young people, spending time as an exchange student abroad can be the (1) ..... exciting experience of their lives. In (2) ..... to being lots of fun, it helps teenagers learn about a different way of life as they get used (3) ..... the customs in another country. They also become more confident when they realise that they can handle most problems on (4) ..... own.

VOCABULARY: LINKING EXPRESSIONS

3 Choose the correct linking words.

1 Thomas went to bed very early *as / so* he was feeling sleepy.
2 OK, I'll lend you some money as *long / far* as you can pay me back.
3 There was nothing in the room *except / apart* from a table and chairs.
4 You'd better give me your number in *fact / case* I need to call you.
5 Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth in *future / order* to save water.
6 Let's go now *instead / in front* of waiting here all afternoon.

B1 Preliminary candidates often make mistakes with linking words.

4 Find and correct the mistakes in these sentences.

1 Sienna's bike is much newer and better that mine.
2 We'll go for a picnic unless it doesn't rain.
3 I know I can always talk to my friend Lucy wherever I've got a problem.
4 Alfie bought some bread and too some apples.
5 I was late for school because the traffic.
6 Despite the train was full, I managed to find a seat.

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