

Remember

- One or more of your pen friend's questions may ask for your opinion.
- Look for questions such as: *What do you think of ...? What would you do if ...?*
- Give your opinion clearly and explain why.

Expressing your opinion

1 Write a word from the box in each gap.

ask	believe	opinion	personally	think	view
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- I that ...
 - I that ...
 - My is that
 - In my, ...
 -, I think ...
 - If you me, ...
- } ...e.g. learning a new sport is a good idea.

2 Write one or two sentences to answer these questions. Use different phrases from Exercise 1 and use *because* to say why.

1 What do you think of learning a new sport?

Example: *If you ask me, learning a new sport is a good idea because it's a lot of fun.*

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2 What do you think of watching films in English?

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3 What do you think of doing a summer job?

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4 What would you do if you failed a test?

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5 What would you do if your friend lied to you?

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6 What would you do if you found a wallet in the street?

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Expressing your preferences

1 Underline the mistake in each sentence and write what it should be.

1 I prefer watching sport than playing sport.

2 I would rather watch comedy films to action films.

3 I prefer holidays on the beach rather in the mountains.

4 I like football more from other team sports.

5 I would rather to go out for a meal with friends than with my family.

6 I don't like reading as more as video games.

Remember

- Expressing preferences often involves comparing one thing with another.
- Look for questions such as: *What ... do you like? Do you prefer ... or ...? Would you rather ... or ...?*
- Express your preference clearly and explain why.

Useful language

I like this much more than that.
 I prefer this to that.
 I prefer doing this to doing that.

I would rather do this than that.
 I prefer doing this rather than doing that.

2 Write one or two sentences to answer these questions. Use *because* to say why.

- 1 Would you rather watch a film on TV or in the cinema?
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- 2 What types of holidays do you like?
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- 3 Do you prefer playing video games or reading books?
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- 4 What kind of restaurant do you like to go to with your family?
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- 5 Would you rather be a doctor or a vet?
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- 6 Do you prefer art lessons or history lessons?
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Making suggestions

1 Read this extract from a letter and the reply. Complete the different ways of making the same suggestion.

It's my birthday on Saturday and I said I would take my friends out. What do you think I should do with them?

I think you should go bowling with your friends. It's a great way to have fun when there are a lot of you!

- 1 Why not
- 2 Why don't
- 3 How about
- 4 I suggest
- 5 One idea is

2 Read this extract from a letter and make a suggestion. Explain the reason for your suggestion.

I'm going out with my friends for a meal on Friday evening. What kind of restaurant do you think I should choose?

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Giving reasons

1 Choose the correct answers. If more than one word is correct, choose all correct answers.

- 1 I prefer Italian food to Chinese food I love choosing different pizza toppings!
A because B as C so
- 2 The I prefer Italian to Chinese food is that I love choosing different pizza toppings!
A fact B reason C why
- 3 I prefer Italian food to Chinese, you can choose different pizza toppings.
A since B because C why
- 4 I love choosing different pizza toppings, I prefer Italian food to Chinese.
A that B but C so

Remember

- One or more of your pen friend's questions may ask you to make a suggestion.
- Look for questions such as: *What do you think I should do? Should I ...? What can I do about ...?*
- Make your suggestion clearly and explain why you think your suggestion is a good idea.

Remember

- You should always give reasons for your opinions, your preferences and your suggestions.
- You can use *because*, but it is good to know other ways of giving reasons.
- Try to use a range of different expressions when you are giving reasons.