

SOLUTIONS PRE-INTERMEDIATE 5
UNIT 9: SCIENCE
MOVIE

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Writing

A formal letter

I can write a formal letter.

Preparation

- 1 Read the task and the letter. What is the writer's main reason for complaining? Choose a, b or c.

The writer thinks the decision will:

- a cost young people more money.
- b give the wrong message to vandals.
- c have a negative effect on the environment.

Your local council has decided to stop a free bike hire scheme in your town centre. Write a letter of complaint about this decision.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to complain about the decision to stop the free bike hire scheme in our town. This scheme has been very popular, especially among young people, and I cannot understand why the council wants to stop it.

I object to the decision mainly because the bike hire scheme encourages people to cycle ¹_____ going by car or bus. ²_____ cycling is good for the environment and good for people's health, we want as many people as possible to do it.

I understand that there have been some problems with vandalism. However, I do not think a small number of vandals should be able to change the council's policy. Surely it is possible to install security cameras, ³_____ the bikes are not damaged so often.

In conclusion, I believe the bike hire scheme benefits the environment and the residents, and should continue.

Yours faithfully,

P Wentworth

Penny Wentworth

Writing Strategy

Make sure you use a variety of different structures in your writing. You can form complex sentences by joining two clauses together with a conjunction (*although, because, if, or, etc.*). Use different conjunctions depending on the meaning of the clauses they introduce.

- 2 Read the Writing Strategy. Then complete the formal letter in exercise 1 with some of the conjunctions below.

although if or rather than since so unless

- 3 Complete the phrases for summing up using the words below. Underline the phrase that the writer uses in the letter in exercise 1.

all balance conclusion opinion reasons

- 1 All in _____, I believe ...
- 2 On _____, I think ...
- 3 Overall, ... in my _____.
- 4 In _____, ...
- 5 For these _____, I strongly believe that ...

4 Read the task below. Then think about the issue and make notes.

Your local council has decided to allow buses into the town centre, which is currently pedestrian only. Write a letter of complaint about this decision.

Introduction: _____

Main reason to object: _____

One argument from the opposing view: _____

Why you do not accept that argument: _____

Conclusion: _____

Writing Guide

5 Use your notes to write a formal letter of complaint.

CHECK YOUR WORK



Have you ...

- used some conjunctions and a phrase for summing up?
- checked your spelling and grammar?



**DO YOU ENJOY LIVING IN A
TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD?**





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SMART PHONES




WHAT OPTIONS DO SMART PHONES HAVE?











**WHAT IS
INTERNET?
WHY IT IS SO
IMPORTANT
TODAY?**





**SIR
TIM
BERNERS-LEE**



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WORLD WIDE WEB!


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HTML

THE HYPertext MARKUP LANGUAGE, OR HTML IS THE STANDARD MARKUP LANGUAGE FOR DOCUMENTS DESIGNED TO BE DISPLAYED IN A WEB BROWSER.

HTML




**IMAGINE A
WORLD WITHOUT
INTERNET. HOW
WOULD IT BE?**


Before you watch

1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 Have you got a smartphone? If so, what do you use it for?
- 2 How often do you use the internet?
- 3 What are your favourite websites?

Comprehension check

- 2  Watch the DVD clip. Are the sentences true or false?
- 1 About 10% of the world's population has a smartphone. **true / false**
 - 2 The World Wide Web allows people to share information on the internet. **true / false**
 - 3 Tim Berners-Lee is from Geneva in Switzerland. **true / false**
 - 4 HTML is a computer language. **true / false**

3  Watch again. Number the things in the order that you see them.

A ___ an old computer

B ___ the World Wide Web


C ___ a library

D ___ a mobile phone

E ___ a laboratory

F ___ a computer language

G ___ a scientist

4  **Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

- 1 A smartphone wouldn't work well without the _____.
- 2 The internet is a _____ of computers that share _____.
- 3 Tim Berners-Lee comes from a family of _____.
- 4 He studied _____ at Oxford University.
- 5 In _____, he started work at the CERN laboratory.
- 6 He allowed everyone to use his computer language for _____.
- 7 He launched the first website in _____.

Round up

- 5 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.
What would you do if you couldn't use the internet for a week?

Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE Match the gadgets (1–5) with the descriptions of how they are used (a–e).

1 mobile phone

2 digital camera

3 MP3 player

4 games console

5 smartphone

a I use it to listen to all my music.

b I use it to speak to and text my friends.

c I use it to play games.

d I use it to take photos.

e I use it to do all of these things!

7 Complete the sentences with the words below.

cable download IP address network send share wireless



- 1 You can _____ this film for £3.95 if you want to watch it later.
- 2 You don't need a _____ to connect to the internet. We have a _____ connection.
- 3 If you click here, you can _____ the photo with all your friends.
- 4 How many WhatsApp messages do you _____ every day?
- 5 Every computer that is connected to the internet has a unique _____.
- 6 There are six computers and a printer on our _____.

Extension

- 8** Work in groups. What do you think of the following statement? Do you agree or disagree with it? Why?

Some people believe it would be good to upload our whole lives to the internet so that we have a record of everything we do, everyone we meet and everywhere we go.

- 9** Present the findings of your discussion to the class. Use the key phrases for agreeing and disagreeing.

Agreeing and disagreeing

I don't agree that ...

I agree that ...

I'm not sure that ...

I wouldn't say that ...

ASSIGNMENT:

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