

- a Read the two emails once and answer the questions.
- 1 Why has Stephanie written to Claudia?
 - 2 Does Claudia recommend her friend?
- b The computer has found five spelling mistakes in Claudia's email. Can you correct them?
- c Read Claudia's email again. Then cover it and answer the questions from memory.
- 1 Which adjectives describe Christelle's personality?
 - 2 What does she like doing in her free time?
 - 3 What negative things does Claudia say about Christelle?
- d Look at the **highlighted** expressions we use to modify adjectives. Put them in the right place in the chart.

Anna is	<u>very</u> / _____	untidy.

Useful language: describing a person

- He's quite / very, etc. + adjective (e.g. *friendly, extrovert*, etc.)
- She's a bit + negative adjective (e.g. *untidy, shy*, etc.)
- He likes / loves / doesn't mind + verb + *-ing*
- He's good at + verb + *-ing*

Imagine you received Stephanie's email asking about a friend of yours.

WRITE an email to answer it.

PLAN what you're going to write using the paragraph summaries below. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank p.146 Personality** to help you.

- Paragraph 1 age, family, work / study
- Paragraph 2 personality (good side)
- Paragraph 3 hobbies and interests
- Paragraph 4 any negative things?

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


From: Stephanie
 To: Claudia
 Subject: Hi from Scotland

Dear Claudia,
 I hope you're well.
 I've just had an email from your friend Christelle. She wants to rent a room in my house this summer. Could you tell me a bit about her (age, personality, etc. and what she likes doing) so that I can see if she would fit in with the family? Please be honest!
 Send my regards to your family and I hope to hear from you soon.
 Best wishes
 Stephanie

From: Claudia
 To: Stephanie
 Subject: Hi from Switzerland

Hi Stephanie,
 Thanks for your email.
 Of course I can tell you about Christelle. She's 21, and she's studying law with me.
 I think she's quite extrovert and very sociable – she has lots of friends. She's also very good with children. She has a young step-brother and several young cousins, and I know she likes playing with them. She's incredibly hard-working and responsible – she passed all her exams last year, which is more than I did!
 She likes going out, seeing films, and listening to music, but not rock or heavy metal – so don't worry about noise! And she's happy to do things on her own – she's very independent, so you won't really have to look after her. Her parents are divorced and she lives with her mother and stepfather, but she also sees her father regularly.
 The only negative things I can think of are that she's a bit untidy – her room is usually in a mess – and that her English is, well, not brilliant. But I'm sure she'll learn fast! I think she's really nice and that you and the family will get on well with her.
 I hope that's useful. Let me know if you need any more information about her.
 Love
 Claudia

PS I attach a photo of the two of us.



GRAMMAR

Put the verbs in the correct tense.



A Wow. Is that your new car? (be)

B Yes.

A When ¹ _____ it? (you / get)

B I ² _____ (buy) it last month.

³ _____ it? (you / like)

A Yes, it's great. What happened to your front light?

B I ⁴ _____ (hit) another car when I

⁵ _____ (drive) to work. I thought the traffic lights ⁶ _____ (change), but they hadn't. Would you like to go for a drive?

A I can't just now because I ⁷ _____ (meet) a friend in ten minutes. How about tomorrow evening? It's Wednesday and I usually ⁸ _____ (finish) work early.

B OK. I ⁹ _____ (pick you up) at 7.00.

You ¹⁰ _____ (love) it, I know.

A I'm sure I will. See you tomorrow then.

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VOCABULARY

a Word groups. Underline the word that is different. Say why.

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|--------------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 fresh | seafood | frozen | home-made |
| 2 fried | chicken | duck | sausages |
| 3 knife | roast | fork | spoon |
| 4 referee | coach | captain | pitch |
| 5 pool | track | beat | court |
| 6 aggressive | jealous | bossy | affectionate |
| 7 charming | sensible | sociable | moody |
| 8 cousin | family | mother-in-law | grandfather |

b Write words for the definitions.

- It's an adjective for food that is hot, e.g. curry or chilli.
s _____
- It's what you have before the main course.
s _____
- It means when two teams finish a match with the same score.
d _____
- It means to hurt yourself in an accident or doing a sport.
get i _____
- Your mother's second husband is your s _____.
- It's an adjective for a person who always thinks about him / herself.
s _____
- It's an adjective. It's the opposite of generous.
m _____






c Fill each gap with one word.

- I always ask _____ steak when we eat _____.
- What do you usually have _____ lunch?
- It's a good idea to warm _____ before you start running.
- Who do you get _____ with best in your family?

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PRONUNCIATION

a Underline the word with a different sound.

1	 pool	tuna	fruit	course
2	 cook	food	look	football
3	 court	ball	roast	prawns
4	 couple	draw	cousin	duck
5	 sausage	bossy	frozen	golf

b Underline the stressed syllable.

menu referee impatient sociable irresponsible

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CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

Jam today, tomorrow, yesterday...



Adapted from the British press

Craig Flatman is every nutritionist's nightmare – a fifteen-year-old who never eats anything except bread and jam but, unbelievably, is perfectly healthy! Although his diet contains hardly any protein and is 60% sugar, he is 1.84m tall, weighs 69kg, and his parents say he has never been seriously ill apart from typical childhood illnesses.

Craig, or 'Jam boy', as his friends have nicknamed him, rejects any form of meat, fish, fresh fruit, or vegetables. The only time he doesn't eat bread and jam is for breakfast, when he has chocolate cereal, and for tea, when he occasionally has a slice of chocolate cake. He also drinks two pints of semi-skimmed milk a day.

Craig's strange diet started when he was four years old. As a baby he had refused to eat solid food, and rejected everything until his father gave him a sugar sandwich when he was nine months old. He also ate chocolate spread sandwiches, and this, with milk, was his diet until he was four when he asked to try jam, and started an eleven-year obsession.

Craig sometimes craves some variety, but every time he tries something else he feels ill. Doctors believe that his condition may have been caused by choking on solid food when he was a baby. 'They tell me I'll grow out of it,' says Craig, 'but I don't know if I'll ever change.' Although Craig's parents eat a normal diet, their family meals are made more difficult by the fact that Craig's sister Amy, 13, is a vegetarian. And every time they go out for a meal together, they have to phone in advance – to check they can bring jam sandwiches for Craig!

a Read the article and mark the sentences T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say).

- 1 Craig doesn't eat any protein.
- 2 He eats ten jam sandwiches a day.
- 3 The only other things he eats are chocolate cereal and cake.
- 4 When he was a baby he didn't like solid food.
- 5 His obsession with jam sandwiches started when he was eleven.
- 6 Craig doesn't want to try any other kinds of food.
- 7 Doctors have done a lot of tests on Craig.
- 8 They think Craig's diet will change when he gets older.
- 9 Craig's family eat out about once a month.
- 10 Craig also has jam sandwiches when his family eat out.

b Guess what the highlighted words and phrases mean. Check with your teacher or a dictionary.

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

a **1.18** Listen and circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.

- 1 What drinks do they get?
 - a A coffee, a tea, and two orange juices.
 - b A tea and three orange juices.
 - c A coffee and three orange juices.
- 2 Why doesn't the woman want anything to eat?
 - a Because she's not hungry.
 - b Because she doesn't feel well.
 - c Because she's on a diet.
- 3 What does Robertson do now?
 - a He owns a pub.
 - b He works in Leeds.
 - c He works with young players.
- 4 Who's coming to lunch?
 - a The man's mother-in-law and his sister.
 - b The man's mother and his sister-in-law.
 - c The man's mother-in-law and her sister.
- 5 What are they going to give their granddaughter for her birthday?
 - a Money.
 - b Clothes.
 - c They can't decide.

b **1.19** You will hear a man phoning to book a tennis court. Complete the information on the secretary's form.

Hamworth Sports Centre

Tennis court bookings:

Name: Mark ¹ _____
 Membership number: ² _____
 Day: ³ _____
 Time: ⁴ _____
 Court number: ⁵ _____

CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

Can you...? Yes (✓)

- talk about your diet
- describe a sporting event you have been to (where, when, what happened)
- describe a member of your family and his / her personality
- say how you think families will change in the future