

Task 1. Dear Bestie, I had a great birthday party yesterday evening. I received many presents from my relatives and friends. My favourite present is a new blue dress. My sister gave it to me. It's very beautiful and looks like a princess dress. I like it so much. Have you ever received a special present? Can you introduce it? I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Best regards, Thuy Mai Phuong

Task 2. Nowadays, there are many means of transport to travel around the world such as train, ship, car, airplane. Almost all people choose airplane. Some people say "Travelling by plane is the most expensive and dangerous". There are some advantages and disadvantages, too. First of all, I like to emphasize the fact that I love travelling by plane. In my opinion, it is the best and the most comfortable. When you want to travel long distances, the plane is the ideal means of transport. Moreover, you have the chance to admire the world from above and feel like flying yourself. You can capture a spectacular sunrise or sunset or the fluffy clouds. The biggest advantage of flying is that it is often the fastest way to get from one place to another, especially when long distances are involved. It helps us save a lot of time, so we can do more things. Secondly, I think the comfort of air travel makes people satisfied. When we traveling by air, can sit comfortably in an arm-chair, reading magazines, listen to music, read books, play games or watching a free film on television. The process of making arrangements to fly can be quite convenient. A plane ticket can be purchased by telephone or on the Internet. We don't have to cope with crowd at air port as other stations for buying tickets. The flight attendants are always friendly, we can "call" them when we need. Moreover, some meals have taste well on the plane. Apart from these advantages, however, traveling by air has its disadvantages, too. First of all, flying is often the most expensive form of transportation, especially if reservations are not made well in advance. It amounts to hundreds of dollars or even millions. Some people might not be able to afford to fly on the budget airline. Then air travels have the reputation of being dangerous and even hardened travelers are intimidated by them. There are plane crashes in which the crew and passengers have died. Finally, traveling by air, we can't stop wherever we want to enjoy beautiful landscapes on our way as we do in a trip by car or boat. Sceneries seen from plane are merely vague sights. The sights below become very small, cities are small, mountains are small too, everything is small. In conclusion, there are both pros and cons of traveling by air. People should choose the suitable means and that means suits their standard.