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In this task, you will:

- retrieve information from non-fiction
- distinguish between fact and opinion
- explain and discuss what you have read and provide justification for your views.

Read the text below and answer the questions. If you're anxious about your comprehension skills, try questions 1-6. If you're feeling confident, do questions 1-8. If you're raring to go, try the challenge too.

Would you spend hours watching someone playing video games?

If you have a young person in your house it's unlikely that you're unaware of the latest gaming phenomenon - *Fortnite*.

Published by Epic Games with over 125 million players, Fortnite is a single or multi-player survival game set on modern-day Earth. Thanks to a sudden worldwide storm, most of the world's population has been wiped out and those people remaining face attack from zombie-like creatures. Players work together on missions to collect resources and build fortifications, weapons and traps to defend themselves against the uprising.

Whilst the popularity of such a game may not be surprising, what could be considered surprising is the popularity of watching gamers in action via online streaming platforms such as Twitch. Emmett Shear, co-founder of Twitch, compares watching gamers to watching sports stars or chefs on TV: 'You're enjoying watching someone who's really great at it with some entertainment at the same time.'

Twitch is a free service, but many choose to subscribe to other platforms to watch the top gamers like Ninja, who makes millions streaming his live Fortnite action. 'The people who make the most money surprisingly aren't necessarily the best gamers, they're often the ones who are most entertaining,' explains Shear. 'Ninja is a prime example ... very high energy, very entertaining to watch.'

Whether you're keen to watch or, like me, it sounds about as interesting to you as watching paint dry, it looks as though Fortnite and its live streamers are here to stay. At least until the next gaming phenomenon sweeps the world.

1. Who publishes *Fortnite*?

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2. When and where is *Fortnite* set?

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3. What is the aim of the game?

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4. What is Twitch?

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5. What does Emmett Shear compare watching gamers to doing?

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6. Which gamers make the most money?

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7. What do you think the writer of this article thinks of watching gamers? What makes you think this?

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8. Would you say this article is mostly based on fact or opinion?

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9. Find three facts from the article which haven't featured as answers to the questions.

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III.

Now find an example of an opinion:

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Challenge:

As the title asks, would you spend hours watching someone playing video games? Why or why not? Write a paragraph (or more) giving your opinion.

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In this task, you will:

- identify the audience for and purpose of a piece of writing, selecting the appropriate form
- select appropriate grammar and vocabulary to change or enhance meaning.

Have a look at these messages and consider their audience (who they are written to) and purpose (why they have been written). Then write each one in a more appropriate style. Try to do them all, but there's a challenge at the end for those who are really confident!

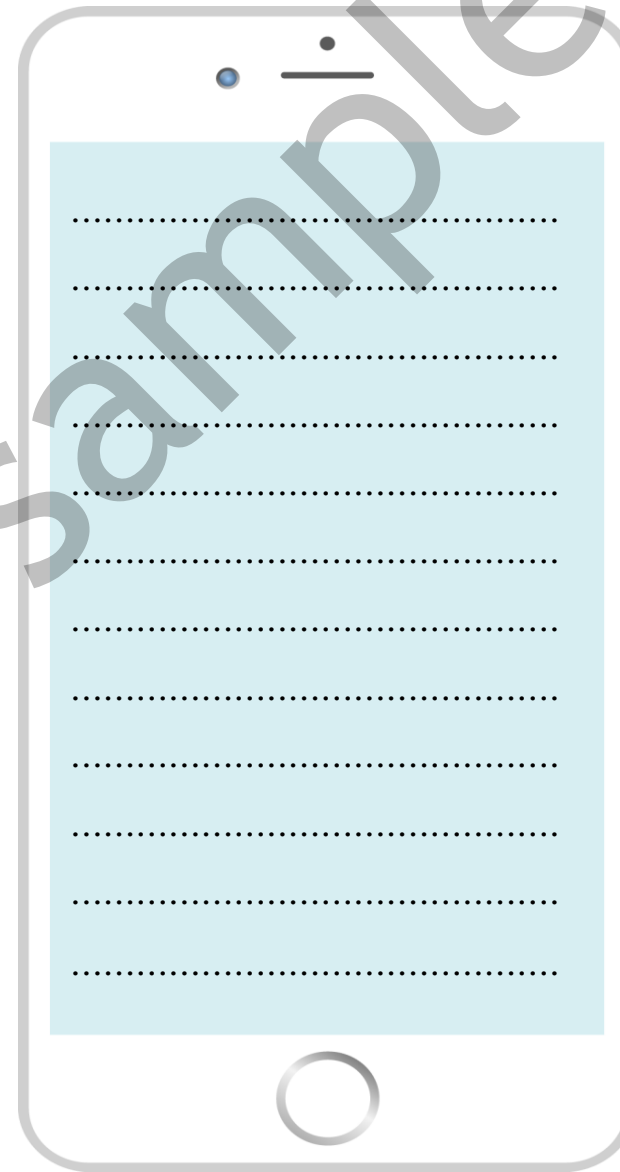
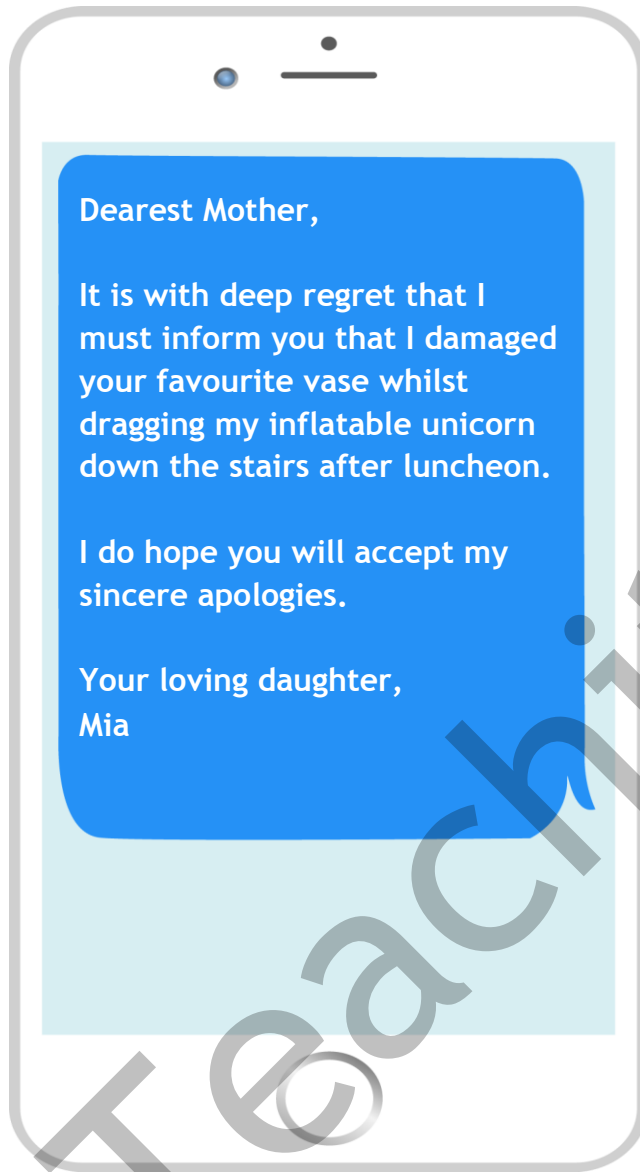
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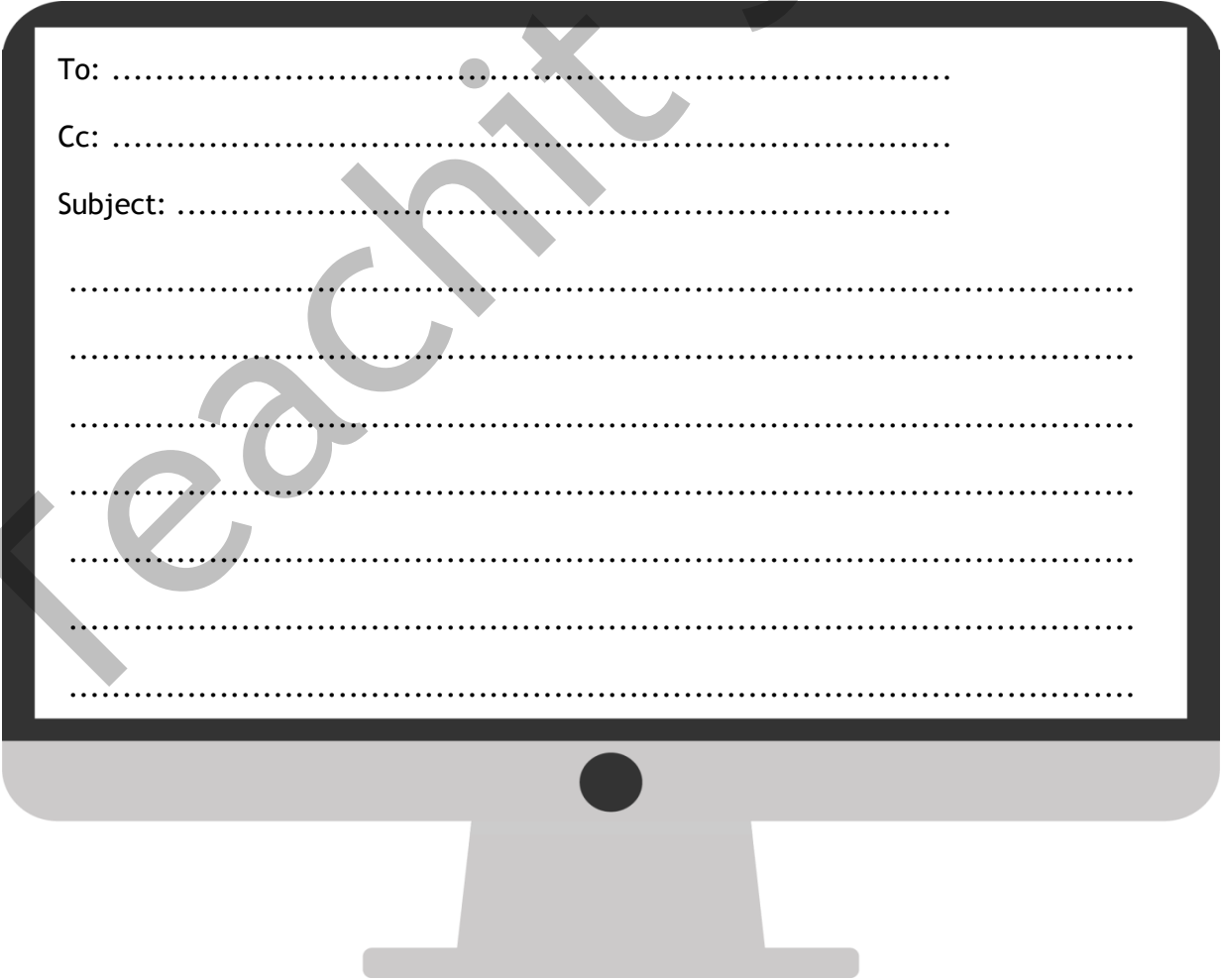
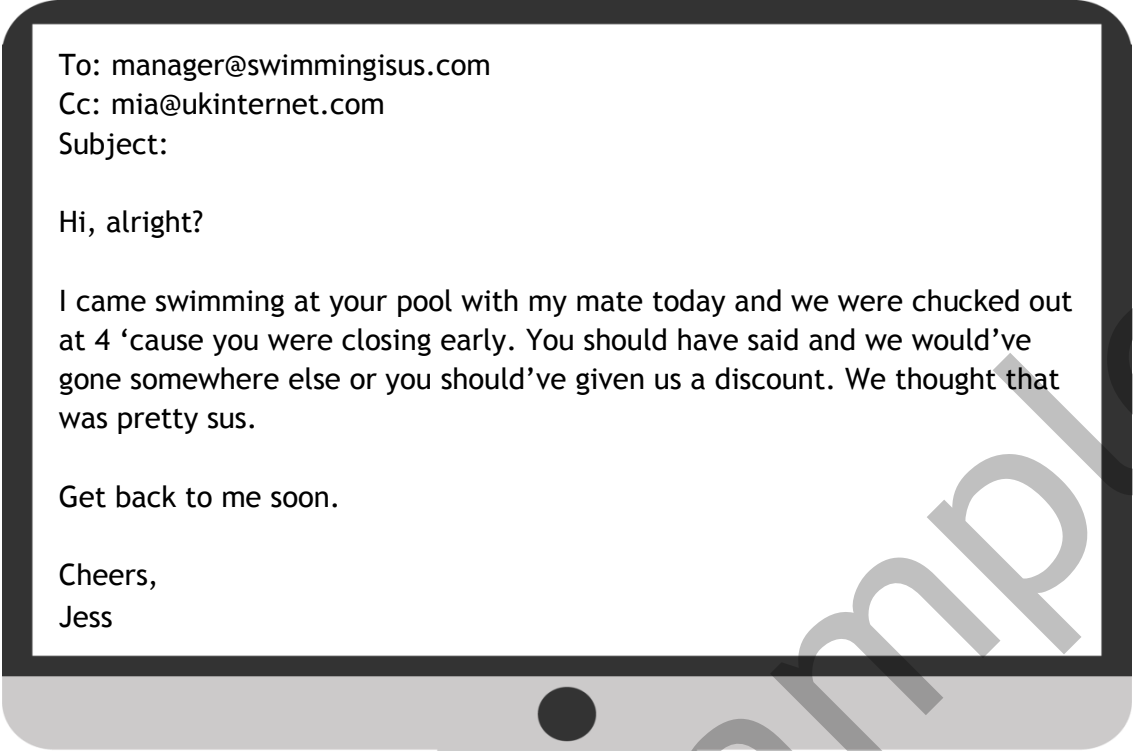
I am very much looking forward to going swimming with you this afternoon. I do hope you remember to bring your inflatable unicorn.

Can I suggest we meet outside the pool at 3pm? I hope that is convenient for you.

Yours,
Jess

Sample





In this task, you will:

- identify words containing prefixes and suffixes
- use prefixes and suffixes correctly.

Oh dear. This pupil hasn't understood how to use different prefixes or suffixes! Can you help? If prefixes and suffixes are a bit of a struggle for you too, stick to the first task. If you're pretty confident, then go straight to the second one. And if you're raring to go, try the challenge too!

Task one: underline the mistakes.

We've just moved house and I was worried I would be inhappy but I'm not - I love it! I thought the kids at my new school might be imfriendly but they're really nice and I have got over my shyment. The walk to school is easy - it's impossible to get lost. I thought I could ride my bike there but mum unagreed and I'm a bit misappointed. Hopably, she'll change her mind.

The people next door have got two dogs and one of them keeps running into our driveway and tipping over the decycling bins. I heard dad tell mum that he'd turn the hose on the dog next time. Mum said she'd unconnect the hose. I thought dad's idea was quite funny (but it doesn't show much kindity!).

Now write the correct versions below:

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Now write two sentences of your own, one containing a prefix and one containing a suffix.

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Task two: Underline the mistakes.

We've just moved house and my new room is very spaciant - there's loads of room for my stuff! The garden's great; it's got artifitious grass so I can play as much sport on it as I like and it's unpossible to ruin. I can walk to school too, which my mum says will give me confidency and make me more independable. I thought I could ride my bike there but mum unagreed. Hopably she'll change her mind.

The people next door have got two dogs and one of them is really disobedious. It keeps running into our driveway and it makes dad pretty imhappy as it tips over all the decycling. I heard dad tell mum that the owner was unresponsible and that he'd turn the hose on the dog next time. Mum tried to unencourage him and said she'd unconnect the hose. I thought dad's idea was quite funny but a bit umkind. My dad can be a bit untolerant!

Now write the correct versions below:

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Challenge:

Write another paragraph for the story above. The paragraph must contain at least two prefixes and two suffixes.

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