



# **Reading and writing worksheets**

## Unit 1 Reading and writing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Penpals!



Hi, Thomas!

Can I be your new pen friend? I'm Edward. My friends call me Ed. I live near Newcastle, in England, with my parents and my six-year-old sister, Susan. I live in a place called Heaton, near Newcastle University. If you want to write to me, my address is: 16, Hill Street, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, England. If you want to email me, my email address is edisking@tallmail.com.

Newcastle is a busy city and there's a lot to do. There is a big shopping centre called Eldon Square with cinemas, shops and restaurants. I sometimes go there at the weekend with my family. I save my pocket money to buy video games there too.

My birthday is on the fifteenth of October. My hobbies are playing the guitar and football. I support Newcastle United. My favourite player is Andy Carroll.

What about you? Where do you live? What's your address? What are your hobbies? What sport do you like?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Edward

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|---|--|
| 1 What do Edward's friends call him?<br>_____ | 5 What does Edward like to buy?<br>_____       |
| 2 Where does Edward live?<br>_____            | 6 When is Edward's birthday?<br>_____          |
| 3 What is his address?<br>_____               | 7 What football team does he support?<br>_____ |
| 4 What is his email address?<br>_____         | 8 Who is his favourite footballer?<br>_____    |

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To:	Ed<edisking@tallmail.com>
From:	Thomas

- 1 Answer the questions about the letter.
- 2 You are Thomas. Answer Edward's letter in your notebook.

## Unit 2 Reading and writing

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22nd June, 2012 07:51 AM

My dog is a miniature schnauzer. His name is Sooty. Sooty is five months old and we feed him dog food twice a day. It's bad for miniature schnauzers to eat leftovers so we don't give him any of our food. I brush Sooty twice a day to keep him clean. I love my dog.  
Sophie, 12

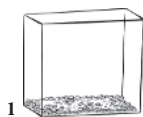
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24th June, 2012 12:26 PM

### Cleaning your aquarium [www.greataquarium.com](http://www.greataquarium.com)

If you don't keep your aquarium clean it can be bad for your fish. Here is how I keep my aquarium clean:

- Keep the water at the correct temperature.
- Scrape<sup>3</sup> the algae off the sides of the aquarium.
- Clean the gravel<sup>1</sup> with a siphon tube<sup>2</sup>.



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If you do all these things your fish will be healthy and happy!

Mark, 12

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1st July, 2012 18:41 PM

### Did you know??? (Jenny, 10 years old)

- Your canary's feathers weigh more than its skeleton.
- Max is the most popular name for a dog in the UK, USA and Australia.
- The world's first astronaut was a dog called Laika!
- Cats spend nearly 30 % of their lives grooming<sup>4</sup> themselves.
- Your cat's heart beats twice as fast as your heart.



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|--|------|-------|
| 1 Sophie's family gives the dog food from their table.         | True | False |
| 2 Sophie brushes her dog twice a day.                          | True | False |
| 3 You need to keep the aquarium water cold.                    | True | False |
| 4 You need to scrape the gravel off the sides of the aquarium. | True | False |
| 5 A canary's skeleton weighs more than its feathers.           | True | False |
| 6 The world's first astronaut was a dog.                       | True | False |

1 Read and then circle *True* or *False*.

2 Add your own pet advice to your notebook.

## Unit 3 Reading and writing

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### The three 'Rs'

The first Earth Day was on the 22nd of April, 1970, in the USA. Today, over 500 million people all over the world celebrate Earth Day. On Earth Day we think about how we can care for our planet. There are three words to remember and they all begin with 'R'!

#### Reduce

Reduce means to use less. We can use less water by having a quick shower. We can use less fuel by not taking the car and walking.

#### Reuse

Reuse means to use again. We can use paper on both sides. We can give clothes that don't fit, or sports equipment we don't use, to other people.

#### Recycle

Recycle means to make something new, out of something old. We can make natural fertilizer from organic leftovers, it helps plants and flowers to grow. There are recycling points in every town. We can take our plastic, glass and paper there to be recycled.



- 1 When was the first Earth Day?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What do we think about on Earth Day?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What does reduce mean?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Why is it a good idea to have quick showers?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What can we do with organic leftovers?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Is there a recycling point in your town?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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	At home	At school	In my town
Reduce	electricity: Always fill the washing machine.		
Reuse			
Recycle			

- 1 Read and answer the questions.
- 2 Write ideas about how you can help reduce, reuse and recycle.

## Unit 4 Reading and writing

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### Unusual Jobs



Dan Osbaldeston works at castles and museums all over England. He studied History at university. His job is very unusual, he is a court jester. He wears a big jester's costume and a jester's hat with bells. When he is working he plays the pipes (a), juggles (b) and walks around on stilts (c). He tells stories and jokes and explains history to tourists. His character is called Thomas Fool.

Diego Zeman works in the circus. His father is Brazilian and his mother is Hungarian. They were acrobats in the circus. Diego started training on the trapeze (d) when he was 8. Every day he works in Cottle and Austen Circus. He is a human cannonball. He climbs into the cannon and it is filled with air at high pressure. Then Diego flies through the air and falls in a safety net (e). A model of Diego is fired first to make sure everything is safe.



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|---|------|-------|
| 1 Dan Osbaldeston works in a theatre.           | True | False |
| 2 He studied History at university.             | True | False |
| 3 When he is working, he wears a shirt and tie. | True | False |
| 4 When he is working, he walks on stilts.       | True | False |
| 5 Diego Zeman's parents are Spanish.            | True | False |
| 6 He works in a circus.                         | True | False |
| 7 He started training when he was six.          | True | False |
| 8 His model version flies first.                | True | False |

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Where do you work?      What do you wear?      Who do you work with?  
When do you work?      What do you do?      Why do you like it?

- Read and circle *True* or *False*.
- Imagine you have an unusual job, write about it in your notebook. Use the information in the box to help you.

## Unit 5 Reading and writing

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### Inventions

Everywhere you look there are objects that make your life easier: phones, cars, even this book you're reading now! All these things were invented by people called inventors. Inventions can be very simple, like the zip on your coat or very big and important, like the printing press.

Gideon Sundback invented the zip in Canada, in 1913. They used the first zips for boots. By 1930 they were put into clothes too. Imagine life without zips!

Johannes Gutenberg, from Mainz, in Germany invented the printing press in 1436. This invention changed the world. Before the printing press all books were copied by hand. Gutenberg produced the world's first printed book, the Gutenberg Bible, in 1454. After this invention, people could find out more about the world.

### The zip



The printing press

- 1 Who invented the zip?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 When was the zip invented?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Who invented the printing press?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What was the first printed book?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Aeroplanes/people's lives/go on holiday:

Aeroplanes changed people's lives because...

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Television/people's lives/see world news:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



3



Telephones/people's lives/talk to people:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Read and answer the questions.
- 2 Write about how these inventions changed people's lives.

## Unit 6 Reading and writing

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Hi Paul,

Wait until I tell you what happened last weekend. It was my 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. I wanted to have my birthday party in the *Fun Palace* at the shopping centre. I go there every year with my friends. We play with the foam balls, and then we have cake and fizzy drinks.

I invited 16 people from my class and we all arrived at five o'clock. My mum wanted to pay to go in but the monitor said that we were too old! The palace is for children up to the age of 10 only! ☹

Luckily there was a bowling alley in the shopping centre. I invited my friends to the bowling alley and when we finished, we went to a restaurant and we had hamburgers and colas. We ate cake in school on Monday. It was fantastic!

See you soon,  
Danny

- 1 How old was Danny last weekend? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where did he want to have his birthday party? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How many people did Danny invite? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What time did they arrive at the *Fun Palace*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Where did Danny finally invite his friends? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What did they do after the bowling alley? \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Hi, \_\_\_\_\_. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend?

2 Sure! \_\_\_\_\_ to meet?

3 What about \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon?

4 OK, Saturday is a good day. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ do you want to meet?

5 Let's meet at \_\_\_\_\_ pm next to \_\_\_\_\_.

6 Great! Do you \_\_\_\_\_ or to the bowling alley?

7 I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

8 Me too. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ *Fruit and Fun* after and eat \_\_\_\_\_.



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- 1 Read and answer the questions.
- 2 Look at the information. Then, complete the text messages. Use your imagination!

## Unit 7 Reading and writing

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### Record breakers!

#### Longest domino course

89 domino builders from 14 different countries constructed the world's biggest domino course with 4,800,000 dominoes! 4,491,863 dominoes fell on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November in the Netherlands.



#### Biggest Lego car

The biggest Lego car was built in Chicago by Lego designers. They used 650,000 Lego components and worked for 5,500 hours to design and build the car. It was as big as a real one!



#### Smallest book

The world's smallest book is Joshua Reichart's ABC picture book. It measures 2.4 x 2.9 millimetres. It was made in Germany in the year 2000 and it has 32 pages.



#### Longest paperclip chain

The longest paperclip chain was made by Thomas Paul, in Germany, in 1992. He made it in the school holidays! It was 2,500 metres long and he used 111,000 paperclips.



#### Biggest Hot Wheels® car collection

Michael Zarnock, from the USA, has the biggest Hot Wheels® model car collection in the world. He started collecting in 1968 and now he has 8,100. He also writes books about the cars.



- 1 The 14 people who created a course of 4 million dominoes were from the Netherlands. ☐
- 2 All the dominoes in the domino course fell. ☐
- 3 The longest paperclip chain was made in Germany. ☐
- 4 Michael Zarnock collects Hot Wheels® cars. ☐
- 5 The world's smallest book is less than one centimetre in size. ☐

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### Facts about my class



Daniella has got the biggest tortoise in the class!

- 1 Read and write *True* (T) or *False* (F).
- 2 Write in your notebook about the people in your class. Use the words in the circles to help you.



## Unit 8 Reading and writing

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- a** Peter is eleven. He likes the sea and enjoys films about pirates and adventure. He is a good student and well organized. ☐
- b** Sarah is seven. She is in year two of primary school. She is very good at Maths but she is not as good at reading and writing. ☐
- c** Jenny is eight. She has dolls' tea parties and all her dolls talk. She is good at drawing and painting. ☐
- d** John is twelve. He loves doing puzzles and solving problems. He likes to read fantasy books like *The Lord of the Rings*. ☐

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### Jules's underground rescue

A whole world exists underground! Here you are an adventurer called Jules, and you need to rescue the princess from Klimbon, the evil king of the underground, and bring her back to the real world. You need to cross dangerous bridges, go through mazes and use all your skill to go from level to level.



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### Battleships

This is an exciting computer game for ten to twelve year olds. You need to organize your ships and sail through dangerous seas, fighting with pirates and other enemies.



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### My little village

Create your own village. Give it a name! Build streets and houses! Create families! This is a beautifully designed game for children of eight and over. It's fun and you can be very creative.



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### Say and spell

This is an educational game for 6 to 8 year olds. It shows you different word families. The digital teacher, Miss Kate, says the word and you spell it. Younger children have great fun learning to spell!



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### The Horrible Hotel

*Last year my family and I decided to go on holiday to an island near Scotland. We stayed in a hotel called 'The Happy House'. The owner of the hotel, Brett...*

voices 'help!' secret room  
making false money  
sad people working very rich

- 1 Match the child to the computer game.
- 2 Using your imagination, write the rest of the story in your notebook. Include some, or all, of the words in the box.