



Activity:
Jason's E-mail

Jason Henry is a Grade 11 student in Ottawa. His home is in Ontario now, but he used to live in Nova Scotia. He goes to a local high school but he is also a gifted pianist, so he is taking private lessons at the University of Ottawa. He has written an e-mail message to his Uncle Bill, who lives in Nova Scotia, to tell him how his classes are going at his new school.

Read the e-mail message and complete the exercises that follow.

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 Respond to All Actions Junk E-mail Options Find OneNote

From: **INFORMAL : friends, family** Sent: Mon 04/11/2009 3:43 PM
 To:
 Cc: **FORMAL: boss, manager, doctor, supervisor**
 Subject:

Hey Uncle Bill,

How's it going? Things are good here, I guess. It's a little different from home, and I'm missing some stuff there. Anyway, you asked for ALL the news about my new classes, so **here goes**.

I guess I should start with music. Of course, Professor Willis is my piano teacher at the University of Ottawa, and that's great. The music program here at Sir Winston Churchill High School is awesome too, and the music teacher, Ms. Trenton, does a great job.

I'm taking the usual courses here. Math has always been pretty easy for me. My mark this term was 92%. Mr. Michaels wondered if I would consider helping some grade 10 students if I have time, but **we'll see about that**.

At the other end of the scale, my Physical Education mark is pretty low. Funny how I can **get** music so easily, but have such a big problem trying to move a ball with my feet! Mr. Tyler says I should just keep trying though. So, from 59% in my worst subject to 92% in my best subject!

Let's see. What else? Oh, History, Social Studies and English are all ok. I have grades of 80%, 85% and 88% in these subjects with Mr. Gillis, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Spears. Oh yeah, music. No, it's not my best mark this term. My Math grade was better by one whole percent!

I think I already told you that I had a serious flu in October. I **lost** a week of school, but I'm fine now. You know me; unless I'm sick, I'm always on time.

I should get back to the books now, Uncle Bill. Send me an e-mail when you get a chance, ok?

Jason



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Exercise I

Fill in the blanks with information about Jason.

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|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Student's name | <i>Jason Henry</i> |
| | | grade 11 |
| 2 | Grade | |
| 3 | Home province | NOVA SCOTIA |
| 4 | Now living in | OTTAWA, ONTARIO |
| 5 | Current high school | SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL |
| 6 | Private piano lessons at | UNIV OF OTTAWA |
| 7 | School days missed | 5 DAYS/ ONE WEEK |
| 8 | School days late | ZERO |

9. Who is the sender in this email? JASON

10. what is the main purpose of this email? TO TELL ABOUT HIS NEW SCHOOL AND CLASSES

11. is Jason's email more formal or informal? INFORMAL



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Exercise 2

From the information in the e-mail message, match Jason's teachers at Sir Winston Churchill High School with the subjects they teach and the grade Jason received.

	Teacher	Subject	Grade
1	MR TYLER	PE	59
2	MR MICHEALS	MATH	92
3	GILLIS	HISTORY	80
4	HILL	SOCIAL STUDIES	85
5	SPEARS	ENGLISH	88
6	TRENTON	BAND MUSIC	91



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Exercise 3

You will find these words and expressions in bold type in Jason's e-mail message. Look back in the e-mail now and underline each one.

LET'S BEGIN!

a. here goes

I'M NOT SURE YET

b. we'll see about that

OPPOSITE TO

c. at the other end of the scale

UNDERSTAND

d. get

MISSED

e. lost

Read the the sentence before and the sentence after each expression to help you understand what it means. Then, choose the correct meaning from the list below and copy it onto the blank line.

opposite to (something)

I'm not sure yet

messed, not available for

let's begin

understand