Writing. Describe your school. Use the ideas below to guide you.

- get grades
- play sport/music
- have lessons
- have tests
- train for a match
- go on trips
- work with other students
- watch films
- put on a play
1) Complete with words from the box.

**hate – like (x2) – love – mind – much – prefer – rather – stand**

a- I ___________ dancing to acting.
b- I really ___________ dancing.
c- You´d ___________ to be a singer.
d- I´d ___________ be a film director.
e- I ___________ taking photos.
f- I can´t ___________ old houses.
g- I ___________ going near them.
h- I don´t like dogs ___________ either.
i- I don´t ___________ goldfish.

2) Writing. Write about what people like and dislike about school. Use the following ideas.

- sport
- rooms (e.g. library)
- classes
- school lunch
- after
- school clubs
- school trips
- exams
- school parties
3) Choose the correct form.

A: Would you love / like to go / going to the school dance this weekend?
B: Thanks, but I’d rather / prefer go to the cinema. I love go / going with my friends but I prefer watch / watching films to dance / dancing. I can’t / don’t stand be / being in noisy places.
A: I don’t / can’t mind that – I love to go / going to clubs and discos!

4) Complete the text about two magicians with the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

David Baine (walk) ________________________ to his car when a poor man (stop) ____________________ him in the street and (ask) _______________ for some money. Blaine (take) ________________ a one- dollar note form the man. He (play)
_________ with the banknote when it suddenly (change)_________ into a 100 – dollar note.

Howard Jay (ask) __________ a young woman form the audience to be his assistant. On stage, she (hold) __________ an empty hat when a large diamond ring (appear) __________ in it. Her boyfriend (stand up) __________ and (ask) __________ her to marry him. The audience (watch) __________ them all the time. Fortunately, she said, “Yes”.

5) Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Past Simple.

- My dad ____________________________ his first car in 1967.
- She ____________________________ up very early yesterday.
- _______________ you _______________ to this new song? It’s beautiful!
- Our car ________________ into a post.
- Peru is a nice country, I ______________ the ruins of Machu Pichu in 2012.

6) Choose the correct preposition in the sentences.
a- I like listening at / to music.

b- I sometimes have to wait for / at buses.

c- I never worry on / about exams.

d- I don´t know a lot about / in astronomy.

e- I haven´t got enough money to pay by / for a new computer.

f- I sometimes think about / in my old boyfriend.

7) Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

a- Joe is living ____________ York at the moment.

b- We learnt _____________ the history of theatre in our drama class.

c- The Bronte sisters wrote ___________ their experiences in their novels.

d- She´s working ________________ her school `project.

e- My dad often travels _________________ the United States for work.

8) Read the newspaper article. Then, do the following activities.
On 26th December 2004, a 10-year-old British schoolgirl, Tilly Smith, was happily spending her holiday with her family in a hotel in Phuket, Thailand. The family was playing on the beach when the sea rapidly moved back. Tilly knew it was the first sign of a tsunami. ‘I was looking at the sea and the water looked very strange. There were lots of bubbles and the tide went out very quickly. I understood what was happening.’ Tilly ran to her mother and explained it was possibly a tsunami. Mother and daughter ran and told the hotel manager. He reacted quickly and evacuated the area, minutes before the tsunami arrived. But how did a 10-year-old British schoolgirl know a tsunami was coming? Before Christmas, in her Geography class, Tilly saw a video of a tsunami in Hawaii in 1946. She remembered the images. On that sunny, December day the tsunami destroyed hotels, shops, schools, hospitals and homes, and killed thousands of people. But Tilly saved her family and hundreds of tourists and local people. ‘She is a hero. She saved our lives because she is a good student and remembered her Geography class,’ said the hotel manager. Mr Kearney, Tilly’s Geography teacher, described her as a brave girl. The local people call her ‘The Angel of the Beach’.

A- Why is Tilly Smith a hero? Choose the correct answer.

a. Because she saved a child’s life.

b. Because she saved many people’s lives.

c. Because she rescued her family from a tsunami.

B- Read again and answer the questions.
1. What country is Tilly Smith from?

2. Where was Tilly during Christmas in 2004?

3. Who was she with?

4. What happened to the sea?

5. Who did Tilly tell about the tsunami first?

6. In which class did she learn about tsunamis?

7. Did many people die in the 2004 tsunami?

C- Put the events in order.

a- Tilly told her mother that a tsunami was coming.

b- Tilly was on the beach and looked at the sea.

c- A tsunami hit Pucket in Thailand.

d- Tilly and her mother ran to talk to the hotel manager.

e- Tilly remembered images from the video.

f- Everyone left the hotel building.

g- Tilly saw a video of a tsunami.

h- The tide went out.
9) Writing. Look back at the newspaper article about Tilly, and write a short biography about her. Pay attention to his achievement, the details about it and her life before and after it.

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