Solutions

Marking: **B1** one mark for each correct point; writing tasks are marked by levels for **Content** (task points covered and developed, right register for the reader) and **Language** (range, accuracy, organisation).

Each answer shows the evidence or plan, then the **result**.

2.1

- **ask how the friend is feeling**
- **say what they have missed** at school
- **offer to help them catch up**

2.2

- a specific **detail** and a **reason or feeling**
- model: **"We went to a Korean barbecue restaurant where you cook the meat at your table. It was delicious, and my little brother loved burning everything!"**

2.3

- friendly and natural: **"Hi Mia! You won't believe what's been happening at school!"**

3.1

C: detail, progress and a feeling

3.2

(a) two natural questions to the reader, for example: **"Have you ever tried hotpot?"**; **"What time does your flight land?"**; **"Do you like hiking?"**

(b) Content (6): 5–6 all three points covered and developed with detail, friendly register throughout; 3–4 all points covered, some development; 1–2 a point missing or only listed. Language (6): 5–6 a range of vocabulary and sentence types, accurate, paragraphs well linked; 3–4 some range, errors do not block meaning; 1–2 simple language, frequent errors.

Model (147 words):

Hi Lucas,

I can't believe you'll be here in just two weeks! I've been counting the days, and my whole family is excited to meet you at last.

I've planned lots of things for us. On the first weekend, we'll climb Moon Hill, which has an amazing view over the whole city. Then we can spend a day at the old town, where the street food is the best I've ever tasted. Have you ever tried hotpot? If not, you're in for a treat! My cousins also want to take us kayaking on the river.

Don't forget to bring comfortable trainers, because we'll be walking a lot, and a raincoat, as it often rains in July. You won't need towels or a hairdryer, since we've got plenty.

Let me know what time your flight lands, and we'll be waiting at the airport.

See you soon, Wei