

Code: Model Composition 1a

Type: Letter / E-mail to a friend – Giving News

Topic: *You are on holidays and you are writing a letter / e-mail to a friend telling your news*

Dear Mary,

(Introduction: Reason for writing)

How are you? Sorry, I haven't written to you for so long but I haven't had a spare minute until now. It's great here in London!

(Tell your news: Past and Present Perfect)

My cousin Tom, whom you met last summer, has taken me everywhere. I've been to the London eye with its magnificent view and I've been to Madame Tussauds with its amazing collection of wax models. I took pictures of all the movie stars. I'll send you a photo of mine next to Leonardo Di Caprio!

(Tell your news: Past and Present Perfect)

Well, the highlight of my visit has been the London zoo. You know how much I adore animals. I spent a whole day in the zoo. First, I attended an educational event on the protection of endangered species. Next, I studied closely all the reptiles. I was impressed by the Dragon of Komodo. It's scary.

(Your future plans: be going to)

There's plenty to do in London. We are going to visit the Science museum on Thursday and Greenwich on Friday.

(Conclusion: Formal remarks)

I must stop here because I have to go on a boat ride in the London canals. Tom told me that it is a spectacular ride. I'll let you know.

Take care,

Sofia.

(190 words)

Useful phrases:

Opening phrases:

- How are you? I hope you're very well. I've got so much to tell you that I don't know where to begin
- How are things? Things are fine with me. Sorry I haven't written for so long but I've been busy with...

Closing remarks:

- I must stop her because...
- I must sign off now.
- See you soon.
- Write back soon

Linkers to add more points (και, επιπλέον, επίσης)

First (of all)	Moreover
Second	Furthermore
Third	What is more
Next	In addition to this
Then	Needless to say that
Finally	To make matters worse

Linkers to show contrast (όμως, ωστόσο, παρόλα αυτά)

Although	However
Even though	Nevertheless
Though	Nonetheless
Despite (the fact that)	
In spite of (the fact that)	

Linkers to show result (επομένως, κατά συνέπεια)

Therefore	As a result
Thus	As a consequence