My Best Friends

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You have just set up your own website. One of the pages is about your friends from school. Stick or draw a picture of each one and write about them.
Write about:

- what they look like
- their character/personality
- why you like them

My Best Friends

Hi! My name's ..... . Welcome to my fantastic new web page!
Let me introduce you to my friends …

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- Present your friends to the class. Record yourself.

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Me & My Neighbours!

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You recently moved house. Send an e-mail to a friend from your old town telling him/her about your new neighbours and neighbourhood.

Para 2: Describe your neighbourhood – What there is to do there/what shops there are etc.
Para 3: Describe a neighbour you like and say why.
Para 4: Describe a neighbour you don't like and say why.

Get Msg | New Msg | Reply | Reply All | Forward | File | Next | Print | Delete | Stop

Date | Priority

To: Tim
From: .....
Subject: My new neighbourhood

Hi. How are you? Sorry I haven't written for a while but I was busy settling in to my new house. Let me tell you all about it.

My new neighbourhood is .....
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One of my neighbours is .....
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Another neighbour is .....
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Anyway that's all for now. I'll write again soon.
Lots of love,
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Environment Day

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ Your school is having an Environment Day and you have been asked to make a poster to advertise a special activity that will take place on that day. Include all the important information and make the poster as 'inviting' as possible. The poster should contain the following information:

- what the activity is
- what it relates to (animals, pollution, recycling, etc)
- date/time/place
- any special requirements – clothing, equipment, food, etc

- Use your poster to present the activity to the class. Record yourself.

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ Make a poster about rainforests like the Amazon Basin. Use facts and pictures to illustrate the importance of rainforests to wildlife, to the environment and to the world's climate. You may include:

- a map
- interesting facts
- pictures

- Use your poster to talk about the importance of rainforests.

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ Imagine you are a travel writer. Your editor has asked you to choose a place and then write a city guide for visitors. Stick or draw any pictures you like in the boxes.

WELCOME TO .....

Introduction: (*Where is it?/What's the weather like?)*

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Transport: *(What are the best ways to get around town?)*

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Accommodation: *(Where to stay?)*

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Sights to see: *(What you must visit?)*

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Food and Drink: *(What's the local speciality?)*

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- Present your city to the class. Record yourself.

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Camp Fun!

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You are at a summer camp with your friends from school. Write a postcard to your English pen-friend telling them how you are getting on.
Include:

- what the camp is like
- if you have made any new friends
- what activities you like/dislike

Dear .....,

Greetings from summer camp!

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Write back soon.
Love,
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John Smith
14 Willow Drive
Portsmouth
PO8 2SA
ENGLAND

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Good Manners

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ An international magazine has asked its readers to send in articles about what is considered to be good manners in their countries. Write your entry for the magazine. In your entry include information about what someone should do when visiting someone's house as well as table manners.

Welcome to ..... *(name of country)*.

In most places good manners are simply good manners, such as saying please and thank you. In some countries, though, we need to know a little bit more about the local customs to make sure we don't offend people by being rude without knowing it. Here is some useful advice for visitors to ...

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When visiting someone's home you should .....

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At the table it is good manners to .....

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ Your English pen-friend has asked you about your school life. Send him an e-mail. In your e-mail write: the type of school, how many pupils attend, how many days a week you go to school, what time school starts/finishes, what school subjects you take and what your favourite school subject is.

e-mail

To: Alex

From: .....

Subject: My school

Hi. How are you? You asked me about my school life. Well, ...

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Yours,

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- Describe your school to the class. Record yourself.

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Mythical Creatures

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You've read this in an English magazine:

What mythical creature(s) are said to have existed in your country? Send us information for the next month's issue.

Write about any mythical creature(s) related to your country. Describe them, then say what they were known for. You can use pictures if you like.

Make sure you:

- name your creature(s)
- describe what they look like
- say what they could do (fly, breathe fire etc)

Mythical Creatures in .....

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- Present your creature(s) to the class. Record yourself.

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Party Time

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You went to a fancy dress party last Saturday. Write an e-mail to you English pen-friend telling him/her all about it.
Include …

- when/where/what time the party was
- what costume you wore
- who else was at the party
- what you ate and drank
- what you did (games/dancing etc)
- what you liked the most

e-mail

To: Jane

From: .....

Subject: Fancy Dress Party!

Hi. How are you? I went to a fancy dress party .....
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Write soon.
Yours,
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- Narrate your evening out to the class. Record yourself.

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ Write an e-mail to your English pen-friend about your favourite film. In your e-mail write :

- the title
- the names of director and leading actors
- a bried description of the plot
- a description of the most exciting scene/event
- what special effects were used
- your recommendation

e-mail

To: Steve

From: .....

Subject: My Favourite Film

Hi Steve,

Hope you are OK. You asked me about my favourite film. Well, ...

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That's all for now. Write back soon.

Yours,

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ An international teen magazine has asked its readers to send in articles about where teens can entertain themselves in your town/city. Write your article for the magazine.
In the article include:

- names of places (arcade, cinema, coffee shops etc)
- what teens can do there (watch films, hang out, meet friends etc)

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Dream Jobs

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ What is your dream job? Would you like to be an architect, doctor or maybe even a pop star? Think about what your ideal job would be and write about it for an international school magazine.

Give details of:

- what your responsibilities would be
- how much money you would like to earn
- ideal working conditions etc
- why you would like to do that particular job the most

When I am older I would like to be a .....

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your name, age, country of origin

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You are conducting a survey on what your classmates want to do in the future. Interview them and fill in the form below.

Questionnaire

Name: .....
Age: .....
Male ☐ Female ☐ (tick box)

1 Do you want to go to university when you leave school? Yes ☐ No ☐

2 What would you like to study?

Maths: ☐
English: ☐
Science: ☐
Foreign Languages: ☐
Other: ☐

3 What job would you like to do in the future?
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4 Why do you want to do this job?
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5 Why do you think you would be good at this job?
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6 What skills do you need to do this job?
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- Report your findings to the class. Record yourself.

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ There have been a number of break-ins in your area lately. Write a *To Do Checklist* for everything you plan to have installed or changed in your home to protect it from burglars. Write what you can do inside as well as outside the house to secure your safety. Include things such as: *lighting*, *windows, doors*, *locks*, *alarms*, *cameras*, etc. You can use pictures as well.

Safe Homes

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Witness Statement

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You have just witnessed a crime while you were shopping. Someone stole something from the shop you were in and the security guard wants a detailed description. Provide a written description of the person.
Include: fe/male, hair colour and style, complexion, eye colour, height, weight, what s/he was wearing, as well as any other distinguishing features like, jewellery, tattoos, etc.

Witness statement

Statement of ..... (full name)

Age: ..... Occupation: .....

Dated the ..... day of ..... (month) ..... (year)

Signature .....

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ You are on holiday but the weather is really bad. Write a postcard to your English pen-friend, Bob, telling him about your holiday.

Write:

- where you are
- how long you'll be there
- where you are staying
- what the weather is like
- how you feel

Dear Bob,

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Yours,

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Bob Burton
12 Apple Street
York
England

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ Write a short story for a writing competition in your local newspaper. The story should be about a natural disaster (e.g. earthquake). Follow the paragraph plan below to help write your story.

Para 1: Set the scene – where you were/who was there etc.
Para 2: The events in the order they happened
Para 3: The climax event
Para 4: End the story/people's feelings

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- Present your story to the class. Record yourself.

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Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ An international teen magazine has asked its readers to send in descriptions of a typical annual festival in their country. Write your article. You can stick on a picture.
In your article include:

- name/date of festival
- activities
- special clothes/food
- why you like it

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Any Advice?

Name: ..... Date: ..... Class: .....

✓ This is part of an e-mail you received from your English pen-friend Laura.

I've put on weight and can't sleep well. Any advice?

Write your e-mail advising Laura what to do.

e-mail

To: Laura

From: .....

Subject: Advice

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