

# NEW Open to life 1

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## Meeting point

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to one another



**VIDEO CHAT**

- 1 Miranda and Alex are speaking through a cam-to-cam internet telephone network. Listen and repeat.

Conversation

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Miranda: Hello, I'm Miranda. What's your name?

Alex: I'm Alex. How are you?

Miranda: Fine, thank you. And you?

Alex: I'm very well, thanks. Where are you from, Miranda?

Miranda: I'm from Tirana, in Albania. What about you?

Alex: I'm from Vancouver.

Miranda: Are you American?

Alex: No. Vancouver's in Canada.

Miranda: Oops! Sorry!

Pronunciation – lake, hat



- 1 Listen and repeat. lake [/leɪk/] hat [/hæt/]
- 2 Put the words in the right box.

[•fat •cake •cat •cape •say •cap]

lake  
/eɪ/  
\_\_\_\_\_ cake \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ cape \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ say \_\_\_\_\_

hat  
/æ/  
\_\_\_\_\_ fat \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ cat \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ cap \_\_\_\_\_

Functional language task

- 2 Vusi, Penny and Adelina are chatting. Fill each gap with an item from the list.

- ~~that's right~~
- ~~thank you~~
- ~~it's my birthday~~
- how old are you
- happy birthday
- what year

Vusi: Hi. Are you Penny?

Penny: Yes, (1) *that's right*.  
And you're Vusi, aren't you?

Vusi: Yes. And this is Adelina.

Penny: Hello, Adelina.  
(2) *What year* are you in at school?

Adelina: I'm in year seven.

Penny: (3) *How old are you*, Adelina?

Adelina: I'm thirteen.

Penny: I'm only twelve. But  
(4) *it's my birthday* on Saturday.

Adelina: Well, (5) *happy birthday* for Saturday, Penny!

Penny: Oh, (6) *thank you*!


My hobby's painting!





# Open..... to knowledge





Read the texts.

1  Hello! My name's **Vusi**, and I'm 13 years old. My hometown is Cape Town, in South Africa.

2  Hi! I'm **Adelina**, and I'm from Malaysia. I'm from a village near the sea. I'm in year 7. My hobbies are yoga and art.

3  Hello. I'm **Miranda**, and I'm from Tirana. Tirana is the capital of Albania. I'm 11. My hobbies are tennis and swimming.

4  Hiya! My name's **Penny**, and I'm 12. I'm from Liverpool, in the west of England. Liverpool is a famous city. My hobbies are football and pop music.

5  Hi there! My name's **Alex**. I'm 10, and I'm Canadian. I'm from Vancouver. Vancouver is a great city near the Pacific Ocean.

1 Answer the questions.

- Is Liverpool in England?  
*Yes (it is).*
- Is Adelina in year 9?  
*No (she isn't).*
- Is Miranda from Albania?  
*Yes (she is).*
- Are Vusi and Alex from villages?  
*No (they aren't).*
- Is Tirana the capital of Malaysia?  
*No (it isn't).*
- Is Cape Town in South Africa?  
*Yes (it is).*

2 Write T (true) or F (false).

- Vusi is 13 years old.  T
- Miranda's from Tirana.  T
- Liverpool is not famous.  F
- Vancouver is a great city.  T
- Adelina is from a city in the mountains.  F
- Tirana is the capital of Albania.  T

3 Look at the Authentic Material and rewrite the sentences.

- The special offer is for people who want to see Liverpool.  
*The special offer is for people who want to see Vancouver.*
- The offer is a 7-day package.  
*The offer is a 10-day package.*
- You stay at a 5-star hotel.  
*You stay at a 4-star hotel.*
- You visit the Hotel Mountains.  
*You visit the Coast Mountains.*
- You also visit Coast Island.  
*You also visit Vancouver Island.*

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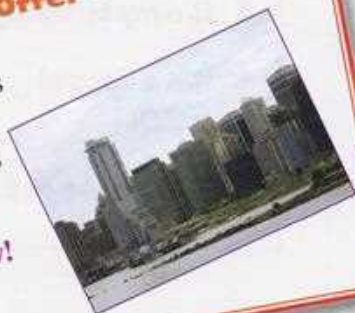
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**WORLD TRAVEL**  
• Special Offer •

Want to see Vancouver?

- 10-day package, with flights
- Stay at a 4-star hotel
- Visit the Coast Mountains & Vancouver Island

Don't miss out – book now!

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phone: 030 2256791



# Open..... to vocabulary

1 Listen and repeat.

0 zero	7 seven	14 fourteen
1 one	8 eight	15 fifteen
2 two	9 nine	16 sixteen
3 three	10 ten	17 seventeen
4 four	11 eleven	18 eighteen
5 five	12 twelve	19 nineteen
6 six	13 thirteen	20 twenty

2 Listen and tick (✓) the numbers you hear.

3 <input type="checkbox"/>	13 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20 <input type="checkbox"/>	16 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3 Listen and write the phone numbers.

1 ..... 6311704 .....	3 ..... 5387210 .....
2 ..... 7989422 .....	4 ..... 2233411 .....
5 ..... 8030121 .....	

4 Write the numbers in words.

13 ..... thirteen .....	5 ..... five .....
7 ..... seven .....	11 ..... eleven .....
12 ..... twelve .....	18 ..... eighteen .....
14 ..... fourteen .....	2 ..... two .....

5 Listen and spell.



1 Miranda	5 Penny
2 Liverpool	6 Vancouver
3 Yusi	7 Alex
4 Albania	8 Adelina

6 Choose a or b.

- Hello! My ... Angela.  
a school's      (b) name's
- Athens is my ....  
a village      (b) hometown
- Tirana is the ... of Albania.  
(a) capital      b coast
- She's in ... 7.  
a school      (b) year
- My ... are tennis and music.  
a flights      (b) hobbies

7 Fill in the correct word.

**offer art famous**  
**book Saturday**

- Paris is a ..... famous ..... city.
- My hobbies are music and  
..... art .....
- It's my birthday on ..... Saturday .....
- It's a special ..... offer ..... - only  
€20!
- Don't miss out - ..... book ..... now!

# Open..... to grammar

## subject pronouns

singular	plural
I	we
you	you
he/she/it	they

## TO BE

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative	Short answers
I am...	I am not (I'm not)...	Am I?	Yes, I am. No, I am not (I'm not).
He } is... She } ('s) It }	He } is not... She } (isn't) It }	Is { he...? she...? it...?	Yes, { he } is. No, { she } is not. { it } (isn't).
We } are... You } ('re) They }	We } are not... You } (aren't) They }	Are { we...? you...? they...?	Yes, { we } are. No, { you } are not. { they } (aren't).

Look at Grammar Appendix, Unit 1 for more information.

### 1 Write the **subject pronouns**.

- Alex  
   *he*
- Adelina  
   *she*
- Penny and Yusi  
   *they*
- Vancouver  
   *it*
- Miranda and I  
   *we*
- Malaysia  
   *it*

### 2 Choose **a** or **b**.

- Penny *is* 12 years old.  
a is                    b are
- Alex *is* Canadian.  
a are                    b is
- Sally and Tommy *are* great!  
a are                    b is
- You *are* great too!  
a is                      b are
- I *am* from South Africa.  
a are                    b am

### 3 Write **am/is/are**.

- Billy *is* 10 years old. He *is* from England.
- We *are* from Italy. Italy *is* a nice country.
- I *am* Greek. I *am* from Kalamata.
- Rosa and Pedro *are* 15. They *are* from Spain.
- My name *is* Anna. I *am* fourteen.

### 4 Complete the questions and the answers.

- We are in year 10.**  
Are *we* in year 8?  
No, *we aren't*.



- She is from London.**  
Is *she* from Liverpool?  
No, *she isn't*.



- They are 15.**  
Are *they* fifteen?  
Yes, *they are*.



- He is in year 8.**  
Is *he* in year 9?  
No, *he isn't*.



### 5 Write '**m/'m not, 's/isn't, 're/aren't**.

- Alex *isn't* American. He's Canadian.
- They *are* from Malaysia. They aren't from Australia.
- Liverpool *is* in England. It isn't in Spain.
- I *am not* Canadian. I'm English.
- Tom and Susan *aren't* English. They're American.
- I *am* from Cape Town. It's in South Africa.

# Open..... to communication

## Speaking

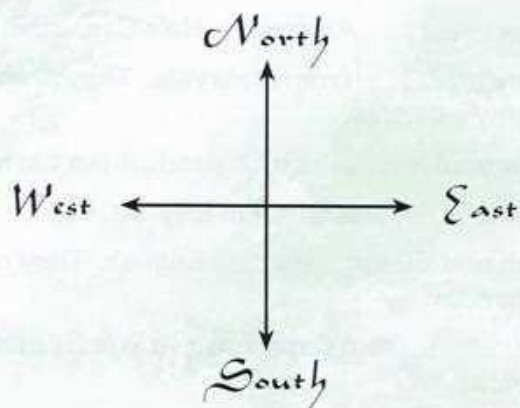
### Useful Language and Expressions

#### Asking for information

What's your name?  
Where are you from?  
How old are you?  
What year are you in?  
What are your hobbies?

#### Giving information

My name's/I'm (George).  
I'm from (Greece/Athens).  
My hometown is (Athens).  
(Athens) is the capital of (Greece).  
It's in the (east) of...  
I'm from a village.  
...near the sea/mountains  
I'm (12).  
It's my birthday on (Saturday).  
I'm in year...  
My hobbies are...



1 Answer the questions orally.

**OPTIONAL:** Write the questions and answers in your notebook.

- 1 Is your name Samantha?
- 2 How old are you?
- 3 What year are you in?
- 4 Which country are you from?
- 5 What are your hobbies?

2 Listen to Jimmy.



### Video chat

Hi! My name's Jimmy. I'm from Aberdeen. Aberdeen's in Scotland. I'm 13. I'm in year eight. My hobbies are painting and music.

3 Now, talk about yourself.

## Listening



Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.

- 1 Betty is ..... years old.  
a 11       b 17      c 7
- 2 Betty is from .....  
a Bery       b Berry      c Berri
- 3 Betty is .....  
 a English      b Indian      c Canadian
- 4 Fred is ..... years old.  
 a 3      b 13      c 5
- 5 Patty is .....  
a 19      b 5       c 9

# Writing

1 Read the notes and the profile.

## NOTES

Name : Tom  
Age : 14  
Birthday : 31st December  
Class : year 9  
Hometown : London  
Country : England  
Hobbies : music, skateboarding, art



## Profile

My name's Tom. I'm fourteen years old. My birthday is on 31st December. I'm in year nine at school. My hometown is London, in England. My hobbies are music, skateboarding and art.

2 Now write notes about yourself. Then write your profile in your notebook.

## NOTES

Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Age : \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday : \_\_\_\_\_  
Class : \_\_\_\_\_  
Hometown : \_\_\_\_\_  
Country : \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies : \_\_\_\_\_

(your photo here)

Open.....  
to culture

## The United Kingdom



**England:**  
Capital City: London



**Great Britain:**  
England, Scotland and Wales



**The United Kingdom:**  
Great Britain and Northern Ireland

## That's my house!

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VIDEO CHAT

- 1 Vusi and Miranda are speaking cam-to-cam. Listen and repeat.

Miranda: What's your flat like, Vusi?

Vusi: There are two bedrooms, a bathroom and one very big room. It's the living room, dining room and kitchen, all in one!

Miranda: Are you in the living room now?

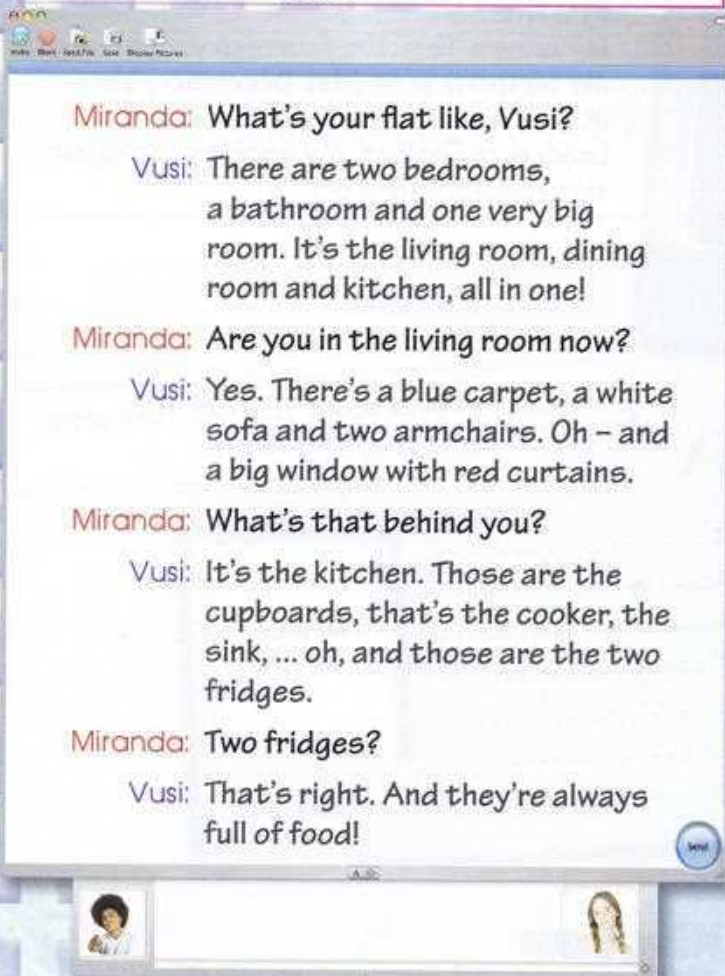
Vusi: Yes. There's a blue carpet, a white sofa and two armchairs. Oh - and a big window with red curtains.

Miranda: What's that behind you?

Vusi: It's the kitchen. Those are the cupboards, that's the cooker, the sink, ... oh, and those are the two fridges.

Miranda: Two fridges?

Vusi: That's right. And they're always full of food!



## Functional language task

- 2 Adelina and Penny are chatting. Fill each gap with an item from the list.

- lots of
- ~~would you like to~~
- my favourite
- oh, I see
- I want to

Adelina: Hi, Penny. (1) ... *Would you like to* ... see a photo of my bedroom?

Penny: Sure! ... Oh, it's very nice. There are lots of posters on the wall. That's a big wardrobe! Are there (2) ... *lots of* ... clothes in it?

Adelina: No, not a lot; but there are books in there.

Penny: Books? In the wardrobe?

Adelina: Well, there isn't a bookcase in my room.

Penny: (3) ... *Oh, I see* ... What's that under the bed?

Adelina: That's my dog, Bumper. She's great!

Penny: (4) ... *I want to* ... show you a photo, too. Look - this is (5) ... *my favourite* ... football team.

Adelina: They're all in red. Who are they?

Penny: Liverpool, of course!

## Pronunciation – Pete, hill



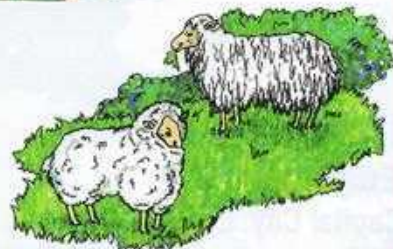
- 1 Listen and repeat. Pete [pit] hill [hɪl]  
Pete can see a pretty hill.

- 2 Listen and tick (✓) the sound you hear.

	Pete /i:/	hill /ɪ/
1 <u>three</u>	✓	
2 <u>pretty</u>		✓
3 <u>tea</u>	✓	
4 <u>ship</u>		✓
5 <u>sheep</u>	✓	

- 3 Now say each word out loud as you listen again.

## Two ships, two sheep



# Open..... to knowledge



Read Alex's text.

Look! Here's my neighbourhood, near the centre of Vancouver. It's clean, with wide streets and lots of trees. There are bicycles, but there are no cars, trucks or vans, so it is quiet. There are lots of children with skateboards. There's a big park near my house with birds and flowers, and there's a

pond with ducks, too. The ducks are funny – I love them! My favourite building is the library, next to the park. It's old, but there are new books, magazines and DVDs in it. My neighbourhood's great! It's a super area in a super city!

## 1 Choose.

- Alex's neighbourhood is **in/near** the centre of Vancouver.
- There are lots of **cars/trees** in Alex's neighbourhood.
- The books in the library are **new/old**.
- There are **ponds/ducks** in the park.
- The library is **old/new**.

## 2 Answer the questions.

- Is Alex's neighbourhood clean?  
*Yes, it is.*
- Are the streets in the neighbourhood wide?  
*Yes, they are.*
- Is the park small?  
*No, it isn't.*
- Are the ducks funny?  
*Yes, they are.*
- Is the library next to the park?  
*Yes, it is.*

## AUTHENTIC material

### FOR SALE

This modern 3-bedroom house.

Large garden and 2-car garage.  
Schools, station and shops nearby.

Contact: **Ms Peters**  
310 9921467



## 3 Match.

- A HOSPITAL    B CHEMIST'S  
C POST OFFICE    D DEPARTMENT STORE  
E BANK    F MUSEUM  
G SUPERMARKET



## 4 Look at the Authentic Material and write true or false.

- There are two bedrooms in the house. **false**
- The house is not old. **true**
- There is a 3-car garage. **false**
- The house is in a large garden. **true**
- There are schools near the house. **true**

# Open..... to vocabulary

1 Fill in the correct preposition.

**in** ~~on~~ **under** **in front of**  
**behind** **next to**

1 The ball is on the box.



2 The ball is next to the box.



3 The ball is in front of the box.



4 The ball is behind the box.



5 The ball is under the box.



6 The ball is in the box.

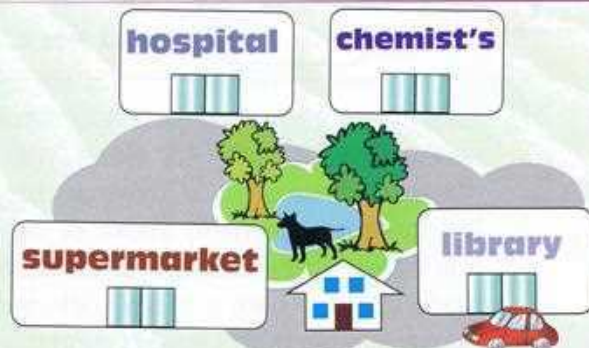


2 Choose and complete.

- wide
- ducks
- quiet
- birds
- vans
- ~~super~~

There's a (1) super park in my area. There are flowers, (2) birds in the trees, and (3) ducks on the pond. My neighbourhood is not very (4) quiet. There are lots of (5) vans and trucks, and the streets are not very (6) wide.

3 Fill in **opposite**, ~~in~~, **near** or **between**.



- There's a pond in the park.
- There's a chemist's near the hospital.
- The supermarket is opposite the hospital.
- The house is between the supermarket and the library.

4 Unscramble and write.

1 **nisk** sink



2 **amarchir** armchair



3 **osfa** sofa



4 **rifedg** fridge



5 **pocrdubas** cupboards



5 Complete with a word from Activity 4.

- There is water in the sink.
- There are 3 people on the sofa.
- The butter is in the fridge.
- The honey is in one of the cupboards.
- The cat is in the armchair.

# Open..... to grammar

## PLURALS

### REGULAR

Singular	Plural
shop	shops
boy	boys
house	houses
BUT: city	cities
piano	pianos
BUT: tomato	tomatoes
roof	roofs
BUT: leaf	leaves
knife	knives

### PRONUNCIATION

### IRREGULAR

Singular	Plural
man	men
woman	women
child	children
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
mouse	mice
sheep	sheep
fish	fish

### There is/There are

There is a sofa in the room. (There's ...)

There are flowers in the garden.

Look at Grammar Appendix, Unit 2 for more information.

### 1 Write the plurals.

1 boy boys      4 knife knives

2 box boxes      5 man men

3 roof roofs      6 city cities

### 5 Complete the questions and answers.

1 What's this?  
It's a chair.



2 What are these?  
They're cars.



3 What's that?  
It's a tree.



4 What are those?  
They're tables.



### 2 Rewrite the sentences in the plural.

1 This girl is from Malaysia.  
These girls are from Malaysia.

2 That flower is red.  
Those flowers are red.

3 That sheep is black.  
Those sheep are black.

4 This woman is from Canada.  
These women are from Canada.

5 That mouse is grey.  
Those mice are grey.

### 3 Complete with is/are, isn't/aren't.

1 ✓ There are four trees in the garden.


2 ✗ There aren't any cars in the street.


3 ✓ There is a big sofa in the living room.


4 ? Is there a desk in the bedroom?


5 ✗ There isn't a fridge in the bathroom, silly!

### 4 Fill in this, that, these, those.

1 this box 

2 these boxes 

3 that box 

4 those boxes 

# Open..... to communication

## Speaking

1 Answer the questions orally.

**OPTIONAL:** Write the questions and answers in your notebook.

- 1 Describe your neighbourhood.
- 2 Do you live in a house or a flat?
- 3 How many bedrooms are there in your house/flat?
- 4 Which is your favourite room?
- 5 Describe the furniture in your bedroom.

### Useful Language and expressions

#### Asking for information

What's your neighbourhood like?  
What is there near your house?  
What's your (house/flat) like?  
Is there a (balcony/garden)?

#### Giving information

It's a (quiet/noisy/clean) neighbourhood.  
There's a (park) with ...  
It's a big/small/pretty (flat/house).  
This is a photo of my favourite (room).  
It's (the kitchen/my bedroom).  
The (walls are/desk is) yellow/  
blue/white.



2 Listen to Angela.



Conversation

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Hello. I'm Angela. This is a photo of my favourite room. It's the living room. There's a white carpet on the floor, and an armchair between the windows. There are lots of books and CDs in the bookcase. There's a TV and a DVD player too. Next to the sofa there's a big table. The walls are blue and red. It's a lovely room.

3 Now, you talk about your favourite room.

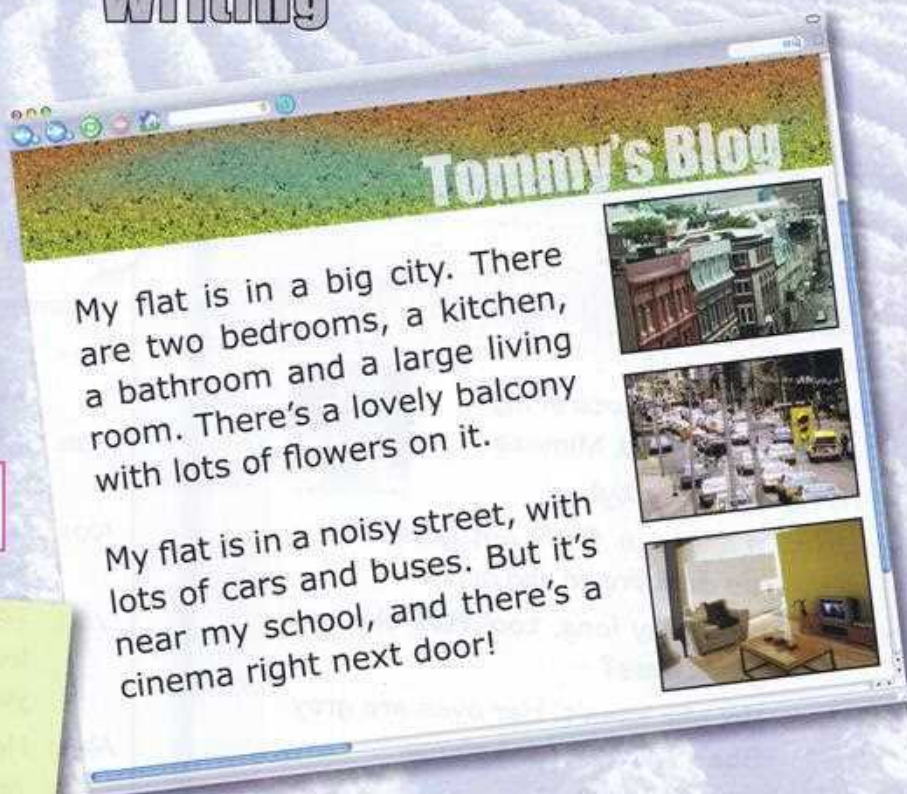
## Listening

Listen and tick (✓) True or False.

- |   | T | F |
|---|---|---|
| 1 She's Anna.                             |   | ✓ |
| 2 She's from Manchester.                  | ✓ |   |
| 3 There's a library in her neighbourhood. | ✓ |   |
| 4 There's a school next to her house.     |   | ✓ |
| 5 There are lots of flowers in the park.  |   | ✓ |
| 6 There are lots of cars in her street.   | ✓ |   |

# Writing

1 Read part of Tommy's blog.



**Tommy's Blog**

My flat is in a big city. There are two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a large living room. There's a lovely balcony with lots of flowers on it.

My flat is in a noisy street, with lots of cars and buses. But it's near my school, and there's a cinema right next door!

2 Now write about your house or flat. Follow the plan.

## Plan

### Paragraph 1:

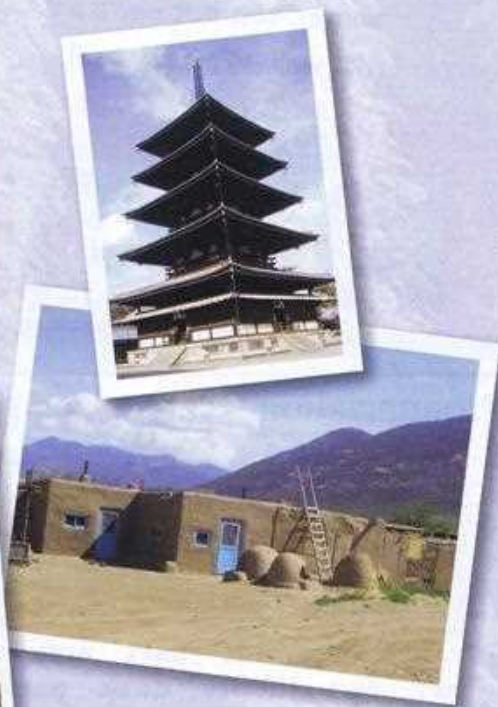
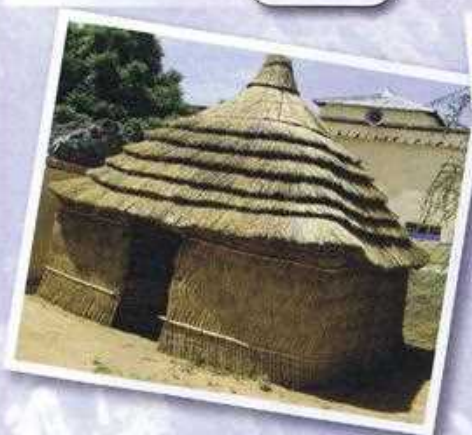
- where it is
- how many rooms
- Is there a balcony?/  
Are there lots of flowers?

### Paragraph 2:

- Is it quiet?
- Are there cars and bikes?
- Is it near a park?
- What is there next door/  
opposite/etc?

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## Unusual Buildings



Where do you think these buildings are? Which ones do you like?

# We've got friends

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VIDEO CHAT

1 Miranda and Penny are speaking cam-to-cam. Listen and repeat.

Conversation

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Miranda: Here's a photo of my best friend, Mimoza. 

Penny: She's pretty!

Miranda: Yes, she is. She's got great hair - it's dark brown and curly.

Penny: It's really long, too! Has she got green eyes?



Miranda: No, she hasn't. Her eyes are grey. She's tall and quite plump.

Penny: What's she like?

Miranda: She's a very friendly girl. She's clever, too, but she's a bit lazy.

Penny: Oh, well ... I'm lazy too!

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## Functional language task

2 Alex and Vusi are chatting. Fill each gap with an item from the list.

- what
- no, I haven't
- they've got
- yeah
- haven't they
- ~~have you got~~

Alex: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Have you got \_\_\_\_\_ any pets, Vusi?

Vusi: (2) \_\_\_\_\_ No, I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ . But I've got a favourite animal. I love giraffes.

Alex: Me too. They've got long legs, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ haven't they \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Vusi: (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Yeah \_\_\_\_\_ , and a really long neck. They're from Africa. Have you got a favourite animal?

Alex: I love orang-utans.

Vusi: (5) \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Alex: Orang-utans. They're from Asia. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ They've got \_\_\_\_\_ red hair and very strong hands and teeth. Their arms are long, but they haven't got a tail.

## Pronunciation – cat, car



1 Listen and repeat. cat [/kæt/] car [/kɑː/]

The cat is in the car.

2 Listen to these words, and repeat them. Notice the 'a' sound each time. Then complete the lists.

are van rat cart arm mat  
art can family dark park hat

/æ/ happy, van, rat, mat, can, family, hat .....

/ɑː/ start, are, cart, arm, art, dark, park .....

3 Now say each group of words out loud.

## She's a great cook!



# Open..... to knowledge



Read Adelina's text.

I'm from Beserah, in Malaysia. Malaysia is in Asia. Beserah is a fishing village. There are some water buffaloes, but there aren't any orang-utans! There are lots of fish in the sea.

That's my dad over there - the short, slim man with the fishing net. His hair is short and straight.

My mum is beautiful. She's got long, shiny black hair and a round face. She's kind and funny. She's a great cook, too!



## AUTHENTIC material

### NEWTOWN SAFARI PARK

Amazing 3-mile drive through the safari park in your car!



#### African animals:

giraffes, antelopes, lions, rhinos, zebras, elephants

**Admission price:** €12 per person (children under 3: free)

Park opens 10 am, closes 5 pm.

### 1 Write Yes or No.

- 1 Malaysia is in Asia. .... *Yes* .....
- 2 There are water buffaloes in Adelina's village. .... *Yes* .....
- 3 There are some orang-utans in Adelina's village. .... *No* .....
- 4 Adelina's dad is tall. .... *No* .....
- 5 Her mum is kind. .... *Yes* .....

### 2 Complete with a word from the text.

- 1 Adelina is from the village of ... *Beserah* ...
- 2 There are lots of fish in the ... *sea* ...
- 3 Adelina's dad has got a fishing ... *net* ...
- 4 Adelina's mum is a great ... *cook* ...
- 5 Her face is ... *round* ...

### 3 Answer the questions.

- 1 Is Malaysia in Europe?
- 2 Is Adelina's dad tall?
- 3 Is Adelina's mum beautiful?
- 4 Is Adelina a great cook?

### 4 Look at the Authentic Material and rewrite the sentences.

- 1 You go through the safari park on a bus.  
..... *You go through the safari park in your car.* .....
- 2 Lots of Asian animals live in the park.  
..... *Lots of African animals live in the park.* .....
- 3 The admission price is €12 per family.  
..... *The admission price is €12 per person.* .....
- 4 The park closes at 4 pm.  
..... *The park closes at 5 pm.* .....