

WRITING AND GRAMMAR PRACTICE ANSWER KEY

1 An informal email

1 3

- 2 1 She met her online.
2 They've been friends for a few weeks.
3 She's friendly and easygoing.
4 She lives in Bristol, near Tamsin.
5 Her surname is Brown.
6 She's planning to meet up with Rebecca.

- 3 1 Hi Tamsin
2 How are things with you?
3 Thanks for your last email; Sorry for not writing sooner, I've been very busy recently.
4 Anyway, that's all for now.
5 Write soon and tell me your news.
6 Lots of love

- 4 1 adorable
2 really
3 finally
4 quickly
5 fascinating
6 disappointing
7 surprisingly

5 **TASK** Students' own answers

2 A description of a place

- 1 Because his first memories of playing outside surrounded by nature are there.

- 2 1 A lovely old house
2 Happy memories
3 The open moor and the shady woods
4 In the long grass
5 Juicy and sweet
6 Cold and clear
7 Always sunny

- 3 1 My first happy memories of playing outside, surrounded by Nature, are of that place near Matlock.
2 open moor in the sunshine, shady woods near grandmother's house; I lay in the long grass, waiting for my sister; the ground was soft under me and the sun was warm on my face; sometimes my sister and I found blackberries on the moor and ate them; here was a small stream nearby where we washed our hands and drank the cold, clear water, or paddled our white feet.
3 we were free and innocent, like birds; it always makes me feel calm and happy
4 When I feel sad or worried now I think of that place I love, and it always makes me feel calm and happy

- 4 1 wet (touch)
2 sweet (smell)
3 loud (sound)
4 shady (sight)
5 soft (touch)
6 bitter (taste)

5 **TASK** Students' own answers

3 A review

- 1 1 The horse has human legs.
2 B
- 2 1 At the National Theatre
2 From a novel by Michael Morpurgo called *War Horse*.
3 It tells a story of love and war through the eyes of a horse.
4 A horse called Joey.
5 The family he belongs to sells him to the army and Joey goes from the farm in England to France and the war.
6 He says the story is touching and makes you think, and the puppets are very realistic.
- 3 Setting: it is set against the events of WW1 in England and France. Characters: the story is about a horse called Joey and his relationship with Albert, the teenage boy who trains him. Plot / main events: it tells a story of love and war through the eyes of a horse; The story is about a horse called Joey ...; The story begins in 1914 ...; The action then moves to ... Special effects / characteristics: the incredible realism of the life-sized puppets; Their movements are so realistic that they are completely convincing ... Personal recommendation: I would definitely recommend this production
- 4 1 love and war through the eyes of a horse.
2 a horse called Joey and his relationship with Albert, the teenage boy who trains him.
3 against the events of WW1 in England and France.
4 1914 on a farm in England.
5 wartime France.

5 Students' own answers

6 **TASK** Students' own answers

4 A 'for and against' essay

- 1 He disagrees
- 2 1 Because of the injuries player sometimes get playing them.
2 Skiing, snowboarding and horse riding.
3 To ban all of these sports for children.
4 That it will produce a generation of adults that are afraid of taking risks.
5 Alarmist stories

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- 3** Para 1 – Playing team sports is an important part of learning to work together, and it's a great way to stay fit and healthy. However, many parents are worried about the dangers of contact sports like rugby and football, specifically the risk of serious head injuries.
Para 2 – For: we've all heard about the possible risks from contact sports; Against: research shows that the greatest risks of serious head injuries are actually from skiing, snowboarding and horse riding.
Para 3 – In team sports, children learn to assess risk and how to deal with it, an important ability in their later professional lives.
Para 4 – There is simply not enough evidence to support the argument that the dangers of contact sports outweigh the benefits.

4 TASK Students' own answers

5 A police report

- 1** 1 theft
2 winter
- 2** A3, B2, C1, D4, E5
- 3** Date of crime: January 15th Time: 9:30 pm Place: garden of her neighbour's house Name of witness: Julie Fellowes Relationship to victim: neighbour Description of crime: an unknown man was hiding in her neighbour's garden. She then saw him try to break into the neighbour's garage. She later saw someone driving away in the neighbour's car.

4 Students' own answers

5 TASK Students' own answers

6 A summary

- 1** 2
- 2** 1 is just a description of the leopard; sentence
3 doesn't say anything about the change of environment.
- 3** Para 2: However, as cities expand, these birds are starting to live in urban environments too Para 3: Recent research shows that modern female newts [...] are adapting quickly to changes in the urban environment.
- 4** leopards; cities; India; hunting; attack; pigs
- 5** Para 2: bowerbirds; habitat; nest; decorate; flowers and fruit; urban environment; man-made objects Para 3: newts; ponds and rivers; plant; lay eggs; leaves; water pollution; urban environments; plastic bag
- 6** 4 (impressions);
5 (times);
6 (descriptions)

- 7 TASK** Para 2: The Australian bowerbird decorates its nest with flowers and fruits to attract a mate. These birds are starting to live in cities now, instead of forests. Because they like colourful things, they steal unusual man-made objects and use them to decorate their nests.
Para 3: Newts live in ponds and rivers. They lay their eggs on leaves. Many now live in polluted water in city gardens, where there aren't any of these plants, so they've adapted to their environment by laying their eggs on plastic bags in the water instead.

7 A proposal

- 1** formal language
- 2** 1 F (General population is not active enough)
2 T
3 F (It won't be cheap to implement these suggestions)
- 3** 1e, 2c, 3d, 4b, 5a

4 TASK Students' own answers

8 A biography

- 1** In prison
- 2** a 1994
b 2013
c 1963
d 1958
e 1996
f 1990
- a4, b6, c2, d1, e5, f3
- 3** Para 1: 3 (career and achievements); Para 2: 2 (family)
- 4** 1 F (He changed the system of government, then became president.)
2 T
3 F (He had six children.)
4 F (He didn't spend a lot of time with his family because he was in prison.)
5 F (He felt being a father was more satisfying.)
- 5** 2 Jake had been married to Lily, then he divorced her and married Ronnie.
3 Before / When / By the time Harry joined Greenpeace, he had been interested in green politics for years.
4 Jo campaigned for a long time, eventually / later he became an MP.
5 Callum and Olivia adopted Greg when he was a baby.
6 First the family lived In Vienna, then / later they moved to Prague.

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9 A formal letter or email

- 1** To present a design for a competition.
- 2**
- 1 T
 - 2 F (it is for young people)
 - 3 F (its aim is to bring teenagers together, to do exercise but also just to socialise)
 - 4 T
 - 5 T
 - 6 T
- 3**
- 1 Dear Mrs Morley
 - 2 I am writing to the British Design Association to present my design for the Young Inventor of the Year competition
 - 3 I would be grateful if you could read the attached description of the project and give me your feedback on the following points.
 - 4 I look forward to hearing from you soon.
 - 5 Your sincerely,
- 4**
- 1 Dear
 - 2 Please do not hesitate to contact me
 - 3 Yours sincerely
 - 4 I would be grateful if you could ...
 - 5 My project ... has been designed to ...
 - 6 I look forward to hearing from you.

5 TASK Students' own answers

10 A magazine report

- 1** Because she's just made a new film with Disney.
- 2**
- 1 Disney
 - 2 A ring that was designed for Belle
 - 3 She thought Belle opened a library and school in the castle.
 - 4 She campaigns for women's rights.
 - 5 Yes, she does. She thinks women are still treated differently to men at work, so there's still work to do to get true equality.
- 3**
- 1 I asked Emma whether she had kept anything from the film set as a souvenir. 'Did you keep anything from the film set as a souvenir?'
 - 2 I asked Emma what she imagined happened to her character after that. 'What do you think happens to your character after that?'
 - 3 I asked what she thought was the biggest problem for young women today. 'What do you think is the biggest problem for young women today?'
- 4** Fact: She has a ring from the film that she wears all the time. She campaigns for women's rights. Opinion: She's intelligent, attractive, talented and an all-round really nice girl.

5 TASK Students' own answers

11 A travel blog

- 1** The sea and the food.
- 2**
- 1 In Barcelona
 - 2 They flew there
 - 3 She / He didn't expect it to be so beautiful.
 - 4 It was small and friendly with bright colours and a smell of coffee.
 - 5 The sea food
 - 6 They went to see the sights of the city.
- 3**
- 1 No, he / she hasn't.
 - 2 The UK
 - 3 A young person, late teens / early 20s
 - 4 Excited; enthusiastic; adventurous; inquisitive
- 4** Students' own answers

12 A formal email

- 1** Inform the Customer Services department of the problem with the item, make sure to ask the company to respond to the complaint and provide some compensation.
- 2**
- 1 No, he doesn't use a name.
 - 2 It took longer to arrive than predicted + it was badly damaged. The linking word is 'moreover'.
 - 3 To return the goods and get a refund.
 - 4 'I would therefore like a refund'
 - 5 'Could you also let me know ...'
 - 6 'I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.'
- 3** Students' own answers

13 An opinion essay

- 1** Food waste
- 2**
- 1 They include all parts of the question, including the notes.
 - 2 First – introduction (what is the topic of the essay), the second is the solutions (two solutions with positives and negatives) and the third is another solution and the final paragraph is the conclusion and her / his own point of view.
 - 3 First; secondly; although; on the other hand; a third; in my opinion; I believe
 - 4 Because she / he says 'In my opinion', 'I believe'.
- 3**
- 1 Firstly / First of all
 - 2 Secondly
 - 3 Finally
 - 4 However
 - 5 In addition
 - 6 For example
 - 7 Because of that / For this reason

4 Students' own answers

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14 An informal letter

- 1 She's from Italy.
- 2
 - 1 I'm writing to say a big thank you
 - 2 The gerund (-ing form)
 - 3 They went on the Millennium Wheel.
 - 4 For laughing at them because they drank cappuccino in the afternoon. Not really, but maybe she felt bad about it.
- 3
 - 1 Yes, she mentions all the points in the question.
 - 2 Paragraph 1 – to thank them; paragraph 2 – to talk about her favourite time and why she liked it; paragraph 3 – to say what she remembers most and to apologise to them for laughing at them; paragraph 4 – to send greetings from her family
 - 3 *Dear Mr and Mrs Jackson* to start (quite formal); *With love + her name* to end (quite informal).
- 4 Students' own answers

15 A news report

- 1
 - 1 On Monday 17th January at 10:15 am there was an attempted robbery ...
 - 2 Mr Turner, who was inside the shop at the time, noticed a youth behaving suspiciously ...
 - 3 Witnesses described him as about 16 years old, white, and skinny ...
 - 4 Police spokesman PC Burns praised Mr Turner for his quick thinking and public-spirited attitude ...
- 2
 - 1 In the Quickstop Shop on Lansdowne Road
 - 2 A youth behaving suspiciously
 - 3 The boy put his hand in a girl's bag and Mr Turner shouted 'Stop!'
 - 4 Elisabeth Jones
 - 5 Anyone with information to contact them
- 3 Students' own answers

16 A summary

- 1 The second one, because it doesn't contain personal comments or opinions and uses linkers to connect information.
- 2
 - 1 which
 - 2 an
 - 3 because
 - 4 which
 - 5 approximately
 - 6 in
 - 7 and
 - 8 some
 - 9 very
 - 10 because
 - 11 the
- 3 Students' own answers

17 An online review

- 1 Students' own answers
- 2
 - 1 Yes, she mentions the four things they specify: the food, the atmosphere, the service, the price.
 - 2 She liked it; 'I liked it straight away'. She liked the waiters 'the staff were very friendly' and appreciated that they had decorated the table for her friend's birthday.
 - 3 The pizzas were good ('they tasted great') and the restaurant ('obviously use fresh ingredients'), although they were small ('they weren't very big'), but the lasagne was disappointing ('it'd been reheated in a microwave, and she said it was a bit dry and tasteless'). The dessert, tiramisù 'was delicious to die for'.
 - 4 They were friendly, had decorated the tables with balloons (so gone the extra mile) and the service was fast – maybe even too fast.
 - 5 Yes, it was 'to die for'.
 - 6 I don't think so, because she says it was 'pricey' so suggests that although most of the food was good, portions were small (and not all of it was good).
 - 7 She recommends it, but don't go for the lasagne!
- 3
 - 1 B
 - 2 A
 - 3 A
 - 4 B – They are less formal.
- 4 Students' own answers

18 A story

- 1 *example answers:*
 - 1 suddenly / without warning
 - 2 bright / big / huge / amazing
 - 3 strange / weird / big / enormous / small / tiny
 - 4 empty / black / clear / dark
 - 5 quickly / fast / suddenly
 - 6 almost / completely
 - 7 worried / scared / strange / weird / ill
 - 8 confused / puzzled / worried / scared / frightened
 - 9 quickly / fast / slowly
 - 10 huge / big / small / enormous (to match item 3)
- 2
 - 1 Night time.
 - 2 He was looking at his phone ('I looked up from my phone').
 - 3 There was a flash of light and he saw something that looked like a plane.
 - 4 That a lot of people thought they had seen UFOs.
 - 5 Because he had a picture of the object on his phone.
 - 6 No. Maybe he took a photo while he was holding his phone. (Maybe the UFO was communicating with him!)

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- 3** 1 past continuous mainly, and 'interrupted action' with when + past simple; past simple and past perfect
2 Students' own answers. Direct speech changes the pace of the story, reported speech would make it less dramatic (but wouldn't be 'wrong').
3 Students' own answers
- 4** Students' own answers

19 An article

- 1** Students' own answers
- 2** 1 He / She had work experience in a dentist's. His / her task was to bring patients into the dentist.
2 How early dentists started. Also surprised how sensitive dentists were.
3 Because he / she were able to help people.
4 Work experience; dentist; staring into someone's mouth
5 Kind; sensitive; terrified; relaxing; scared; proud
6 It talks about the writer's fears and about how they can last.
7 Yes, they have.
- 3** Students' own answers

20 Online comments

- 1** 1 Students' own answers
2 Little boys are more aggressive than little girls
3 Aggression doesn't just mean physical fighting. Both little boys and little girls can be aggressive, it doesn't depend on the gender.
4 JD
5 Students' own answers
- 2** Agree: Absolutely!; I completely agree; I partly agree; I quite agree!

Disagree: (Sorry, but) I completely disagree; I don't agree at all; I don't think you're right; I see what you mean, but ...; I think some of that is true, but ...; That's true, but on the other hand ... Arguments on both sides: Here, here!; Well said!
- 3** War is never justified.
- 4-5** Students' own answers