

Task 1. Read the text below and write ONE word for each space. There is an example at the beginning (0 - was). Write your answers in the Answer Sheet.

Mistake of the Day

A company, feeling it **(0).... was...** time for a shakeup, hires (1).....new CEO*. This new boss (2).....determined to get rid of all the lazy workers in the company. On a tour (3)..... the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. The room is full of workers and he wants to let (4).....know he means business! The CEO walks up to the guy and asks, "And how much money (5).....you make a week?" The young man looks at him seriously (6).....replies, "I make \$300 a week. Why?" The CEO (7).....hands the guy \$300 in cash and screams, "Here's a week's pay, now get out and (8)..... come back!" Feeling pretty good about his first firing, the CEO looks around the room and asks" (9).....anyone want to tell me (10)..... that man was doing here?" With a sheepish smile, one of the other workers says, "Working as a pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

* CEO-chief executive officer / the Boss

Task 2. Read the text below and choose the correct word (A, B or C) for each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in the Answer Sheet.

Johnny asked Dotty how her first day in her ESL class was. It was **(0)___ B___** she told him. She (1) _____ little of what the Level 4 teacher said. He spoke too (2) _____for her. She had struggled through a Level 3 class at a Monrovia school and now it was all hopeless. When the teacher (3) _____ if there were any questions, she told him that she didn't understand most of what he had said. He told her not to (4) _____ because she could always (5) _____ the class again if she failed it the first time. She didn't want to fail it the first time (6) _____anytime. He gave them homework the first day, of course. They had to write a 300-word essay supporting gun control. Dotty said she could write that essay in her (7) _____ language. But there was no way she could write it in English. She showed Johnny the textbook. The print was so (8) _____that trying to read just a few pages gave her a headache. On top of that was all the new vocabulary on each page. "I'm going to (9) _____the class," she said. She wanted to cry. When was she ever going to (10) _____this language?

0)	A) great	B) terrible	IC) wonderful
1)	A) understood	B) realized	C) got
2)	A) quietly	B) fast	C) slowly
3)	A) asked	B) replied	C) answered
4)	A) think	B) trouble	C) worry I
⁵ >	A) go	B) study	C) take

6)	A) or	B) as	C) but
7)	A) home	B) native	C) foreign
8)	A) clear	B) big	C) tiny
9)	A) drop	B) make	C) finish
10)	A) study	B) learn	C) do

Task 3. Read the text and do the tasks that follow after the text:

How to Stay in Touch with Faraway Family

Once upon a time immediate and extended families lived within miles of each other. Cousins, aunts, grandparents etc. were all a part of regular everyday life. Today, there are many families that have moved to different parts of the globe. Jobs and other career demands are often the most common reason for that change. However, no matter what the cause is, there is no reason that a family can't still be close. While it takes some work, family members can stay in touch with each other even when they live on opposite sides of the world. Here is what you need to know about how to stay in touch with faraway family.

Make it a priority. You have to make sure that keeping close ties with family members is at the top of your to-do list. If you don't, you won't incorporate actions into your life that will help you stay in touch. People focus on what they think is important, so make staying in touch with your family, no matter how close or faraway, your top priority.

Make a family newsletter. Often times what causes distance between family members is that they don't know what is going on in each other's lives. A family newsletter can keep everyone up to date on what is going on with everyone else. There are a number of different ways that you can do this. You can send around a paper newsletter or an electronic copy. You can make someone in the family the newsletter secretary, or you can take turns getting it done. However, when you choose to do it just make sure that it works for your family. And finally, everyone needs to make a promise to keep it real. If you only hear about Susie's straight A's or Tommy's touchdowns it won't have the authenticity you want.

Use video conferencing. While talking on the phone is great, there is no reason not to take it a step further. Today there are many ways to do video conferencing. Most computers come equipped with webcams, so you only need the program to get started. Video conferencing is also another way to let grandchildren, see and stay in touch with grandparents who don't live close by.

Have a family reunion. Family reunions used to only be for large extended families. However, today more and more immediate families are gathering in a favorite spot to enjoy some time together. While this may not be possible, as often as you like it, set up a time when your family can be together. It can be helpful to rotate the location to different places, so that everyone does not have to travel

every time. This has another bonus as well. By going to the town, or country that your faraway family member lives in, you not only get to see their life, up close and personal, but have a local guide to show you around.

Have a joint cause. Unity builds closeness, so if your family can't gather together right away, it can promote family closeness to work on a project together. You can choose anything from training for a marathon, to working for a charity. You can decide what goal you want to reach (money raised, clothes donated, etc.) and then keep each other updated on your progress. While you may not be together physically, your family will feel a united spirit as you work on something that is important to all of you.

Task 3.1. Read the questions below and choose the best answer (A, B or C). Write your answers in the Answer Sheet.

- 0** **The text is about how to stay close to**
a) your immediate family.
b) your extended family.
c) your faraway family.
- 1** **Family members may stay close by**
a) sending emails to each other.
b) looking at old family photos.
c) meeting on special occasions.
- 2** **The best way for different generations in a family to stay close is**
a) talking on the telephone.
b) video conferencing.
c) having a family reunion.
- 3** **What separates families is**
a) the distance between them.
b) not sharing your real thoughts and feelings with other family members.
c) both physical and spiritual distance.
- 4** **If you change the location of the family reunion to different places you can**
a) see some places of interest.
b) do some sightseeing with a relative as your tourist guide.
c) spend less money on travel.
- 5** **You depend on all your family members for the success of**
a) the family newsletter.
b) the to-do list.
c) the phone conversations.
- 6** **When you work for a common cause you will certainly**
a) share a project with other members of your family.
b) have a family reunion.
c) prepare a to-do list with your priorities.

Task 3.2. Answer the questions below with a few words or a phrase. Write your answers in the Answer Sheet

1. To do video conferencing you need

2. What two examples does the writer give of a joint cause?

Task 4. Read the text below and choose the most suitable heading from the list A-G for each paragraph 1-5. There is an extra heading which you DO NOT need to use. Write your answers in the Answer Sheet There is an example at the beginning (0 - G).

RECYCLING

- A. Reasons for not joining environmental campaigns
- B. The key to success
- C. Alarming statistics
- D. All details matter in the eyes of the public
- E. What makes people join "green campaigns"
- F. Contrasting regional attitudes
- G. Recycling in two neighbouring countries

0 – G While Northern Ireland faced a refrigerator mountain at the start of 2002 as thousands of fridges and freezers started to pile up in recycling points as a new European directive banning the destruction of fridges containing CFCs came into force, England is falling seriously behind ' its European partners on recycling.

1. ___ A report by the environmentalists behind the Keep Britain Tidy campaign says people in the North West and Yorkshire are the worst at recycling fuelling the North-South divide. The "greenest" are well-off home-owning couples in their 40s and 50s, mostly living in the South West, South East and London.

2. ___ The survey found that the biggest motivation for people to recycle was the fear of activating a landfill site at their doorstep or that the government would start charging them for the amount of rubbish they produced.

3. ___ About 40% of the people admitted to doing absolutely nothing about the environment. This group included people who do not read newspapers and believe the only people who do recycle are "hippies, loonies and anoraks".

4. ___ Sue Nelson, an expert at ENCAMS, said: "Recycling has a serious image problem. This is something organizations, pressure groups and councils have to think about. From the language we use to the campaigns we run and the publicity events we stage, we have to consider how that comes across.

5. ___ The only way to reduce the rubbish we create is to include everyone and well never do that unless we make environmentalism more about the mainstream, public policy, rather than the extreme."

Task 5. Choose ONE of the topics below and write a text of about 100-120 words. Write in the ANSWER SHEET!

1. **Describe a friend/a colleague of yours.**

How old is he/she? When did you first meet? What does he/she look like? What is he/she like? What does he/she do in his/her free time? Is there anything you especially like/dislike about this

person?

2. Write about a nightmare journey you've had.

When was the journey? Where were you going? Who with? Why? What went wrong? What happened? How did you feel? Did anybody help you with your journey problems or did you manage on your own? What happened in the end?