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#### Forms 3-4

- Hello, Peter! How was the school trip to Durham? Was it Wednesday or Thursday you went?
- Friday.
- What was the city like?
- Well, we visited three places: the cathedral, the museum and the castle. The castle only opens in the morning, so the bus took us straight there. After that we went to the museum and the cathedral.
- Was it a good trip?
- Well, in the museum we looked at old paintings and stamps which I didn't like much. But the guide showed us some old clocks and told us all about them. That was interesting.
- And the castle?
- Well, you know how some are just dark empty ruins? This was different. There was a lot to see. It just wasn't very warm.
- Did you go shopping?
- Yes, after eating our sandwiches. I only bought some postcards. The book about Durham I wanted was too expensive.
- Did you take any photographs?
- Well, before we went back to the bus I took some of my friends. I wanted to take photos of the cathedral windows, but it wasn't possible.

#### Forms 5-6

- Hello Hannah, how was your weekend?
- Fine. I went swimming on Friday and again on Sunday. On Saturday I went to Farndales, a new department store.
- Where's Farndales?
- You go along Queen Street and then the name of the road changes and becomes West Street. It's just after that, not far from the bus station in Broad Street.
- Did you go by bus?
- My mother drove me. It's quicker that way and the train's so expensive.
- Did you buy anything?
- I tried on a sweater and a skirt but I didn't like them. Then I saw a really nice dress. It looked great on me so I bought it. It was only thirty five pounds so it wasn't expensive. My mother gave me sixty pounds for my birthday so I still have twenty five pounds to buy something else.
- Can you wear it with your green jacket?
- Yes, I think so. They had black or blue in my size but I thought the black one was better with the green jacket so I bought that.
- Wear it tomorrow.
- Okay.

#### Forms 7-8

Today as part of our series of programmes about things to do at the weekend I want to tell you about my recent trip in a balloon. I arrived at the takeoff site at about a quarter past five on a cool misty morning. Our balloon had to take off early at six because after seven o'clock the sun would be too hot. It took about three quarters of an hour to get ready and that was quite hard work. When the balloon was full of air our pilot asked me to get into the basket with two other people Susanna and her husband Steve. Susanna looked a bit frightened at first but I thought everything looked fine and couldn't wait to get started. Steve had been on trips like this before and wasn't at all worried. In fact he was quite proud of the fact that this was his tenth trip. Our pilot was called Pete. There aren't many rules about going up in a balloon. Pete told us not to touch the red rope and that was all he said we needed to know. He also told us that he really enjoys taking people up in a balloon and that it's possible to get a pilot's license in two months if you work hard. We had a map but we just had to go where the wind took us. The map did help us though because it was easy to see where we were. Luckily there were no clouds in the sky. We wanted to go towards the nearest big city but instead found ourselves flying over an airport. Pete wasn't worried. He'd flown over it once before and he'd had to land there in a hurry. We passed the airport safely and some time later landed in a field. The farmer was waiting for us. He said our noisy arrival had interrupted his sleep.

#### Forms 9-11

- This waiting is driving me crazy! Until we get the exam results we don't know what we'll be doing next year.
- Speak for yourself. My plans don't depend on exam results. Personally I'm fed up with studying. I want some financial independence. Keep cool and enjoy your holiday. Listen, the results won't be out until next Friday and you can't make it arrive any faster by being a pain in the neck. Besides, haven't you got a place at Warwick University?
- Only if I get high enough grades. You know I want to study engineering and then be a Royal Air Force pilot like my uncle.
- I don't know what you're worried about. You've always got top marks in practically every subject. You're lucky! No one looking at you would suspect you of such a nerd!
- Thanks for the compliment, although I've got some doubts that it was a compliment.
- It was, I suppose. Come on! Stop thinking about exam results and tell me your summer plans.
- Well, in three weeks I'm off to South Africa for a month.
- What? Did you say South Africa?
- Yes, it isn't a holiday, though, it's organised by my club. A group of us are going out to help build a school.
- I bet you'll have a fantastic time. As for me I'm going to Singapore.
- Is it true you are going to work there for a year?
- It depends. I'm staying with my uncle's family there and he owns an import and export firm. The idea is that I work there for a trial period of two months. Then, if my work is satisfactory and I like it I'll stay a year or more. You never know.