

# WRITING Sample answers: An email

## Part 1 Question 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in about **100** words.

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Sam and the notes you have made.

New Message	
From: Sam	
Subject: Learning the guitar	
Hi	
I know you play the guitar really well. Guess what! I've just started learning, too. ←	<i>Fantastic!</i>
I was wondering if you'd be able to give me some advice. How often do you practise, and for how long? ←	<i>Tell Sam</i>
Should I buy a guitar straight away or just use the one the school has lent me for now? ←	<i>Say which is better</i>
Would you be able to teach me how to play some simple songs? ←	<i>Yes, but ...</i>
See you soon	
Sam	

Write your **email** to Sam using **all the notes**.

### Sample answer A

Hi Sam

That's great that you've started playing the guitar too. I'm really pleased.

I try to do some practice every day if I can, but I don't always manage to do this. I usually practise for about an hour, but sometimes a bit less.

I would use the guitar the school lent you for now, at least until you will be sure you want to continue playing. It's waste of money if you buy one then decide to give up.

I can show you how to play some songs but remember that it takes time for it to sound good – you need to be patient and practise.

See you soon

Cleo

### Sample answer B

Hi Sam

That's fantastic that you've started playing the guitar. It's a great instrument!

I practice the guitar every day. Sometimes for a long time, but sometimes only for ten minutes. I think it's important doing practising regular. A short time is always better than no time.

I think it's a good idea to use the school guitar. You don't know how much you like playing guitar yet. Wait for some time and if you really love the guitar, you can buy your own one.

I can teach you some simple songs. That's no problem. Do you want to come to my house after school tomorrow?

Adam

### Sample answer C

Hi Sam

I love playing my guitar.

I do practice most days. I like practising with my friends too.

I think the school guitar is a good idea while you are starting and you don't know if you will continue. But it's also nice to buy your own guitar because then you feel more comfortable.

Yes, I can show you some songs.

Love

Isobel

## Part 2 Question 2

Write your answer in about **100 words**.

You see this announcement on an English-language website.

### Articles wanted!

#### The time you spend online

How much time do you spend online each day on computers and mobile phones?

Do you think parents should limit how long their children can spend online each day? What are the benefits of spending less time online?

The best articles answering these questions will be published next month.

Write your article.

### Sample answer A

#### Spending time online

These days, I spend about four hours a day online and maybe even more at weekend. It's important to spend this long time on the internet as I use it for school work as well as keeping in touch for friends.

My parents limited how long time I spent online each day until I was thirteen. I could only go online for two hours a day. They thought it was bad for me for stay online for longer.

Looking back, I think it was probably a good thing. I was definitely fitter and healthier as I went out with friends more and played more sports instead of sit at a laptop.

### Sample answer B

#### The time I spend online

How much time do I spend online? I think it depends on the day. When I'm at home I'm spending more time on phone and computer from when I'm at school.

I don't think many children want to have limits. They like be online when they're wanting to be and that can be too much.

I think the benefits are that you do different things and hobbies. Instead of looking at a screen, you can do more sports activities or reading. I think it's also better for people's social abilities because too much time with computers makes people hard at talking to others.

### Sample answer C

#### The time you spend online

I spent online about two hours every day. At the weekends I sometimes do five hours. I don't use mobile phones a lot but I play video games a lot. I really enjoy games online with other people to play with. Many parents think childrens spent too much time on computers. They say children use the internet all the time it's not healthy or interesting for them.

# WRITING Sample answers: A story

## Part 2 Question 3

Choose **one** of these questions.

Write your answer in about **100 words**.

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence.

*Anna had just got out of bed when the phone suddenly started ringing.*

Write your story.

### Sample answer A

*Anna had just got out of bed when the phone suddenly started ringing. She saw it was from her friend Helen. She answered and Helen immediately started telling Anna to come over at her house because she had something to show her.*

*Anna quickly got dressed, told her parents where she was going and walked to Helen's house. When she got there, Helen took Anna up to her bedroom and they sat to Helen's computer.*

*'Look!' she said. 'You know the video we recorded for that song we wrote together? I put it online yesterday and over ten thousand people have watched it already!' Maybe they were going to be famous after all!*

### Sample answer B

*Anna had just got out of bed when the phone suddenly started ringing. She was excited when she heard it. Anna did a competition and she was waiting to the result. She answered many questions and she was surely she put right answers. But then anybody called to her so she was thinking that she lost the competition. Then she was dissaponted, becaus she wanted so much to win and then she can take her family. The price in the competition is a big holiday to safari in Africa. Then her phone started to ring. She knew it was for the competition. She knew she was the winner. Anna was happy really.*

### Sample answer C

*Anna had just got out of bed when the phone suddenly started ringing. She thought they bring her her new TV, but it was her frend call her and they just talking. She like her frend but Anna waiting TV. Anna's frend was telling her all her day, her scool, her teacher, her frends, her families. So Anna was very boring. But then her phone started to ring so she was happy.*