

IGCSE English

Name: _____ Score: _____

1. You write to your head teacher. Which opening is best?
 - ☐ Dear Mr Lee, I am writing to ask about...
 - ☐ Hey, what's up?
 - ☐ Hi!! I wanna ask u sth
2. Each paragraph should contain...
 - ☐ as many ideas as possible
 - ☐ one main idea
 - ☐ no ideas at all
3. Using the same easy words again and again earns the most marks.
 - ☐ True ☐ False
4. You should change your register depending on whether you write to a friend or a teacher.
 - ☐ True ☐ False
5. Choose a result word: 'It rained, _____ we stayed inside.'

6. Use _____ to avoid repeating a word (words with the same meaning).

7. Choose a contrast word: 'I like tea. _____, I prefer coffee.'

8. Which TWO of these are contrast linkers?
 - ☐ therefore
 - ☐ however
 - ☐ also
 - ☐ although

Tick every correct option.
9. Before you finish writing, you should...
 - ☐ add more pages
 - ☐ hand it in immediately

☐ check for small mistakes

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1. Dear Mr Lee, I am writing to ask about...

A head teacher needs formal, polite language.

2. one main idea

One main idea per paragraph keeps it clear.

3. False

No – show a range and use synonyms.

4. True

True. Register depends on the reader: informal and friendly for a friend, polite and more formal for a teacher.

5. so

'So' shows the result of the rain.

6. synonyms

Synonyms are words with the same meaning.

7. However

'However' shows contrast between two ideas.

8. however; although

'although' and 'however' turn the idea around; 'also' adds, 'therefore' concludes.

9. check for small mistakes

Checking can save several marks.