

## Exercise 5



- 14 You have recently found a website which helped you with your schoolwork, and you want to tell your friend about it.

**Write an email to a friend telling them about the website.**

In your email, you should:

- tell your friend how you found the website
- describe how the website helped with your schoolwork
- mention a small problem you had with the website.

The pictures above may give you some ideas, and you can also use some ideas of your own.

**Your email should be between 150 and 200 words long.**

You will receive up to 8 marks for the content of your email, and up to 8 marks for the language used.

Hey Noah,

How're things? It's been a while since we last talked. You won't believe how much I got in my English mock!

I got 145/150, which is an A\*! And it's all because of this life-saving website called ESL Kings. I came across it while searching for resources to study from, just two weeks ahead. You know me — always the procrastinator.

I'm not exaggerating when I say it's the best website I've found till now. Their top-notch writing samples have improved my vocabulary and sentence structures dramatically. The notes have also been a great help — comprehensive and easy to understand. Trust me, you should check it out, and you'll thank me later!

Unfortunately, it doesn't have the latest 2024 writing samples to match the new syllabus. But it's not a big deal, since the only difference is the word count and essentially everything else is the same.

I must go now. Let me know how your diet has been going so far!

With love,

[your name]

**Exercise 6**

- 15** In class, you have been talking about whether it is better to have a big group of friends or just one best friend. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about it.

Here are two comments from your classmates:



*I can tell my best friend everything.*



Having lots of friends means having more fun!

**Write an article for your teacher, giving your views.**

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you can also use some ideas of your own.

**Your article should be between 150 and 200 words long.**

You will receive up to 8 marks for the content of your article, and up to 8 marks for the language used.

## Friends: The More the Better?

Friends are an indispensable part of our lives, and many of us have wondered at one point or another: is it better to have a large group of friends, or just one best friend?

Unarguably, the best aspect of having a best friend is the stronger, authentic, and more meaningful relationship you'll have, which allows you to trust your friend even with the deepest of your secrets. Moreover, having a best friend gives you peace of mind: whatever life throws at you, you'll find someone ready to help and support you to get back up.

On the other hand, the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of a broader social network allow you to grow as a person and learn from many people's experiences. This can make you more tolerant and open-minded. What's more, you'll always have someone to hang around with and more opportunities to socialize.

In the end, I believe that the best option is the one that fits your personality and preferences. There's no right or wrong answer; what matters is having friendships that bring happiness and last for a lifetime!