

**Code:** Model Composition 1b  
**Type:** Letter / E-mail asking for advice

**Topic:** *Your parents don't let you continue your favourite sport because you must concentrate on your studies. Explain the problem to your friend Jack and ask for his advice.*

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Hi Jack,

(Introduction: Reason for writing)

How are you? Better than I am at the moment, I hope. I feel really sad and I need your advice.

(Explain the problem)

I won the table tennis championship! That means that next year I'm going to be in the semi-professional league but this is where the problem begins. The athletes of the semi-professional league have to practice three hours every day and my parents won't let me do it.

You see next year I take my university entrance exams and I need to study hard. The truth is that this year I haven't studied enough. So, my parents think that if I have to train three hours every evening I will not be able to concentrate on my schoolwork. I understand their point of view but I am sure that I can make it if I organize my time well. I am afraid that if I don't play table tennis next year I will be so depressed that I won't be able to concentrate on my schoolwork anyway.

(Conclusion: Formal remarks – ask for advice)

So, what do you think I should do? I'm really confused. Write as soon as you can and let me know.

Love,

Paul

(190 words)

**Useful phrases for Letter / E-mail asking for advice**

- I would appreciate it if you could give me advice about...
- I wonder if you could help me with a problem...
- Please let me know what you think I should do

**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