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# **1 This is me!** (Task 7, page 15)

Hi there!

My name's Aaron and I'm thirteen. I've got dark hair and green eyes. I live in Birmingham with my family. My dad is a bus driver. My mum is a chef in a restaurant. She's kind. I've got two sisters, Danielle and Marcy. They're eight and eleven.

My best friend is Scott. He's in my class at school. He's very clever and he's also practical. He makes model boats and aeroplanes. Every Sunday we go to the park. We often play with the model boats on the lake. Sometimes we go to the cinema with our other friends, too.

My favourite hobby is basketball. I'm in the school team. We play every Thursday after school. My team usually wins! I'm lucky because it's a good team and the other players are very friendly.

Tell me about yourself and your hobbies!

Take care,

Aaron

# **2 People Of The World** (Task 7, Page 27)

### Life in the Kenyan countryside

In Kenya, many people live on farms in the countryside. They grow vegetables and they have animals like sheep and cows. Children sometimes help on the farm. For example, they feed the young cows.

Children on Kenyan farms get up at six o'clock and they have breakfast. Then they walk to school. Some children must walk a long way. They have their lessons in English, but it isn't their native language.

After school children collect water and take it home. They help their parents on the farm. They haven't got televisions so in the evenings, they sing traditional songs and dance with their family and friends.

Not everyone in Kenya lives in a small countryside community. Some people live in busy towns and cities.

### **3 Museums & Collections** (Task 7, Page 41)

Dear Mum and Dad,

Our school trip to Madrid is fantastic! At the moment, we're sitting in a big square eating ice creams.

Yesterday we visited the Royal Palace. It was beautiful with lovely gardens, too.

We've been to some museums and galleries, but they were a bit boring. We've eaten lots of delicious food in some wonderful cafés and restaurants.

Tomorrow we're going to an amusement park and the zoo. I can't wait!

Love.

Mark

# **4 Getting Around** (Task 6, Page 53)

Hi John.

I'm so happy you can come to the concert!

It's at the art gallery, near the library. First, walk along the High Street until you see the post office. Then turn right and walk past the park. Next, turn left and walk along the road until you see the library. The art gallery is next to it.

The concert is free, but bring a little money for drinks and snacks.

See you on Sunday!

Melanie

# **5 Eating & Drinking** (Task 6, Page 67)

### Is eating out always a good thing?

Most people like eating in restaurants with friends and family, but is it always such a great idea?

In my opinion, the best thing about eating out is that you don't have to cook or do the washing-up! It's also a good way to try unusual foods from around the world. The food in a restaurant is also probably healthier than the food some people eat at home.

However, we all know that eating in restaurants is more expensive than cooking food at home. You also have to waste a lot of time waiting for your food. And some people say that they eat too much, because they often have a heavy three-course meal.

I think eating out is fun, but perhaps it's best not to do it more than once a week. What do you think?

# **6 Feeling Fine** (Task 7, Page 79)

Hi Mary,

I'm sorry you aren't feeling well at the moment.

Why don't you give up sweets and crisps? They're the worst things to eat. It would be a good idea to eat lots of fresh fruit and vegetables because they are better for you. How about eating a salad or some healthy soup for lunch? Fried food isn't good for you so why don't you try pasta instead?

Good luck and feel better soon!

Kim

# **7 The Countryside** (Task 8, Page 93)

Dear Anna,

How are you?

I'm on holiday in Devon with my family. We're staying in a lovely farmhouse with fantastic views of the sea! Every day we go for a walk across fields and up hills. We're getting very fit! We usually have lunch in a beautiful village and dinner at the farmhouse.

Yesterday we met three grey donkeys on a farm. They were very friendly, and I took lots of photos of them! See you soon,

Penny

# 8 Towns & Cities (Task 8, Page 105)

### Welcome to Bristol!

This lively and historic city is full of culture and fun things to do.

### Seeing the Sights

If you visit Bristol, you mustn't miss the Clifton Suspension Bridge. This beautiful bridge has amazing views of the city. If you're interested in history, you should also visit the fantastic ship, the SS Great Britain. It's very old and has many stories to tell.

#### Culture

In the summer, lots of festivals happen in the centre of Bristol: food, music and even graffiti festivals! The famous street artist, Banksy, grew up in Bristol and you can see lots of his work in the town.

### Shopping

Bristol is also great for shopping. It has two large shopping centres. If you prefer small, interesting shops, go to the area called Clifton, where there are also lots of cafés and restaurants.

For more information, go to <a href="https://www.visitbristol.co.uk">www.visitbristol.co.uk</a>. Enjoy your stay!

## 9 Celebrate! (Task 9, Page 119)

Dear Wasim,

How are you? I'm fine, but very busy with schoolwork.

We are doing a project about celebrations and our teacher has asked us to find out about a celebration in another country. I know that you celebrate Diwali in Pakistan, so I was wondering if you could give me some information about it.

Firstly, please could you tell me what the festival of Diwali is about? Secondly, I'd like to know what people do on that day. Finally, would you be able to tell me what food and drink you prepare and eat on that day?

Thank you very much for your help. I'm really looking forward to hearing from you.

#### 10 Music (Task 7, Page 131)

Frank had always loved music, and today was the most important day of his life. He was in London to sing in a national singing competition. If he won, he would be able to record a song with his favourite band, the Bongoheads.

As he waited to perform, he was so nervous his hands were shaking. He quickly telephoned his dad. 'Don't worry, Frank. You can do this. You'll be great!' said his dad, kindly. Frank knew his mum in the audience was feeling as excited as he was.

When it was his turn to sing, he walked onto the stage. For a moment, he forgot everything. Then the music started, and he started to feel excited. He relaxed, thought of his mum, and gave his best performance ever. Was it good enough? He wasn't sure, but it was the best night of his life.