

UPPER INTERMEDIATE ANSWER KEY

UNIT 1

1

Students' own answers.

2

- Students' own answers.
- Students' own answers.
- The writer identifies with the problem and gives advice based on personal experience, but they don't explain where they can get more information.

3

- I know how you feel because ...
- If I were you, I'd ...; you should ...; it's a good idea to ...

4A

- lonely
- Have you thought about ...?
- the easiest
- friends
- you've
- If it were me ...
- It might take time
- Thanks/Cheers/Good luck!

4B

Have you thought about ...;
If it were me ...

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 2

1

Students' own answers.

2

Possible answers

- The neighbour's dog is coming into the garden through a hole in the fence and making a mess.
- Nothing.
- He has contacted his lawyer.
- That the neighbour gets the fence repaired in two weeks.

3

Possible answer

Yes, it is a good letter of complaint. It is clear and concise; the writer suggests action that needs to be taken (repair the fence); the language is formal (Dear Mr Broadbent, I am writing with respect to etc.); and the writer is never rude.

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- I am writing with respect to ...
- I have contacted ...
- If you should wish to discuss the matter further ...
- I am therefore requesting in writing that
- ... resolve the matter amicably ...
- Thank you for your prompt attention.
- Yours sincerely,

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- repaired
- addressed
- conversation
- entering
- available
- properties

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 3

1A

Students' own answers.

1B

The correct order is: c, e, b, a, f, d

2

Students' own answers.

3

The past simple is used most of the time because the writer is describing a series of events in the past.

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- slowly
- obviously
- suddenly
- necessarily
- noisily
- lazily
- naturally

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adverbs of manner:
lazily, slowly, quickly, noisily
adverbs to express one's opinion:
necessarily, naturally, obviously
adverbs of time/frequency:
occasionally, suddenly

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- immediately
- Naturally
- quickly
- slowly
- carefully
- calmly
- Suddenly
- Luckily

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 4

1

Students' own answers.

2

- Yes
- The most popular free-time activities involve computers. These activities are occupying more and more of our lives. It is now possible to play video games anywhere as a result of games that can be played on mobile phones and tablets.
- There are still some people who jog or go to the gym. Football continues to be a popular pastime.

3

it seems to me ...
I think that ...

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begin an argument:
firstly; to start with; in the first place
introduce additional points:
furthermore; moreover; in addition to this
introduce a conclusion:
to conclude; to sum up; in conclusion
introduce a contrasting idea:
in contrast; at the same time; as opposed to this
introduce examples:
for example; for instance; as an example

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- In contrast, At the same time, As opposed to this,
- Furthermore, Moreover, In addition to this
- for example, for instance
- Firstly, To start with, In the first place; For example, For instance
- To conclude, To sum up, In conclusion
- Furthermore, Moreover, In addition to this

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 5

1

Students' own answers.

2

- tablet computers
- mobile phones
- mobile phones

4

- almost no difference; only a slight variation
- significant differences; an increase of; an interesting contrast, rising significantly
- First of all; However; On the other hand; To begin with

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almost no difference; only a slight variation; more or less equal
significant difference; of greater importance; far more important
no difference; no variation

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1 even though 2 However 3 Despite
4 Nevertheless

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 6

1

1 Hi Mike, (I) 2 I look forward to hearing from you again. (F) 3 All the best, (I)
4 Be in touch soon. (I)
5 Yours sincerely, (F) 6 Dear Sir, (F)

2

1 She is in London because she's studying English.
2 Her teacher
3 She's going to go to the British Museum with Valeria.

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1 I've been really busy!; the language school I'm going to is great!; so it takes ages to get there in the morning!; she's been showing me the sights – she's been to London before ...; He's a really good laugh! He's; Well, I have to go now as I'm meeting Valeria – we're going to the British Museum.
2 Hi Louis;; How are you?; it takes ages; He's a really good laugh!; Hope to hear from you soon, Louis;; All the best,
3 it's taken ...; I've been in London; The language school I'm going to; I'm making ...; it's easy ... it's quite far; I'm getting on ...; she's been showing ...; she's been to London ...; He's a really good laugh!; He's originally ...; he's been living ...;
4 Beginning: Sorry it's taken so long; End: Hope to hear from you soon, Louis

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1 I'm happy to hear you like your classes.
2 I have also been very busy.
3 I like her. We get on well with each other.
4 If you go shopping again let me know.
5 It's the best news I've heard all week!
6 I look forward to hearing from you.
7 I went to see John last week.

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1 Thanks for your email.
2 Hope to hear from you soon.
3 How are you?
4 All the best,
5 Sorry it's taken so long for me to reply.

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 7

1

Students' own answers.

2

Students' own answers.

3

Possible answer

1 Yes, because it gives arguments both for and against the proposition. In addition, the author does not express his/her opinion until the end.
2 The author does not think that journalists should have complete freedom in what they investigate. He/She expresses his/her opinion at the end of the essay.

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However, Despite, although, while

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1 while/although 2 despite 3 However
4 Although

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 8

1A

Possible answer

Advice for preparing for an exam

1B

Possible answer

Yes, because it has an introduction, separate paragraphs to illustrate different points and a conclusion.

2

personal examples: Here are some ideas that have worked for me when I've done exams.; Here's what I do.

Personally, I find it much easier to ...; I try to revise ...

talk directly to the other person: Do you panic when exam time comes around?; Have you got what it takes?

contracted forms: you're; you'll
conversational language: for what it's worth; like crazy; way round; in your sleep; stuff
linkers: first of all; second; finally

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1 cram 2 a bit of 3 stick to 4 stuff

4

Students' own composition.

UNIT 9

1

Students' own answers.

2

Students' own answers.

3A

Yes

3B

Three of:

a title
underline/highlight important words
contractions
imperatives

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Things that you should/must do:

Take time to ... / Always ... /
Be particularly careful to ... /
Be sure to ... / Make sure you ...

Things that you shouldn't/mustn't do:
Never ... / Try not to...

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Possible answers

1 Make sure to take time to find out if you need any vaccinations before you go.
2 Always refuse medicine offered to you by other people.
3 Never go out without sun block or a suitable suntan lotion.
4 Never drink water from the tap.
5 Have your drinks without ice.
6 Avoid getting water in your mouth when you take a shower.

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Students' own composition.

UNIT 10

1

Students' own answers

2

1 True 2 True 3 False 4 False 5 False

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skilfully handled
well constructed

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1 widely 2 skilfully/convincingly
3 emotionally 4 alternately 5 skilfully

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1 b 2 d 3 a 4 c

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Students' own composition.