

Use of English Part 3

1 Correct the mistakes in these sentences written by exam candidates, using the correct form of the word in brackets. Add a prefix and/or a suffix in each case.

- I am worry (worry) about you, so can I talk to you?
- The biggest disadvantage is that you are always stressy (stress) when you do that job.
- These are my recommendations for the most attraction (attract) places in my town.
- At that time these electrical (electricity) machines used to be enormous.
- Your report about the music festival is absolutely unacceptable (accept).
- It was really surprised (surprise) to hear that Marta was the winner.
- The streets wouldn't be so crowdy (crowd) and they would be safer for people.
- Staying at your house next week will be really enjoyable (enjoy).
- That festival was a completely unorganised (organise) and dull event.
- There are some interesting and impressing (impress) museums in this city.

2 Look at the exam task example (0) and answer these questions.

- What kind of word goes between the superlative form *the most* and the noun *features*?
- Does this word describe how someone feels, or what causes a feeling?
- What suffix do we use for this?

Now do the exam task.

Exam task

For questions 1–10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in **the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 SURPRISING



Staying safe online

One of the most (0) features of the computer age is the huge amount of time that young people spend communicating with each other. Whereas a generation ago children would go home after a (1) day at school and watch TV, nowadays they are likely to do something much more (2), such as chat online with their friends.

Others exchange information on (3) popular social networking sites such as Facebook. What some parents find rather (4), however, is the ease with which they can make online 'friends' who they have never actually met. They are also (5) about the amount of information that their children are so (6) putting onto these websites for anyone to see.

Parents are right to be (7), but with many children spending hours a day online it is simply (8) for adults constantly to watch over them. All they can do is advise them to be extremely (9) about contact with strangers, and to warn that it is (10) and dangerous to put personal information such as their phone number or home address online.

SURPRISE

TIRE

SOCIETY

INCREASE

WORRY

CONCERN

ENTHUSIASM

ANXIETY

PRACTICE

CAUTION

FOOL

Writing Part 2 informal letter

1 Look at the exam task and answer these questions.

- Who has written to you?
- Who do they want to know about?
- What examples of informal language can you find?

Exam task

Here is part of a letter you have received from Sam, an English-speaking friend.

Though my sister's quite a bit younger than me, we're good friends most of the time!

So tell me about a relative of yours who you see a lot – and why you enjoy being with him or her.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Write your **letter** to Sam in **120–180** words. Do not write any addresses.



2 Read the model letter and answer these questions.

- Does Matteo answer Sam's questions?
- Where would you split the second paragraph to form two shorter paragraphs?
- Is Matteo's letter written in an informal style? Find examples.
- Find and correct these mistakes in the letter:
 - a comparative
 - a verb tense
 - an article
 - three adjective suffixes
- Which of Matteo's expressions could you use in your letter?

Hi Sam,

Thanks for writing. It's always nice to get a letter from you!

It's great that you have such a close friendship with your sister. My sister's actually a lot older than me and my brother's much younger, but I have a cousin called Lorenzo who's about my age and we get on really well. He lives not far from here and like me he's a student – though not at the same place. We've been friends since we were kids and we're seeing each other most weekends, and of course in the holidays. We've got lots of things in common. For instance we love the mountain biking, and something I really like about him is that he's so adventurous. We have great fun when we're out together because he's so enthusiastic about doing excited things, but without getting too competitive. He can also be quite sensitive and thoughtful, and whenever I have any kind of problem he's always sympathetic. In short, he's a fantastic friend!

Hope to hear from you again soon.

Bye for now,

Matteo

3 Plan and write your letter to Sam. Try to include some of Matteo's expressions and character adjectives.