

B1 WRITINGS

1. You have just won a prize in a talent show for your singing. Write an email to a friend saying what you have won, what you had to do to get the prize and when you are planning to perform in the future. (70-80)
2. You recently got a new mountain bike for your birthday. Write a letter to your English penfriend saying how long you have had it, what you have to do to keep it in good condition and why you enjoy riding it. (70-80)
3. You want to attend a two-week English course at a school in London. Write a letter to the principal explaining why you have decided to attend the course and asking how much it will cost. Tell him about your previous experience of learning English. (70-80)
4. You have been invited to the wedding of a family friend, but you have not seen him for many years. Write a letter to your friend to accept the invitation. Ask about his plans for the wedding and tell him about your most important recent news. (70-80)
5. You have recently become very fit. Write an email to a friend saying what you have done to reach your new level of fitness and explaining what you were doing wrong before you become fit. Invite your friend to exercise with you. (70-80)
6. You are organizing a music festival. Write a letter to a popular band inviting them to play at the festival. Give the location of the festival, saying how long it will last and why the band will be very popular. (70-80)
7. Last week you went on a business trip and the airline lost your suitcase. Write a letter to the airline saying what happened, where you were travelling to and what was in your suitcase. (70-80)
8. Last month you decided to go running every day before breakfast and after school or work in the evening. Write a letter to a friend who never takes any exercise, telling him why you think this is important, describing the positive results it has had and encouraging him to join you. (70-80)
9. You are going on a trip next weekend with your Australian friend. Write an email, telling her what souvenirs you have to buy for your family and what you might get if you have enough money. Ask her what she might buy. (70-80)
10. Your friend wants to know the best way to learn English. Write an email to her, saying how long you have studied English, what you find most difficult and what she must do to succeed. (70-80)

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11. You went to a great party last weekend. Write an email to a friend saying what people were doing when you arrived at the party and why it was so good. Tell your friend about a party you are having next week. (70-80)
12. You have just visited a famous building in a well-known city. Write a letter to a friend saying how long you have been in the city and why you chose to visit the building. Give your opinion of the famous building. (70-80)
13. Your friend wants to know how to get fit and healthy. Write an email to your friend telling him/her about two different ways you have tried. Say which one you preferred and why. (70-80)
14. Your friend is planning a long journey around your country. Write a letter to your friend saying which form of transport you think is best and how long the journey will take. Tell your friend what he/she must take on the journey. (70-80)
15. You have just started learning a new language (not English). Write an email to your friend saying why you started learning this language and what things you need to do to improve. Say if you prefer the new language to English. (70-80)
16. A radio station has asked your class to present a short music programme. Write a letter to the radio station saying which songs your class has chosen, why you have chosen these songs and if you think the programme will be popular. (70-80)
17. Last year you travelled a long way to your school or job every day. Write an email to a friend describing how you had to travel there, saying what you did while you were travelling and giving your opinion about this experience. (70-80)
18. You have recently started a new school. Write a letter to a friend from your old school. Describe the classroom rules in your new school, give your opinion about the rules and say which school you prefer. (70-80)
19. You have recently won two cinema tickets for a new film in a competition and want to invite your friend. Write an email to a friend explaining what you had to do in a competition, what film you want to see and if you think your friend will enjoy it. (70-80)
20. Your local sports centre has introduced some new rules for members. You think they are unnecessary. Write a letter to a friend describing the rules and explaining why you dislike them. Ask for your friend's opinion. (70-80)
21. Write an article for a family magazine about rules teenagers have to follow in your country. Describe two of these rules and give your opinion on them. Say what happens if someone breaks the rules. (110-130)

22. There has been an increase in car accidents in your area. Write a report for a transport organization describing the increase in accidents and giving possible reasons. Say what drivers need to do to stay safe on the roads. (110-130)
23. You recently saw your favourite band in concert. Write a review of the concert for a music magazine. Describe the music, the atmosphere and say what this band is planning for the future. (110-130)
24. A fast food restaurant has just opened in your area. Write a report for a healthy-eating organisation explaining what food the restaurant serves and why it is unhealthy. Say what health problems people might have if they eat a lot of fast food. (110-130)
25. Write an article for a travel magazine with a title *‘‘The importance of foreign travel’’*. Say why it is important to visit foreign countries, where you have been personally and what you learnt from the experience. (110-130)
26. Write an article for a transport magazine with the title *‘‘The changing car.’’* Say how cars have changed and how they will be different in the future. Say which present-day car you prefer and why. (110-130)
27. Write a report for a fashion magazine describing this season’s new styles for men and women. Say if you think they are suitable for everyday life and which ones you will buy if you can. (110-130)
28. Write a report entitled *‘‘The best way to travel’’* for a travel magazine, in which you compare travelling by plane and by train. Give your own opinions and also include the views of the people. (110-130)
29. There is a very old cinema in your area. Write an article for a local newspaper, giving your impressions of the cinema, saying how long it has been open and why it is not popular. (110-130)
30. A new club opened recently in your area, offering several different kinds of music and a restaurant. Write a review for a local entertainment magazine, describing an evening there and giving your impressions of the club. Say what the manager might do to improve it. (110-130)
31. Write an article for a travel magazine with the title *‘‘The top three tourist attractions in my area’’*. Describe three places in your area that tourists must visit and give reasons for your choices. Say how long they need to spend in each place. (110-130)
32. There is going to be a film festival in your area. Write a report for the organisers explaining why the festival is a good idea and

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- what films might be popular. Say what the organisers need to do to make sure lots of people attend the festival. (110-130)
33. You have just visited a new cinema in your area, but you were disappointed with it. Write a review for an entertainment guide describing the problems and giving your opinion of the cinema. Say what you think will happen if the cinema does not improve. (110-130)
34. A popular band is performing in your area next week. Write an article for a music magazine giving your opinion on their music and saying how successful you think the concert will be. Say what the regulations will be at the event. (110-130)
35. Your college canteen only sells unhealthy food. Write a report for the head teacher explaining what food the canteen has offered recently and what you think they need to sell to help students be healthy. Say why it is important for students to be healthy. (110-130)
36. You recently performed in a concert. Write an article for a music magazine describing what you did at the concert and saying what you had to do to prepare. Give your opinion of the concert. (110-130)
37. Write a report for your English class about language-learning activities. Say what activities you have to do to learn a foreign language and what activities you found unhelpful. Say what activities you might do in the future to improve your language skills. (110-130)
38. You have recently been on a very long journey. Write an article for a travel magazine saying where you were travelling, why you chose that means of transport and giving your impressions of the journey. (110-130)
39. Write a review for a travel magazine of the city you have visited in the last year. Give your impressions of the accommodation and tourist attractions. Say how long do you think visitors to the city need to spend there. (110-130)
40. Write an article for an entertainment magazine about the cinema. Say if you like going to the cinema, which types of film are better to watch at the cinema than at home and if you think cinemas are going to be more popular in the future. (110-130)
41. Write a story for a writing competition beginning with the words *‘There is one school rule I’ll never break again...’* Describe the rule, say how you broke it and explain why this had serious consequences. (110-130)
42. Write a description for a website called *www.terribletrips.com* about the worst journey you have ever had.

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- Describe the journey, say how long it took and explain why it was so bad. (110-130)
43. Write a story for a writing competition about a poor family who won a lot of money on the lottery. Explain how much money they won, what they did with it and how it changed their lives. (110-130)
 44. Write a diary entry for a young fashion model who has just taken part in a fashion show for the first time. Say where it was, what she had to do and what her impressions were. (110-130)
 45. Imagine you have a collection of famous people's autographs. Write a description for an entertainment magazine saying how you got them and why they are special to you. Say which autographs you intend to get in the future. (110-130)
 46. Write a story for a writing competition beginning with words *"When I woke up, I was on a beach."* Say where you were, what you did next and how long you spent there. (110-130)
 47. Write your diary for a day when you discovered some surprising information about your family. Explain what you found out and why you were surprised. (110-130)
 48. Write a description for a bridal magazine of an unusual wedding. Describe the bride and groom and what they were wearing. Explain why the wedding was so different. (110-130)
 49. Write a short story for a school magazine beginning with the words *"The notice on the door said PLEASE KEEP OUT but of course we took no notice."* (110-130)
 50. You have just been to a theme park. Write a diary entry of the day, describing what you did, what you saw and your favourite part of the day. (110-130)
 51. You recently went to a relative's wedding. Write a description for a magazine saying what your relative had to do to prepare for the wedding and describing what happened on the day. Give your opinion on the experience. (110-130)
 52. Write a story for a writing competition with a title *"The day I met my favourite film star."* Explain how you met your favourite film star and give your opinion of him/her. Say if you think you will meet this person again in the future. (110-130)
 53. A fashion magazine has asked readers what fashions are popular. Write a description for a magazine of the different fashions you see in your area. Explain why you think people follow these fashions and which styles you prefer. (110-130)
 54. Write a story for a website called *www.winners.com* about a time when you won the first prize in a competition you entered. Say

- what you had to do to win the competition, describe what your prize was and explain what you intend to do with it. (110-130)
55. Yesterday you made a new friend. Write your diary saying what you were doing when you met him/her and explaining why you liked this person. Say what you think you will do in the future. (110-130)
56. Your friend has just become a vegetarian. Write your diary explaining why your friend has become a vegetarian, giving your opinion of your friend's decision and saying if you think more people will become vegetarians in the future.(110-130)
57. Write a story for a writing competition called "*An interesting person*". Say what you were doing when you met this person, explain why the person was interesting and say if you might meet this person again. (110-130)
58. An older person showed you a photograph of a birthday party from when he/she was a teenager. Write a description for a teenage magazine saying what the young people in the photograph were wearing and giving your opinion of these clothes. Say what you prefer wearing to parties. (110-130)
59. Write a story called "*A helpful millionaire*" about someone who had a lot of money but used it to help people. Say how he/she used his money to help, explain the reasons why he/she did it and say what people thought of the help. (110-130)
60. You have recently tried a new activity to keep fit, but have decided you never want to do it again. Write a description for a collage magazine explaining what happened, saying why you don't think you will do the activity again and what activity you might try instead. (110-130)