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Writing

Part 1 p. 132
1 Model answer
Wherever we go, we are exposed to advertising - whether on television, our mobiles or on billboards. It is part of daily life but can encourage people to live beyond their means. Advertising's principal role is to inform. Without it, sellers would not be able to communicate with customers and share information about products. With such a range of products on the market, consumers need to understand and compare products to make informed decisions. However, sometimes advertising persuades us to make the wrong decision. With so much clever wording, it is sometimes difficult to separate fact from fiction. Customers must learn to read between the lines so they are not tricked by advertisers or encouraged to spend money they cannot afford. Interestingly, advertising is also an art form. Advertisers use our attention using incredibly creative and amusing ideas which entertain us. However, this only serves to persuade us more that we cannot live without their products. Advertising has a very prominent role in the world today. It can be useful if it is informative. However, to suggest that you won't be successful or happy if you don't buy the product is irresponsible.

Part 2 p. 123
2 Model answer
My ideal friend
If you could combine the best qualities of the people you know into the ideal friend, what would they be? Most humans are sociable and enjoy spending time with other people but what do we look for and how do we choose our friends?
For me, an ideal friend is someone who has a sense of humour, is interesting and supportive. A person who has the ability to see the funny side of things is much better company than someone who complains a lot. Equally, an interesting person is always a good companion because they have lots to talk about and they are curious about the world. But we have to be realistic: life isn’t always fun and there are times when we need to share our worries with someone who will listen, be sympathetic and perhaps give good advice.
On balance, I think the most important quality in a friend is that they are supportive. By sharing feelings and understanding each other’s characters, you can build a genuine friendship that will last for years; and hopefully, have a laugh along the way!

3 Model answer
Great value, great location!
I recently spent a weekend at Silver Sun Hotel with a group of friends. In such an expensive and enormous city, the hotel, which is centrally located next to the station, was a great find and met all our expectations.
We were very satisfied with our rooms, which, although small and a little old-fashioned, had everything we needed and were very warm and clean. The staff in reception were incredibly helpful, giving us lots of sightseeing tips and advice on how to get great discounts around the city.
We booked our rooms on the hotel’s website at a very good price, so we were very pleasantly surprised that a simple breakfast of bread rolls and coffee was included. Overall, for a central hotel with clean rooms, I think the Silver Sun is excellent value for money. My only criticism is that there is a daily charge to use Wi-Fi.
The hotel is ideal for budget travellers who want a base while they explore the city. It is unsuitable for disabled and elderly travellers as there isn’t a lift to the bedrooms which are all on the upper floors.

4 Model answer
Hi Alex,

Good to hear from you! Your project sounds interesting.
Actually, we've got a public holiday next week, so this is good timing.
We only have eight public holidays in the UK. Traditionally, they're called bank holidays because they are days when banks are closed. In England and Wales we don't have a national day but Scotland and Northern Ireland do.
Most of our public holidays fall on a Monday, which means we get a long weekend off. People often hang out with friends or take the opportunity to visit family. For example, on August Bank Holiday, people might have a barbecue or go to the beach.
There are always news stories about long queues of traffic if the weather's good! And nowadays, with so many cheap airlines, some people fly off for a short break.
There should definitely be more - people always want more holidays! I'd like another in autumn as it's a long time between August Bank Holiday and the next one on 25 December.
I'd better go now - I've got to finish an essay for tomorrow's deadline! Just get in touch if you need more information.

Love,
Fran
Listening

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9 uncle 14 back
10 the past 15 1650
11 London 16 sentimental
12 stable 17 clean
13 sensitive hands 18 conservationist

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Audio script

Part 1

1. Basically, I was looking for somewhere to get away from it all and relax because the last few months have been so hectic at work, but I didn't want to feel cut off because it's nice to meet people on holiday too. The complex sounded exactly what I was looking for – there were villas with a shared swimming pool and a restaurant, but each one had its own private sitting-out area. What I wasn't prepared for, however, was the fact that the place was popular with young families. It was very noisy during the day and extremely dull in the evening.

2. A: How did you get on at the dentists?
B: I'm afraid it's a bit of a long story. I got held up on the motorway, so I was 15 minutes late for the appointment. Anyway, the next patient had gone in, so I'd missed, which is fair enough, but then the receptionist said I'd have to pay anyway. I'm afraid after rushing like mad trying to get there on time, I was a bit stressed out and I just lost my temper. I feel awful about it now because I really shouted at her in front of a waiting room full of people. It made me feel a lot better at the time, though.

3. A: I feel sorry for Mandy, really. I mean, she spent hours preparing that report and no one thought to tell her that the policy had changed.
B: Well, you know, she was invited to all the meetings...
A: Come on, if we went to all the meetings, we'd have known...
B: Well, even if you're not there, the minutes are circulated by email, you know, so I don't believe that she wasn't told. Either she wasn't listening or she hadn't checked her inbox.
A: I guess so, but I still feel sorry for her.

Part 2

Hi, I'm Peter Denison and I make my living repairing old clocks and watches. I'm here to tell you about my work.

People assume that my interest in clocks and watches must come from a family tradition but that's not the case. Actually, my father was a farmer who preferred animals to machinery, perhaps because my grandfather was a vet. But growing up, I was always fixing bikes and taking things like radios to bits. I remember going to see an uncle whose garage was full of tools and machines. I used to spend all day in there with him while my cousins were playing football. I guess he saw that I was interested and encouraged me.

Then, one day when I was 14, I took my parents' clock to bits and discovered that clocks are actually beautifully made inside. It never worked again but it made a thrilling discovery and that's when I decided to specialise in timepieces. For me, clocks are something which connect us with the past. I like old things that haven't been altered or modernised but still work perfectly.
Part 3

1. I've been here about five years. At first I wasn't sure that I'd made the right choice because I was quite a bit move to get to work so I decided to move out. I've lived here for a few years now and I've enjoyed living here. The environment is very important to me and I like to grow my own vegetables and keep hens for eggs. It's not just the clock.

So before I go on to show you an example.

Part 4

I: My guest today will soon be joining a very small and very special group of people. Ever since the idea of space travel was first being considered in the late 1990s, some people have made it their life's work to travel to othersave up the cost. One of those people is Grant Swain, who is about to leave on the trip of a lifetime. He'll be spending ten days on a space station as it orbits the Earth. Welcome, Grant.

G: Hi.

I: What are you most looking forward to about the flight?

G: There're so many experiences in those ten days that it's hard to know which will be the greatest moment. But I guess the launch is what I'm looking forward to most. There can't be many things as exhilarating as being in a rocket as it flies out of the atmosphere. The first experience of weightlessness and seeing the Earth from outside the atmosphere, those are going to be incredible too but maybe not quite as thrilling.

I: Don't you feel scared at all?

G: I wouldn't be human if I didn't: Because I'm not a man's tool or even a professional test pilot - this isn't something I do every day, you know. But I've done months of training alongside real astronauts, so I hope I'm up to the challenge.

I: Will you have specific responsibilities on the flight?
G: Very much so. The spaceship is extremely small and so every seat has a set of controls in front of it. I’ll be handling the systems that are controlled from the right-hand seat — for example, radio, TV and some of the navigation systems. The flight commander sits in the centre and can take over from me on those functions if necessary but hopefully I’ll be a fully-functioning member of the crew.

I: And was the training difficult?

G: Some of the survival training — you know, when we’re prepared for an unexpected landing in the sea or in an extreme winter climate — has been physically very challenging. Much worse than the training for weightlessness, although that was pretty tough too.

I: Some people are completely against the idea of tourists going into space. Do you see this trip as a holiday?

G: Actually, I see it very much as a life experience. People use the term space tourism to describe what I’m going to do but actually, it’s a bit misleading. I’ve been training flat-out for 12 months and I’ll be working flat-out every day that I’m up there. So, I’m going to need a real holiday when I come back.

I: What sort of things will you be doing?

G: I’ll be looking at different ways of measuring the energy an astronaut uses during a space flight and how that affects the muscles. But the astronauts all tell me that the one thing they wish they had more of up there is free time. So I’m going to make sure that I have some, at least.

I: And what advice do you have for other people who fancy a trip into space?

G: Well, the price is a bit steep at the moment, which cuts a lot of people out, and then you’ve got to go through months of training. I mean, not everyone’s up to that physically, nor can they spare the time, and it can be frustrating for people. I mean, I was fortunate because if you don’t make it through the training, basically, they don’t let you go.

I: Right.

G: The best advice I can give is to say, ‘Just keep patient.’ I mean, space travel’s going to become far more accessible sooner or later, and I reckon it’s going to be sooner than people think. I’m confident that with so many companies keen to organise trips, this market’s going to open up considerably. I couldn’t tell you what it might cost but I’m confident that within ten years, I’ll be able to buy a ticket and fly up there again without having to go through such a complicated training procedure.

I: Grant, thank you. And best of luck with the flight.

G: Thanks.