

**You have received this email from your English friend Chris.**

Hi,  
Everything here is fine. I've just finished my exams and they went well. I'm going to have a short holiday to relax and see friends before starting to look for a job.

What about you? What have you been doing? What's happening there at the moment? What plans have you got for the next few months?

Sorry about all the questions but you shouldn't be so lazy! Write to me and tell me everything or I won't write again!!

Chris xxx

**Write back to Chris.**

**In your email you must:**

- ▶ **explain why you haven't written before**
- ▶ **mention what you are doing at the moment**
- ▶ **describe your future plans**

**Write between 200-250 words**

### **SAMPLE ANSWER**

Hi Chris,

I'm so sorry :( I couldn't write you earlier because I was studying for my last exam. Yesterday I finished them and now I'm waiting the marks. I'm really nervous! I want know it right now! I'm so happy about your results. You must celebrate it!

I hope you enjoy your short holiday and you found you ideal job because you have worked hard. I'm making a lots of plans for this summer too. In July I will go to visit Paris with my boyfriend, I think it will be fantastic and so romantic. Do you know that it is called "the city of love"? We'll stay there about two week and we'll tried to know all about this place and see the important monuments like Eiffel Tower. I guess I'll have a short holiday with my parents and my sister too. We go to the beach each year, so you could come with us! It would be quite funny! Or if you have some week free, I could go to England and see you. Miss you so much!!!

How are your family? Have your brother finished his career?

Write me back soon or I'll kill you! Hahaha

Love u,  
Sammy xxx

## **GRADE: B1**

This candidate has been awarded a B1 as the text fulfills the B1 descriptors for writing. The text shows that the candidate can write personal emails describing feelings, events and hopes, briefly giving reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

In terms of task achievement, the bullet points have been covered, though bullet point 3 has been much more fully developed, at the expense of the other bullet points. The candidate has used a range of tenses in accordance with the functions needed to be expressed. Similarly, the range of vocabulary used was enough to express him/herself. Grammatically, there is a reasonably accurate repertoire of frequently used patterns e.g., past simple, past continuous, present continuous, present perfect, modals, future simple. Even though there are some mistakes, e.g. 'Have your brother', these mistakes do not hinder understanding. Vocabulary control is generally good though there is some incorrect word choice e.g. 'career'. Spelling and punctuation are reasonably correct and in terms of coherence and cohesion, the text is well-organised, reads well and is in the correct register.

## **NIVEL: B1**

Ha obtenido un B1 ya que el texto cumple con los descriptores de producción escrita. El texto demuestra que sabe escribir emails personales, describiendo sentimientos, acontecimientos y aspiraciones, y sabe justificar brevemente sus opiniones o explicar sus planes.

En cuanto al cumplimiento de tarea sigue los requisitos señalados con respecto al contenido aunque el tercer requisito se ha desarrollado en más extensión a costa de los otros requisitos. Ha usado una variedad de tiempos verbales de acorde con las funciones que hace falta expresar. Asimismo, tiene suficiente vocabulario para expresarse. En cuanto a la gramática, utiliza con razonable corrección un repertorio de «fórmulas» y estructuras habituales, por ejemplo: pasado simple, pasado continuo, presente continuo, pretérito perfecto, verbos modales y futuro simple. Aunque hay algunos errores, por ejemplo 'Have your brother', estos errores no producen malentendidos. En general, manifiesta un buen dominio de vocabulario aunque alguna palabra se usa de forma incorrecta por ejemplo: 'career'. La ortografía y puntuación son lo bastante correctas y en lo que se refiere a coherencia y cohesión, el texto está bien estructurado, se lee con facilidad y se ajusta al registro.