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C. Read the letter below and circle the correct words/phrases.

Dear Peter,

I haven't heard from you for quite some time. I know that you've probably been very busy with moving house, but I'm hoping we can get together soon to catch up on each other's news.

Speaking about news you'll never guess what happened to me (1) recently / after a while.

You know I've always wanted to go hiking. Well, I finally managed to go but it didn't turn out too well. I went with some friends of mine who are very experienced hikers. I'm grateful I did because I don't know what I would have done without them.

We set off early in the morning and started walking. (2) Finally / At first, I thought to myself that hiking is quite easy but then I started feeling really tired and I could hardly keep up with the rest of the group. We were crossing a field (3) when / while I felt a sharp pain in my left leg. I thought it was a thorny bush or something and kept going because the rest of the group was far ahead. (4) After a while / As soon as I broke out into a cold sweat and started feeling very dizzy. (5) Then / When I passed out.

(6) When / Then I finally came round, my friends told me that a snake had bitten me. One of my friends who knew about snake bites had tied my leg and sucked out the poison. Luckily, they had an antidote for snake bites and I soon felt much better.

In future, I will think twice about going hiking. Write soon to tell me your news.

Take care,
Elvis

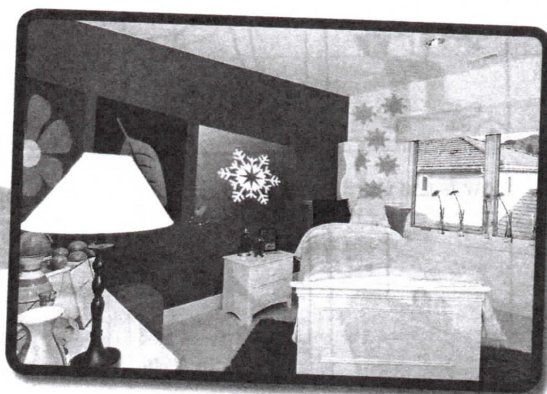


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B. Look at the pictures and prompts and write the missing paragraph of the letter below.



- new neighbourhood / very nice
- in suburbs / greener / quieter / old neighbourhood



- now / live / bigger house / finally / get / own room
- mother / let me do / what I want / paint pink / put up posters / walls



- beginning / lonely / no / friends
- better / now / school / start / meet / kids my age

Suggested answer

Dear Kate,

Sorry for not writing for so long but it's taken me ages to get used to my new neighbourhood. I've had difficulty getting used to things, you know. Anyway, I'm writing to tell you my news.

Anyway, that's all my news for now. I'm hoping you can come and visit soon. Write back soon.

Lots of love,

Dorothy

Dear Paul,

Hi! How're things? Hope you're well. It was great to hear you had a wonderful skiing weekend in the mountains. As for me? I had a terrible experience as I was driving to a nearby resort late in the evening.

Well, things went wrong right from the beginning when howling winds made the debris fly all over and flashes of lightning ripped the dark sky from time to time. It soon started to rain heavily and then that rain turned into a fierce hailstorm. I could hear the hailstones falling on my car with force and I didn't know what to do. Oh God! It was so nightmarish!

You know what? The hailstones finally smashed the rear window of my car completely! I was so scared that I decided to stop my car and run into the nearest cafe for cover. As a result, I had an awful fall. Fortunately, I didn't break any leg or arm but I had bad bumps on my head. It was really one of my worst weekends ever.

Anyway, I'm feeling better now, safe and sound. But I'll always remember what I went through that night.

Write back soon.

Yours,
Tom

E Look at the pictures and the prompts and write the missing paragraph of the letter below.



- three lectures / day / lot / homework / OK
- at the moment / do / project



- join / art class / great fun
- every Tuesday / I / quite good / painting



- find / job / fast food restaurant
- weekends / earn / good money

Dear Frank,

Sorry I haven't written for so long but it took me some time to get used to my new way of life here at college. Now I've finally settled down and I'm writing to tell you my news.

That's all for now. Say hello to your family and our friends back home. Write back soon.

Take care,
Adrian