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# ENGLISH TEST

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## **Listening paper**

**There are four tasks with recordings. You will hear each recording twice.**

**Answer the questions at the same time as listening.**

**Note: there is some time to look at the questions before listening; there is also some time to check your answers after listening.**

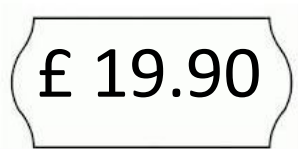
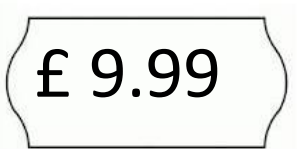
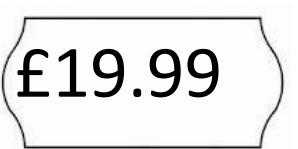

## LISTENING TASK 1

There are six questions in task 1.

For the first five questions (1-5), choose **ONE** answer (A, B, C or D).

There is an example at the beginning (0).

0. How much did Marcia pay for the game?

- |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |
| A <input type="checkbox"/>  | B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | C <input type="checkbox"/>   | D <input type="checkbox"/>  |
- 

1. You will hear a zookeeper on the phone to a vet. What animal needs the doctor's help?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

2. What does Gloria carry in her bag?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

3. What do they want to buy Bella for her birthday?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐

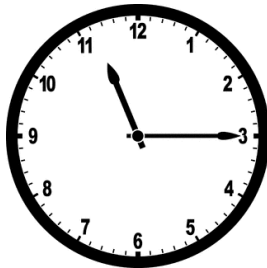
4. When are this week's French lessons?

Monday



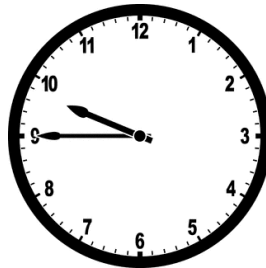
A ☐

Tuesday



B ☐

Wednesday



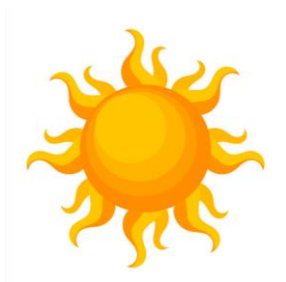
C ☐

Thursday



D ☐

5. What's the weather like in Berlin?



-7°

A ☐



-7°

B ☐



3°

C ☐




3°

D ☐

For question 6, you must choose **THREE** answers.

6. Mark and Freda want to bake a cake. What three things do they still need to buy?



.....

- ☐ *eggs*
- ☐ *butter*
- ☐ *milk*
- ☐ *cream*
- ☐ *flour*
- ☐ *sugar*

## LISTENING TASK 2

### PLACES

You will hear four short conversations.

Match the conversations (1 – 4) with the places (A – G).

There is only **ONE** place for each conversation. There are two extra places which you do not need to use.

There is an example at the beginning (0).

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| A | Airport        |
| B | Shoe shop      |
| C | Butcher's      |
| D | Amusement park |
| E | Restaurant     |
| F | Hotel          |
| G | Souvenir shop  |

Write your answers here:

Conversation	0	1	2	3	4
Place	D				

## LISTENING TASK 3

### HOLIDAYS

You will hear Bob talk about his past holiday and his plans to go to Vietnam.

When listening, decide if the sentences are **true** or **false**, or if Bob **does not say** anything about it.

There is an example at the beginning (0).

You now have 45 seconds to read the following sentences. Then the recording will start.

0. Bob has already been to Asia a few times.

A ☐ true

B ☒ false

C ☐ doesn't say

1. Bob prefers San Francisco to Los Angeles.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say

2. Bob and Susan took some very romantic pictures on the beach.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say

3. Bob's father often drinks Californian wine.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say

4. Susan thinks that Las Vegas is a clean city.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say

5. Bob would like to see some animals in the jungle.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say

6. Bob can fish but Susan can't.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say

7. There are many dangerous animals in Vietnam.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say

8. Bob wants to buy some special insect spray at the chemist's.

A ☐ true

B ☐ false

C ☐ doesn't say



## LISTENING TASK 4

### HOTEL RESERVATION

The Schmit family are going to England and Mrs Schmit rings the hotel to confirm her reservation.

When listening, complete the form with the necessary information!

There is an example at the beginning (0).

You now have 30 seconds to look at the form. Then the recording will start.

### Hotel Extravaganza

#### Reservation form

Surname: *Schmit* (0)

Number of rooms: \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

single room ☐ double room ☐ (2)

Date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Time of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ (4)

Date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

How many people: \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

Sea view ☐ Park view ☐ Balcony ☐ (7)

Breakfast: yes ☐ no ☐ (8)

Method of payment: credit card ☐ cash ☐ (9)

Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ (10)

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## **Reading paper**

There are four reading tasks.

Read the texts and answer the questions. If you do not know an answer, move on to the next question.

You have 30 minutes for the reading paper

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# READING TASK 1

## BENNY BECKER, MISTER ANTARCTICA

17-year-old Benny Becker went on an expedition to Antarctica. Now he's answering questions in a chatroom about his trip.

Match Benny's answers on the left (1 – 7) to the questions on the right (A – J). There are two extra questions which you do not need to use.

There is an example at the beginning (0).

0.	Listen to your heart and follow your dream! In my experience the most difficult thing is to get people to understand that you really want to do it!	A.	What was the worst thing about your journey?
1.	We flew to Buenos Aires and from there to Ushuaia. This is where we boarded the ship that took us to the Antarctic Circle.	B.	What do you think you need most to be an explorer?
2.	I was on the Internet and there was a website by a Scottish explorer. He was planning a journey to the South Pole and was looking for young people to join him.	C.	What were the penguins like?
3.	In my opinion, the most important thing to have is determination. But you also need to be interested in science and nature, of course.	D.	I want to go to Antarctica too, but my parents are against it. What should I do?
4.	I want to pass my final exams first, then I want to join the army. So, I have no idea yet.	E.	Who went with you on your trip to Antarctica?
5.	Nothing, really! It was a brilliant experience! I can't remember a single minute when I regretted my decision.	F.	How did you get to Antarctica?
6.	It was a great feeling to get off the ship and walk on the ice for the first time. Also, I will never forget seeing hundreds of penguins jumping across Antarctic rivers!	G.	Where will you go on your next trip?
7.	We were forty teenagers and ten scientists. Our leader was the famous Scottish explorer Duncan Mactheagrassgrow, who has already climbed Mount Everest.	H.	How did you get the idea to go to Antarctica?
		I.	How did your parents react to your plan?
		J.	What was the best thing about your expedition?

Write your answers here:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D							

## READING TASK 2

### MESSAGES & NOTICES

Read the messages and notices (1-7) on this page and choose the sentence (A- K) on the next page that best matches the information. There are three extra sentences that you do not need to use.

There is an example at the beginning (0).

0.



4.

**HAND LUGGAGE  
MAX. 10 KG**

**No more than one bag  
per person**

1.



5.

**SECURITY NOTICE**

**HEATHROW AIRPORT**

Please keep your luggage with you  
at all times

2.



6.



3.



7.

**NOW  
Sports centre  
open afternoons  
AND  
evenings!**

- A. You can only take limited luggage with you.
- B. You get a free DVD with each book you buy here today.
- C. This place is closed in the morning.
- D. You cannot take a train to Liverpool this Sunday.
- E. You have to leave this place before 4 pm.
- F. There are no trains from here this weekend.
- G. You can buy warm clothes more cheaply here.
- H. You must not park your car here.
- I. You can no longer get this special offer tomorrow.
- J. You cannot visit this place on weekdays.
- K. You should stay close to your bags here.

Write your answers here:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
H							

## **READING TASK 3**

### **WHO WANTS TO BE ... A FASHION MODEL?**

Read the job advertisement from a teenage magazine. For questions 1 - 8, choose **ONE** answer (A, B or C).

There is an example at the beginning (0).

### **WHO WANTS TO BE...A FASHION MODEL?**

**Are you between 14 and 16 years old? Do you like being in front of a camera? Would you like to wear the latest fashions and be on the cover of your favourite magazines? Then THIS is your chance!**

We at *Scoop*, an internationally famous modelling agency, are looking for teenagers who want to begin a career in the world of fashion. We work only with the best professional photographers and always shoot at exciting locations, such as sandy beaches, historic castles – or exotic studio sets when it rains outside. Of course you can earn some nice pocket money for each printed photograph, too!

Right now, we are especially looking for tall and sporty people, both male and female. No previous experience with modelling is needed, so if you have never done this before, don't be shy! However, to show us what you are capable of, please send us at least ten different photographs of yourself with your application. Please also add a photocopy of your passport or ID card.

If we like what we see, we will invite you for a photo-shoot at our main London studio. Apply now by writing to *Scoop HQ, 7 Memory Lane, LN48 5WM, Westminster* or emailing us at [models@scoop.co.uk](mailto:models@scoop.co.uk).



0.	To apply for this job, you have to be	A <input type="checkbox"/>	sixteen or older.
		B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sixteen or younger.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	younger than fourteen.
1.	The text says that if you get the job, magazines could	A <input type="checkbox"/>	give you very trendy clothes for free.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	put your picture on the front page.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	put you behind the camera.
2.	<i>Scoop</i> is	A <input type="checkbox"/>	a completely new fashion model agency.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	only interested in experienced models.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	well known in many different countries.
3.	Professional photographers will only take pictures of the models	A <input type="checkbox"/>	in thrilling and spectacular places.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	in natural environments in the country.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	when the weather is nice outside.
4.	You will make money if	A <input type="checkbox"/>	a lot of photos are taken of you.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	photos of you are published.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	you also take your own photos.
5.	At the moment, the agency is trying to find teenage	A <input type="checkbox"/>	girls only.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	boys only.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	boys or girls.
6.	For this job, you should not be	A <input type="checkbox"/>	muscular.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	short.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	thin.
7.	To apply for this job, you have to	A <input type="checkbox"/>	get a new passport photograph.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	let the agency have some pictures of you.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	show that this is not your first modelling job.
8.	If <i>Scoop</i> is interested in you, they will ask you to	A <input type="checkbox"/>	come over to London.
		B <input type="checkbox"/>	prove that you are old enough.
		C <input type="checkbox"/>	send them another email.

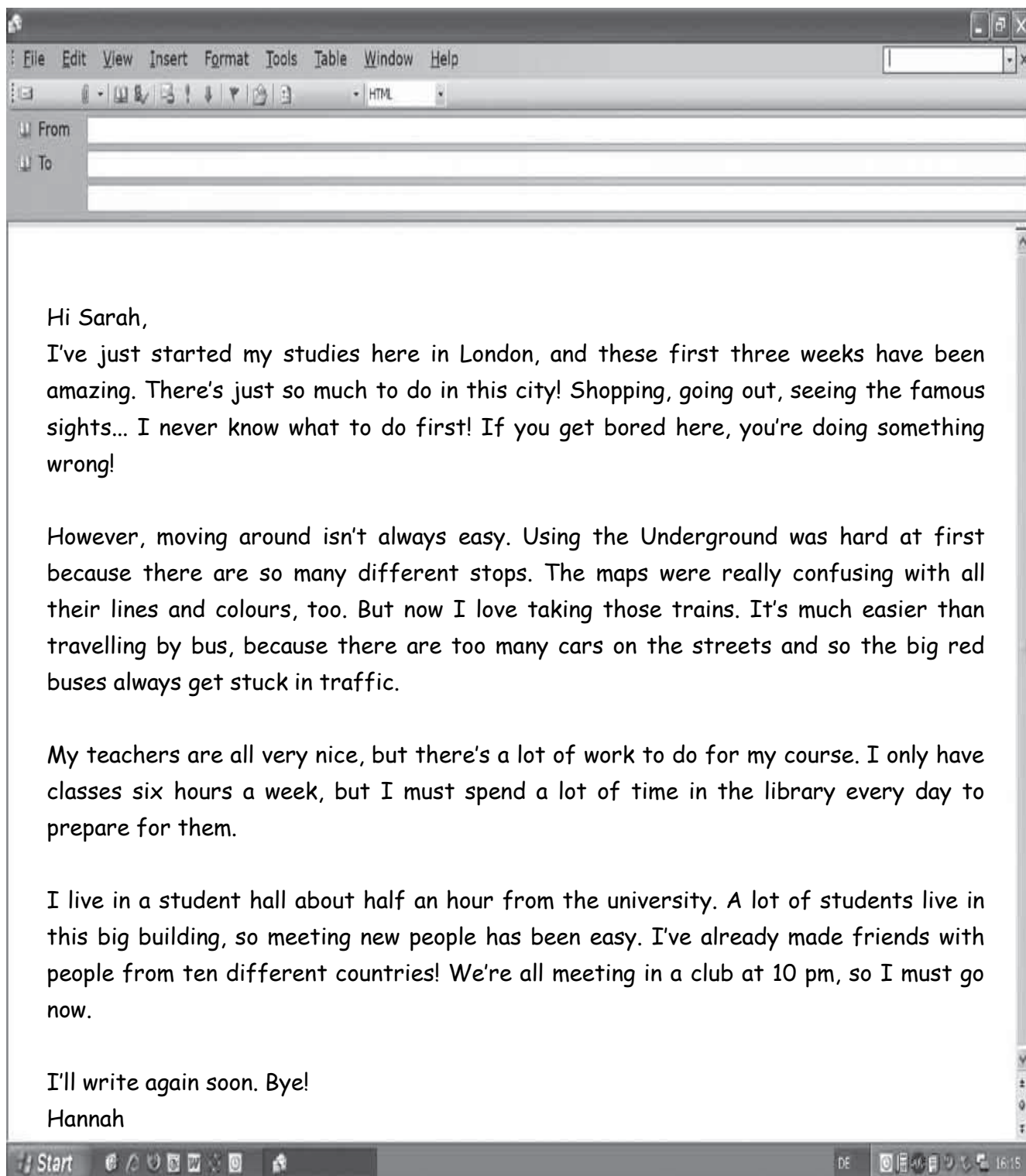
## READING TASK 4

### AN EMAIL

Hannah has just started her studies in the UK.

Read the following email. Are the sentences (1-8) on the next page 'true' (A) or 'false' (B)? If there is not enough information in the email to answer 'true' or 'false', choose 'doesn't say' (C).

There is an example at the beginning (0).



0. Hannah came to London three weeks ago.

A ☒

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

1. She has enjoyed her time in London so far.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

2. Hannah thinks it's hard to find interesting activities in the city.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

3. She takes the Underground to university every day.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

4. The Underground maps were difficult to understand in the beginning.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

5. She thinks buses are a slow way to get around in London.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

6. Hannah has to go to many different classes every day.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

7. The place where she lives is in the city centre.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

8. She lives with people from all over Europe.

A ☐

true

B ☐

false

C ☐

doesn't say

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# **ENGLISH TEST**

## **Writing paper**

There are two writing tasks.

You can prepare your answers on pages 25-27.

Write the final versions on pages 23 and 24. Make sure your handwriting is readable.

Respect the word limits: please indicate the number of words you have written.

You have 40 minutes for the writing paper.

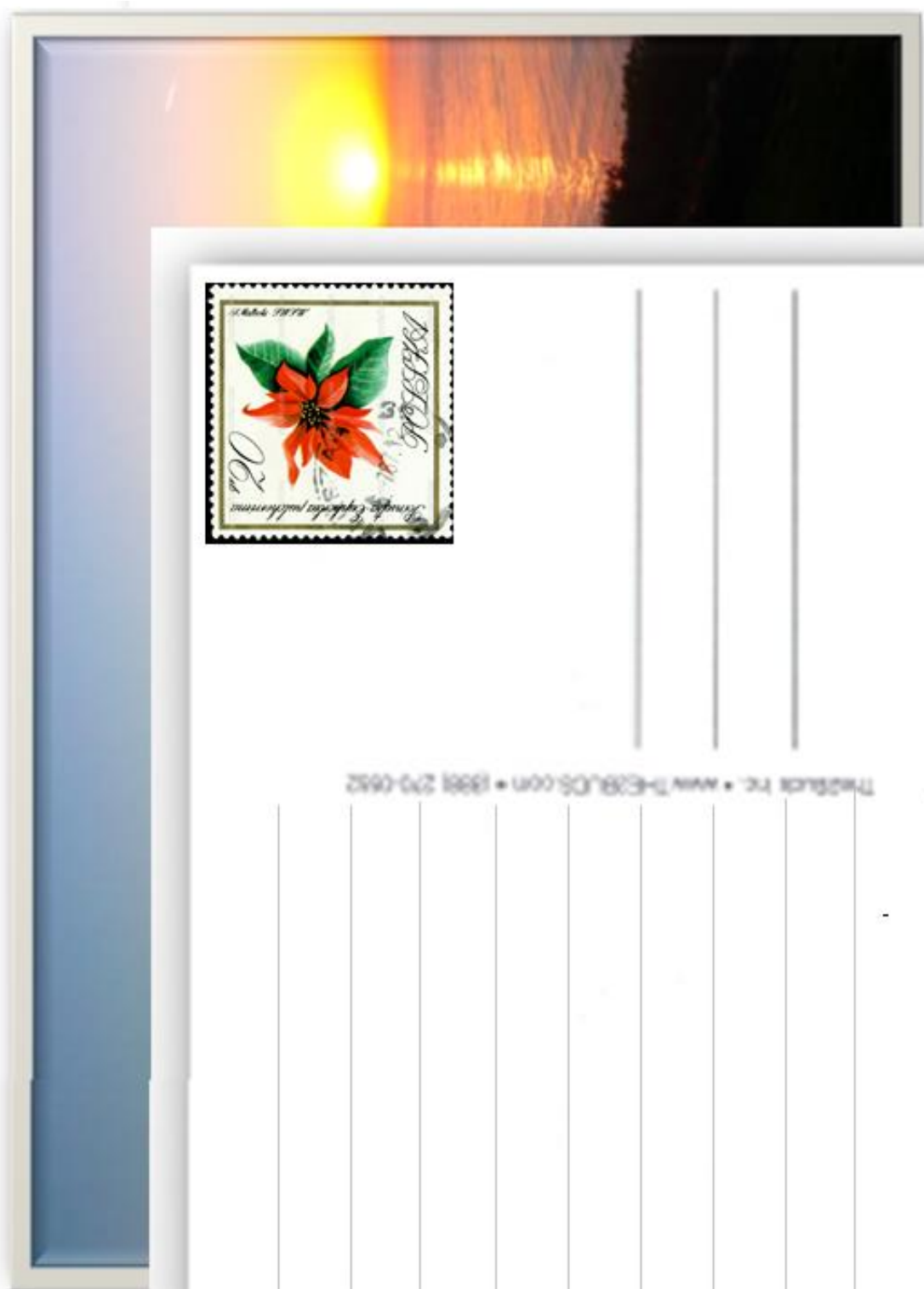
## **WRITING TASK 1**

### **A POSTCARD**

Imagine you are on holiday and you are writing a postcard to your best friend at home. Write about:

- where you are,
- your holiday activities,
- what is positive / what is negative.

Write 70-80 words. Write your answer on the next page



number of words: \_\_\_\_\_

## **WRITING TASK 2**

### **MY NEW NEIGHBOURS**

Last week, some people moved into the house next to yours.

Write an email to your Scottish pen friend.

Describe:

- your new neighbours,
- their new home,
- something unusual they did,
- what you think of them.

Write 120-140 words. Write your email on the next page.



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