

EXERCISES

Preparation task

1. Choose the four things you can say in a thank-you email.

Thanks for everything!
Thank you for a great holiday!
I wasn't happy with the food.

I loved meeting your family.
I would like to complain about the
bedroom.
I had a great time.

A thank-you email

From: Pradeep Ranatunga

To: Carolina Kemper

Subject: Thank you!!

Hi Carolina, I just wanted to write and say thank you for everything. You and your family were amazing hosts. I had a great time at your house. Thank you for making me feel at home. I'm sure my English improved a lot because of all your help too! Also, thank you for all the wonderful cooking you did. Now I can tell everyone English food is not as bad as they say 😊😊!

If you ever come to Sri Lanka, I hope you will stay with me and I can show you my city too.

Keep in touch!

Pradeep

TIPS

1. Start with *Hi* if it is an informal email to someone you know.
2. The email can have three main paragraphs: • the reason for writing (= to say thank you) • the main point (= more details or examples) • a wish or offer for the future.
3. Use emojis (e.g. 😊😊) or emoticons (e.g. :)) to show you're
4. You can say *See you soon* / *See you next year* if you hope to meet again.
5. Use a closing phrase like *Keep in touch*, *Write soon*, *Speak soon* or *Take care*.

2. Are the sentences true or false?

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1. Thank-you emails are always informal.		
2. The first line shows what your email is about.		
3. Use <i>Dear (+ name)</i> if you know the person well.		
4. Give examples of things you want to say thank you for.		
5. Say <i>Keep in touch</i> to mean you want to stay friends.		
6. When you make a joke, use the :(emoticon.		

3. Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. wanted say ... just I to write and
2. everything. you Thank for
3. a great I had your house. time at
4. the you did. wonderful for all cooking Thank you
5. If you ever will stay you come to Sri Lanka, I hope with me.
6. touch! Keep in

4. Write a number (1–6) to put the parts of the email in the correct order.

_____ I had a really good time. Your family were so nice and I know I have improved my English a lot. I felt very at home and I loved visiting the city with you. Thank you for everything!

_____ Please stay in touch and you are welcome in Rio de Janeiro any time!

_____ I just wanted to say thank you for having me to stay in your beautiful house.

_____ Gabriel

_____ Speak soon!

_____ Hi Mike,

5. Read the text: Emma's Favorite Restaurant

When Emma and her family go out to dinner, they always go to their favorite restaurant. Their favorite restaurant is an Italian restaurant, and they usually go once a week. Emma always gets ravioli and her little brother Josh always gets spaghetti with meatballs. Their parents like to try different things.



One week when they were getting ready to go out to dinner, Emma's father suggested they try the new restaurant in town. Emma and Josh both moaned and groaned. The new restaurant was Lebanese. All Emma and Josh knew about Lebanese food was that it often revolved around chickpeas and grape leaves.

"You might actually end up liking it if you give it a try," said their mom. Their dad added, "Let's try it once, and if you don't like it, we will go back to our 'tried and true' spot next week."

Emma and Josh got into the backseat of the car and rolled their eyes at each other.

Josh asked, "If we don't like it, can we get a pizza on the way home?" "I highly doubt you will go hungry, but if it makes you feel better, we will grab a pizza on the way home.

"When they arrived at the restaurant, a host met them at the door and greeted them with enthusiasm. He led them to a table and said, "We are very happy that you are trying our new restaurant. If you have any questions about the menu or need any help choosing a menu item, your server will be with you shortly.

The restaurant was looked pretty cool, and the host was super nice. Emma and Josh began to relax a little bit. They actually started to think it would be fun to try something new.

When the server came over, he told them what some of his favorite meals were. Emma and Josh were surprised to learn that the restaurant served something similar to ravioli, and it served a meatball dish.

Emma ordered manti, dumplings filled with spiced lamb and covered in tomato sauce. Josh ordered kibbeh; meatballs made with wheat, spiced ground lamb, and served with garlic sauce.

After, Emma and Josh, took the first bites of their dishes, they paused before saying anything. Emma was thinking that the manti tasted different than ravioli, but she didn't think it was bad. Josh was thinking his meatballs looked very similar to the meatballs that come with spaghetti, but the sauce was white, not red like he was used to. He liked the kibbeh, though.

They each took a few more bites, and then they both declared, "You were right, Mom. This food is pretty tasty. " When the meal was over, Emma said, "I think I have another favorite restaurant. Now I have a favorite Italian restaurant and a favorite Lebanese restaurant. "

Josh agreed and asked, "Can we switch between the two restaurants for our weekly dinners out?"

"I think that is a great idea," said Emma and Josh's parents.

"Maybe we can even try the Thai restaurant some time so on," said Emma.

6. Once you have read the text, write an e-mail to your best friend recommend it the restaurant.

7. Read the newsletter example and write a similar one



HOW TO BEHAVE IN ONLINE CLASSES

BY TEACHER PAUL PARKER

Proper etiquette is nothing new for most people. You grew up with your parents constantly telling you to mind your manners. But in a digital age where the unwritten online "rules" are constantly changing, proper netiquette may seem a bit mystifying. Add in the atmosphere of an online classroom, and suddenly the proper netiquette guidelines don't seem as easy as a simple "please" and "thank you."

As you might have guessed, netiquette is essentially rules and norms for interacting with others on the internet in a considerate, respectful way. We enlisted several experts to set some guidelines to make sure your online manners are up to par.

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NETIGUETTE GUIDELINES

EVERY ONLINE STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW

- NO YELLING, PLEASE
- Sarcasm can (and will) backfire
- Don't abuse the chat box
- Attempt to find your own answer
- Stop ... grammar time!
- Set a respectful tone
- Submit files the right way

"Online learning is rapidly becoming one of the most cost-effective ways to educate the world's rapidly expanding workforce."

UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

BY TEACHER PAUL PARKER

Extracurricular activities offer kids a chance to explore new interests that are not part of the regular school curriculum.

Extracurricular activities also provide fun and enjoyment, which can help keep kids motivated about school when their school work becomes challenging.

Extracurricular activities help children gain new skills, learn to socialize, gain leadership ability and learn more about their own interests.

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8. Check this model of magazines, and figure out about two important magazines, in our country, and present a short review about them.

The White Review

Published in the month the UK was meant to leave the EU, the 24th issue of The White Review invokes the power of black magic. The spell-infused opening essay takes seriously the idea of the sacred, and the supernatural, defining a witch as “one who uses language to cause change in the material world”. You can read that as a statement of editorial intent, as the interviews, poetry and stories in the issue return to this idea of finding language powerful enough to save us, or to somehow cut through. One of the nicest things about The White Review is that it’s academic, and earnest, but at the same time it’s playful. There’s a wicked, witchy element to the art in this issue, too: one of our favourite spreads features a series of latex teats.

The Stinging Fly

An Irish literary magazine of new writing, the latest edition of The Stinging Fly (their 40th) received 982 submissions of short stories alone. The 14 that made the cut are tight and unusually spare. Sally Rooney is a contributing editor, and on these pages there’s an echo of her attention to the minute detail of how we see ourselves and are seen by others. In the very first story in the collection, Harpies, our narrator describes herself: “I am small, brunette, and round. I crouch next to beauties like a full stop. I accentuate.” Usually you can smell the weakness in a story — its bagginess or self-indulgence. Reading The Stinging Fly you get that delicious feeling of surrender; of being in safe hands.

Visions

A science fiction magazine funded by the sale of its own delightfully 80s type-face, the first issue of Visions is all about ‘Home’. Interspersed with bright yellow pages of flash-fiction written in collaboration with a computer bot, stories are bizarre, but they also have a quiet, poetic quality. One of our favourite pieces in the issue imagines a future where the whole human race will be homeless, because we will have induced ourselves into “ultra-high frequency radiation, and shone ourselves into the depths of interstellar space”. Another highlight is a dinner-date with a hologram of F. Scott Fitzgerald.

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