**[Question]**

**On a recent holiday you lost a valuable item. Fortunately you have travel insurance to cover the cost of anything lost.**

**Write a letter to the manager of your insurance company. In your letter:**

**Describe the item you lost.**

**Explain how you lost it**

**Tell the insurance company what you would like them to do**

Dear Manager,

I’m writing to inform you that I have lost a valuable personal item ~~belonging~~ during my vacation last week. Since I have ~~attended~~  signed up for your travel insurance plan, it should be a normal procedure to claim compensation for my ~~lost~~ loss from ~~to~~ your company.

The valuable item that ~~was~~ went missing is a fifteen-inch laptop. I bought it just the week before my vacation in order to facilitate my travel. It is the most recent model of Dell I series, which is the priciest ~~most pricey one~~ of this brand. I enclose the receipt for your reference.

~~I also would like to apologize for my carelessness that makes little inconvenience to you. It was my indiscretion to leave it on an empty seat and go to the restroom.~~ The laptop was ~~most likely~~ ~~being~~ stolen during a visit to a restaurant. ~~my absence~~. The details of the theft are included in copy of the police report, also enclosed.

Most importantly, I would like your company to compensate me for the ~~my~~ loss of this laptop. If there is any other information that I have to provide, please let me know. You may send out a check or remit the compensation to my bank account 012-111-13476.

Thank you very much for your assistance in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Jimmy Huang

**COMMENTS**

I think you are missing some additional details which would enhance your letter. One way to do this is by referring to enclosed material such as a police report and receipt (as above).

Also, you are the customer of an insurance company and must be firm when requesting a payment. I think your tone is too polite and humble here. You also admit the loss of the item was your fault and no insurance company would pay in this instance.

**[Question]**

**Being a celebrity - such as a famous film star or sport personality – brings problems as well as benefits.**

**Do you think being a celebrity brings more benefits or more problems?**

As the mass media becomes ~~becoming~~ more and more prevalent in our world, some celebrities have become household names. ~~people’s names have also become household-known.~~ Whether or not the benefits of being a celebrity outnumber the disadvantages is a much-debated topic. Personally, I have the opinion that being famous is a good thing rather than a disadavantage ~~trouble~~ for the following reasons.

Firstly, privilege and wealth are two common benefits ~~things~~ that come ~~in~~ to mind when mentioning ~~of~~ celebrities. ~~Being~~ For famous people, such as a movie star or an athlete, there ~~are big chances~~ is a high chance they can live lucrative lives and have privileges over normal people. For example, it’s ~~always~~  often the celebrities’ job to endorse products in commercial advertisements, which would ~~bring~~ attracts a huge amount of money ~~to them~~. Furthermore, most people admire and respect some celebrities because of their talents or appearances, which makes the celebrities be privileged in some occasions and exempted from some duties.

There is only one drawback I can think of that is not so favorable. That is, celebrities tend to lose their privacy and personal lives after becoming household names. However, I think disguising themselves or moving abroad can be solutions for these downsides.

In conclusion, being a celebrity is ~~celebrities are~~ more of a fortune than a misfortune in my opinion. This is because being famous is mostly likely to bring ~~people~~ wealth and reputation, ~~if not famous for criminal,~~ despite ~~of~~ minor inconveniences. In addition, some aspiring young people are keen to become famous because of envying the merits that celebrities have. Therefore, I strongly believe my observation that being a celebrity is ~~much of a~~ beneficial overall  ~~thing~~.

**COMMENTS**

I think the essay is a little unbalanced. I would prefer you to either add another drawback (fame attracts criminals, for example) or extend your idea of invasion of privacy with one or two more sentences. Perhaps you could mention the paparazzi (photographers) who follow celebrities?

There are also errors with vocabulary. In some cases you are trying to use vocabulary in ways we do not. For example, HOUSEHOLD NAME is OK, but PEOPLE’S NAMES BECOME HOUSEHOLD-FAMOUS is not. See my rewritten clause.

Also be careful with easy vocabulary such as THING / PEOPLE.

Some grammar errors, but the meaning is clear and many sentences are error free in terms of grammar.