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Email writing

Yours sincerely, Jaana Nikkinen Jaana Nikkinen

| Worksheet 1 |
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| Formal letter, to be cut up into strips. |
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| Dear Mr Jones, |
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| I am writing to enquire about your language courses in the summer. I am a university student studying to become a translator. |
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| I would like to know whether your school offers courses specifically for university level students as I would like to study techniques for essay writing in English. Could you also tell me how many hours of lessons there are per week? |
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| With regards to accommodation, do you only provide homestay-style lodgings or are there any other possible alternatives? I feel I wouldprefer to stay in shared accommodation with self-catering facilities. |
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| Finally, I was wondering if any extra-curricular activities such as lectures or excursions are offered at your school. If so, are these included in the price, or at an additional cost? |
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| I would be grateful for any information you can give me and I look forward to hearing from you soon. |



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Worksheet 2a

| Semi-formal email. To be cut up into strips. |
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| Subject: Information about summer courses |
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| Dear Mr Jones, |
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| I'm a university student from Finland and I'm writing to get some information about your language courses this summer. I've got a few questions: |
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| 1. Do you do a course for university students, which helps them with their essay writing skills? |
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| 2. How many hours a week are the courses? |
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| 3. What sort of accommodation do you offer? |
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| 4. What after-school activities are there? |
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| 5. Do you do any trips to other towns in the UK? |
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| I'm hoping to come over in June, so if you can get back to me as soon as possible it would be great. Thanks for your help. |
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| Best regards, Jaana Nikkinen ★ |





Worksheet 2b

Model 'good email'.

Dear Mr Jones,

I'm a university student from Finland and I'm writing to get some information about your language courses this summer. I've got a few questions:

- 1. Do you do a course for university students, which helps them with their essay writing skills?
- 2. How many hours a week are the courses?
- 3. What sort of accommodation do you offer?
- 4. What after-school activities are there?
- 5. Do you do any trips to other towns in the UK?

I'm hoping to come over in June, so if you can get back to me as soon as possible, it would be great. Thanks for your help.

Best regards,

Jaana Nikkinen



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| Worksheet 3 Informal email. To be cut up into strips. |
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| Subject: Dani is back in Bournemouth |
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| Hi Jack, |
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| Remember me, Dani from last summer? How could u forget, we had such a good laugh every weekend, didn't we? How's it going? |
| × |
| Anyway, just writing to let u know that I'm coming back! I'm gonna be working in a hotel in Bournemouth from June till September. Brilliant, eh? |
| × |
| Actually, there was something else* Do u reckon it would be possible to have my old homestay family? We got on so well, and the mum was a fantastic cook! Dunno if it's possible, but just thought I'd ask. |
| × |
| Would be great to catch up sometime, so gimme a bell*I've still got the same SIM, so my number's the same: 0786 8757652. |
| × |
| Cheers, mate! |
| × |
| Dani |
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Worksheet 4

'Bad email'.

Subject: Hello!

Hi Jack!!!

My name's Jaana and I'M FROM FINLAND!!! I bet you haven't had students from here B4;-);-) That's probably coz we're so amazing at languages, that we don't need any xtra help?except me – I need all the help I can get!! FYI: the problem really started when I was in primary school, and my parents, who had been arguing non-stop since I was a little baby, got divorced and decided that I should be adopted as they couldn't decide who should have custody of me. If I had been in their situation, I think I probably wouldn't have known either!! Anyway, this was all a bit traumatic, so all my school subjects suffered, especially English. HAHAHAAA ONLY JOKING!!!!:-) (Actually, don't tell anyone, but I'm actually quite a good student?but if anyone found out, my reputation would be ruined, so shhhhhh!) BTW do u do courses for uni students? How many lessons/week? Is there any extra stuff after school, SO I CAN MEET SOME COOL PEOPLE? How about trips? Give me all the info you can, man.

Jaana (although all my mates call me Jakki!!)