INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

a website review

speakout WRITING TIP

When you write a website review, it's a good idea to include the following information: the purpose of the website; its special features; who you would recommend the website to; your opinion of the website.

1 **Read the review and answer the questions.**

1 What is the purpose of the website?
2 How does the website work?
3 What special features does it have?
4 Would you recommend the website?
5 What is your opinion of it? Would you use it? Why/Why not?

Website of the month | MARCH

wishweb

★★★★★

Support ★★★★☆
Features ★★★★★
Value ★★★★☆

Website of the month for March is **wishweb**. It's a special type of search engine that helps you to find websites which reflect your own personal preferences.

So, how does **wishweb** work? Well, when you enter, you search for websites which are related to a particular topic; you then receive a list of sites that **wishweb** recommends for you. For each of the sites, you click on an icon to say if you like them or not, and **wishweb** records your opinion. In this way, it builds up a database which includes all your opinions and the opinions of all the other users. **wishweb** then uses this database to direct you to websites that are popular with people who have the same tastes as you.

I'd recommend **wishweb** to all our readers. It really helps you to discover some fantastic places on the web which would be impossible to find otherwise.

2 **Find and underline the relative pronouns in the text. The first paragraph is done for you**

3 **Rewrite the sentences below to make one sentence. Use the words in italics.**

1 wishweb is a very useful search engine. It helps you to discover new websites. *which*
2 I'd recommend it to web designers. They want to see lots of different designs. *who*
3 I don't like that website. It's difficult to read the information. *because*
4 It's very popular with young people. They use it to stay in contact with their friends. *who*
5 The website is not very user-friendly. It has lots of mistakes. *because*

4 **Match the sentence beginnings (1–4) with the endings (a–d) to make recommendations.**

1 One reason I'd recommend it …
2 The best thing about …
3 I suggest that …
4 It's a good idea …

a) … you look on the web.
b) … is because it's so easy to use.
c) … to change your password frequently.
d) … the website is its design.

5 **Choose your own website of the month and write a review of it (120–150 words).**

Plan your writing

- Think about the purpose of the website, how it works and make notes about any special features it has.
- Remember to write a conclusion saying why you like it and who you would recommend it to.

Check your writing

- Have you used sentences with relative pronouns or because?
- Have you used at least one phrase for making recommendations?
- Have you checked your grammar and spelling?
- Did you find any mistakes?

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