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1 This is me! (page 10)

Dear Caroline

My name is Kirsty and I'm 15. I've got long fair hair and brown eyes. I live with my mum and dad in Cardiff. My dad is very tall and my mum is short! I've got one sister, Lucy. She's sweet. She's quiet and artistic. She draws pictures every day.

My two best friends are Nichole and Dani. On Saturdays we go shopping together. Nichole is very organised – she makes a list of the things she wants to buy. I never do that! After shopping, we usually go to Dani's house and have a sandwich.

My hobbies are keeping fit and playing tennis. I usually play tennis on Sunday mornings with Dad. He's a good player so I often lose, but I don't mind. It's fun.

What are your hobbies?

Write back soon,

Kirsty

2 People Of The World (page 16)

Daily life in Athens

Last year I spent two weeks with a Greek family in Athens. In many ways their life was very similar to mine, but in other ways it was different.

The Greek school day starts at 8 am and it finishes at 2 pm. Some children go to school in special yellow school buses. Other children walk, or go by bus, tram or car. Greek children usually go home for lunch. Their grandparents often collect them from school because their parents are at work. In the afternoon, Greek children do homework and then some of them go to school again! They have special lessons in subjects such as English to help them pass their exams.

Family life is important in Greece. For celebrations like birthdays, Greek people often have a big meal with lots of friends and family members, and they enjoy traditional music and dancing. This custom is a lot of fun!

3 Museums & Collections (page 24)

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

We're having an amazing time in England!

Yesterday we were in Stratford-on-Avon. We had a picnic in the gardens by the river, and visited the Teddy Bear Museum! In the evening we went to the theatre.

We've also visited museums and palaces in London and Oxford. We've travelled by bus, train and boat!

Tomorrow we're going to Warwick Castle. I'm excited, because it's huge and it's hundreds of years old.

Love,

Emily



Sample Compositions

4 Getting Around (page 30)

Hi Harry,

I'm so glad you can come to the party!

Let's meet at the café near my house at 6 pm. Walk along School Road until you see the school. Then turn left and walk down the road. Opposite the supermarket, you will see a bank, and the café is next to the bank.

Can you bring some crisps or snacks with you, please?

Bye for now,

Suzanne

5 Eating & Drinking (page 38)

Go on a diet!

Lots of people believe that they need to go on a diet because they want to lose weight. But are diets really good for you?

It is true that many people eat too much. They should eat less food or better food and then they will be healthier. Less sugar and more fresh fruit and vegetables will give you more energy and make you feel better. In my opinion, fresh ingredients are cheaper than fast food, too.

However, a diet can stop you eating the foods you like. Some people also believe it's difficult when you are with friends because you can't eat the foods that they're eating. Also, according to doctors, you must be careful what you eat or diets can be dangerous.

I believe that a diet can be good for you, but you must be careful and get some exercise too!

6 Feeling Fine (page 45)

Hi Teresa,

I think it's a great idea to lose some weight before the competition!

Why don't you start by giving up crisps and chocolate? How about eating fruit or carrots instead? I also think you should eat more vegetables and less meat because vegetables are better for you. It would be a good idea to walk or cycle to school, too. Regular exercise is the best way to lose weight.

I think you'll soon feel fitter! Good luck!

Jim

7 The Countryside (page 54)

Hi Jack,

I hope you're well.

We're on a camping holiday, but the campsite is horrible! Our tent is small and the nights are cold!

During the day we're having fun, though. In the mornings, we go sailing on the lake and in the afternoons, we explore the countryside.

On Monday, we went horse riding in a wood. We saw a big group of wild horses! I've never seen wild horses before. That was exciting!

Love,

Sam



Sample Compositions

8 Towns & Cities (page 60)

Welcome to York!

This beautiful city has hundreds of years of history.

Culture and history

York was an important city when the Vikings lived here 1,000 years ago! Every visitor should go on a tour of the famous Viking museum. If you're interested in the history of train travel, you have to visit the National Railway Museum. And finally, chocolate-lovers mustn't miss the museum of chocolate!

Getting around

York has lots of interesting areas and tourists can explore them in many different ways. There are bus tours, boat tours, cycle tours and even ghost tours!

Food and drink

York offers food from almost every region of the world in its restaurants and many cafés. If you don't eat meat, you can enjoy two vegetarian restaurants too.

For more information, go to www.visitork.org. Enjoy your stay!

9 Celebrate! (page 68)

Dear Fiona,

I hope you're well. I'm OK, but we're busy at school.

We're learning about special occasions around the world and our teacher has asked us to find out about activities that are done on special occasions in other countries. I know that New Year is very special in Scotland, so would you be able to tell me about it?

Firstly, could you please tell me about the food that you eat at New Year? Secondly, I would like to know about the music and dancing on that occasion. Finally, I was wondering if people wear any special clothes or do anything special to celebrate the occasion?

Please answer me soon. I can't wait to hear from you.

Lisa

10 Music (page 74)

It was Ella's big night, but someone had stolen her guitar. In half an hour, the concert would start – her first performance with the band she had joined last month. But how could she play without her guitar?

She knew who had taken it. A girl called Tabitha had also wanted to play guitar in the band, but the band members had chosen Ella. Tabitha was angry, and wanted to stop Ella from performing. Ella phoned all her friends asking them to find Tabitha and rescue her guitar. Then she searched the whole area behind the stage again, in case she was wrong.

Suddenly, her friend Nadia walked into the room. 'Is this it?' she asked, holding a guitar. 'Oh, thank goodness!' said Ella, relieved. 'Did Tabitha have it?'

'Who's Tabitha?' said Nadia. 'I found it under your coat.' Ella had never felt so silly, but so happy.