



Unit

1

#### **FAMILY LIFE**

LESSON 6

**WRITING** 

Writing about family routines

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#### **WRITING**

WARM-UP

Task 1: Choose a routine.

#### **WARM-UP**



having dinner



having a picnic





watching a game show



celebrating birthdays



visiting grandparents



the house

#### PRE-WRITING

# Read the email and complete the table.

#### New message

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**To**: dong@webmail.com

**Subject**: My family routines

Hi Dong,

How are you getting on? In your last email you asked me about my family routines. Well, we have quite a few routines to help us learn life skills and build family bonds, but I'll tell you about three main ones.

First, my family always have dinner together. Dinners are important for us since we share our daily experiences and talk about the latest news. Second, we watch our favourite game show on TV together every Friday evening. We discuss the questions and guess the answers. It's great fun every time we get a correct answer. Third, every two weeks, on Saturday we clean the house together. We make a list of all the chores. Each of us then chooses one or two household tasks according to personal choice. We all feel happy and proud when we see our home spotlessly clean at the end of the day.

Do you have similar family routines? I'd be interested to know about your family. Please write back soon.

Best,

Joey

SEND

### **PRE-WRITING**

Routines	When / How often	Things to do to strengthen family bonds
1. have dinner together	every day	<ul><li>share daily experiences</li><li>talk about the latest news.</li></ul>
2. watch favorite game show on TV together	every Friday evening	<ul><li>discuss the questions</li><li>guess the answers</li></ul>
3. clean the house together	every two weeks, on Saturday	<ul><li>make a list of chores</li><li>choose tasks</li></ul>

#### WHILE-WRITING

Complete the email about Dong's family routines using the

information in the box.

Routines	When / How often	Things to do to strengthen family bonds
1. have breakfast together	every day	<ul><li>eat bread or noodles</li><li>share their plans for the day</li></ul>
2. watch TV together	every Saturday evening	<ul> <li>watch a film and share snacks</li> <li>exchange opinions after the film</li> </ul>
3. visit grandparents	on the second Sunday of the month	<ul> <li>do some         housework for         grandparents</li> <li>have lunch         with them</li> </ul>

New message       − ∠ x		
To: joey@webmail.com		
Subject: My family routines		
Hi Joey,		
How are you? We're all doing fine here. You asked me about my family routines. Well, we have a number of routines to help us learn life skills as well as build family bonds. Here are three main ones.		
What do you think about my family routines? Please write back soon and let me know.		
Best wishes,		
Dong		
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### WHILE-WRITING

#### **CONNECTORS**

To list ideas	First, Second, In addition, Additionally, Moreover, Furthermore, Another idea worth noting is that, Finally
To give an example	For example/ For instance, To illustrate
To conclude	In conclusion, In brief, In short

#### **POST-WRITING**

#### SAMPLE PARAGRAPH

First, my family always have breakfast together. Breakfast is a quick meal with just bread or noodles because both my parents work and we, kids, have morning classes. But the most important thing is that we can sit down together, eat healthy food and share our plans for the day. Second, we spend Saturday evenings as a family. We often watch a film, share snacks and then exchange our opinions after the film. I can even argue and defend my ideas about the film with my grandparents or brother. Third, on the second Sunday of the month, we visit our grandparents. We come to my parents' home quite early in the morning to help them do some housework such as cleaning the house or washing clothes. Then, we have a big lunch with them. My parents are very happy when we come to see them. The visits make me feel closer to my grandparents.

#### CONSOLIDATION

# 1 Wrap-up

- ✓ lexical items about family routines
- ✓ ways to write an email about family routines.

#### CONSOLIDATION

## 2 Homework

- exercises in the workbook
- prepare for Communication and Culture lesson

# THANK YOU











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