

Christelle went to Scotland and stayed with Stephanie and David. After she had gone home, she wrote to thank them.

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- a Look at the list of things she says in her letter. Number them in a logical order 1–7.
- A She suggests the best time to come to Geneva.
 - B She thanks them for having her to stay.
 - C She talks about what she's been doing recently.
 - D She apologizes for not writing before.
 - E She mentions two really good experiences in Scotland.
 - F She thanks them again and invites them to stay.
 - G She talks in general about the nice things that happened in Scotland.
- b Now read Christelle's letter and check your answers to a.
- c Find and correct five punctuation mistakes in the second paragraph.
- d Look back at the emails on p.17. What difference is there in style between an informal letter and an email?

Useful language: informal letters / emails

Beginnings

Dear + name (email: Dear or Hi)

Sorry for not writing earlier but...

Thank you / Thanks (so much) for
(your letter, having me to stay, etc.).

It was great to hear from you...

Endings

That's all for now.

Hope to hear from you soon. / Looking forward
to hearing from you.

(Give my) regards / love to...

Best wishes / Love (from)

PS I enclose a photo of the three of us (email: I
attach...)

Imagine you have some British friends in the UK, and you stayed with them for a week last month.

WRITE a letter to thank them.

PLAN what you're going to say. Use 1–7 above and the **Useful language** box to help you.

CHECK the letter for mistakes (**grammar** , **punctuation** , and **spelling**).

Dear Stephanie and David,

Sorry for not writing earlier but I've been incredibly busy since I got back!

Im writing to thank you for letting me stay with you in august I had a fantastic time. The weather was perfect and I really think my english got better. i hope you think so too!

It was very nice to meet Claire and Emma. There were a lot of memorable days, but I'll never forget the open air concert we went to - it was amazing - or the visit to Edinburgh Castle.

For the last three weeks I've been very busy organizing everything for my next year at university. I have to matriculate for all my subjects and choose the optional ones I want to do. I've also been doing a lot of exercise as I put on three kilos while I was in Glasgow! I've been going swimming every day and playing football with my friends. Talking of football, I was sorry to see that Celtic lost on Saturday. Let's hope they play better next week.

Anyway, that's all for now. Thanks again for everything. Don't forget my invitation to come to Geneva - my family would love to meet you. Spring would be a great time as it's warm and not too crowded.

Give my love to Claire and Emma.

Best wishes

Christelle

PS I enclose a photo I took of the girls in Edinburgh.



GRAMMAR

Complete the second sentence with **two** words so that it means the same as the first. Contracted forms, e.g. *isn't*, count as one word.

I really think it's important for you to learn to drive.

You really **must** **learn** to drive.

- Why don't you join a tennis club?
It would be good for you.
I think you _____ a tennis club.
- I'm sure she's not American. She hasn't got an American accent.
She _____ American, she hasn't got an American accent.
- I can't go out tonight.
I won't _____ to go out tonight.
- It's prohibited to take photos there.
You _____ photos there.
- I'm not sure if she'll like her present.
She _____ like her present.
- Wearing a uniform is not obligatory.
You _____ to wear a uniform.
- The lights are on so I'm sure he's at home.
The lights are on so he _____ at home.
- I think perhaps this is their house.
This _____ their house.
- Paying in advance is obligatory at this school.
You _____ pay in advance at this school.
- Drinking a lot of coffee isn't a good idea.
You _____ a lot of coffee.

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VOCABULARY

a Complete the description.



My cousin Ann is very attractive. She's in her ¹m _____ -twenties – 24 or 25 I think. She's blonde, with shoulder-²l _____ hair. It's completely ³s _____, not curly at all. Her ⁴f _____ is very long and gets in her eyes. She's very short-sighted but she ⁵w _____ contact lenses.

b Complete with an adjective from the bold verb.

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| 1 Are you _____ in sport? | interest |
| 2 I was very _____ when I failed the exam. | depress |
| 3 This book is really _____. I can't finish it. | bore |
| 4 I completely forgot his name. It was so _____! | embarrass |
| 5 I felt very _____ because I just couldn't do it. | frustrate |






c Complete with one word.

- Please switch _____ your mobile. You can't use it here.
- I'm afraid John's out. Can you call _____ later?
- I can't believe it! He hung _____ in the middle of our conversation!
- She looks _____ her mother. They both have big eyes.
- He's _____ his late forties.

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PRONUNCIATION

a Underline the word with a different sound.

1	 dial	might	fifties	frightened
2	 weight	height	straight	engaged
3	 curly	bored	short	tall
4	 grey	ugly	glasses	fringe
5	 check	moustache	switch	choose

b Underline the stressed syllable.

disappointed embarrassing interested mobile overweight

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CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

The best day of my life

This week's contributor is the thriller writer **Minette Walters**.

One of the best days of my life was when my agent phoned to say that my first novel, *The Ice House*, had been accepted by a publisher. I'd finished the book 18 months earlier, and I didn't think it was ever going to be published. It was one morning in the autumn of 1990 when the phone call came. I was 39, and a friend of mine turned up, sat down at my kitchen table and **burst into tears** because she was having problems with her marriage. I was doing my best to try to console her when the phone rang. So there I was, listening to the best news of my life, while my friend was crying over the worst news of her life. My agent said, 'Aren't you pleased? Why aren't you more excited?' I said, 'I am... but I'll tell you later.' I put the phone down and tried to be **sympathetic** to my friend. But at 11 o'clock **I couldn't stand it** any longer so I said, 'Stay there. I have to go out for ten minutes.' I came back with a bottle of champagne. 'You and I are going to drink some champagne,' I said, and told her my good news. She was a much happier lady when she left! I can't remember how many publishers had **turned down** my book, because my agent didn't tell me. I don't know how many copies it's sold now – a couple of million I should think, because it's published in 36 countries. But I have absolutely no sympathy for those publishers who rejected my book. I was **deeply hurt** at the time, but now I'm laughing!



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CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

- a **3.19** Listen and circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.
- Where's the girl's mobile?
 - In the café.
 - In her pocket.
 - In her bag.
 - How late are their friends?
 - Less than 15 minutes.
 - 15 minutes.
 - More than 15 minutes.
 - Who looks good in their passport photo?
 - The woman.
 - The man.
 - Neither of them.
 - The girl's new boyfriend is...
 - tall and with long dark hair.
 - tall with short dark hair.
 - short with short dark hair.
 - How many times has the woman failed her driving test?
 - One.
 - Two.
 - Three.
- b **3.20** Listen and complete the form with the missing information.

Anglo language school

Name: 1 _____
 Surname: 2 _____
 Nationality: 3 _____
 Student wants to study 4 _____ level.
 Student has been to 5 _____.

CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

Can you...? Yes (✓)

- talk about bad mobile phone manners, and what you think people should do
- describe yourself and other people
- talk about something you've tried to learn but weren't able to and why

a Read the article and choose a, b, or c.

- In 1990 Minette Walters was _____ about the chances of her first novel being published.
 - quite optimistic
 - quite pessimistic
 - quite worried
- When her agent first phoned, Minette felt that she _____ celebrate the news.
 - shouldn't
 - had to
 - could
- Her agent couldn't understand _____.
 - why she was crying
 - what she was saying
 - her reaction
- In the end Minette's good news made her friend _____.
 - feel better
 - feel worse
 - leave early
- Now that she is very successful, she _____ the publishers who rejected her.
 - feels positive towards
 - feels negative towards
 - understands

b Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. Can you guess what they mean?