

1. READING A homecoming story

In this high school newspaper, students share stories every week about things that have happened to them.

Everybody has a story to tell

This week senior Beth Moriarty shares a story about homecoming.

This happened in October of my junior year. Everybody at school was excited about the homecoming game and the dance, which were about two weeks away. I love celebrating
5 homecoming – cheering for the football team and then dancing into the night. It's a great event because it brings the whole school together.

All my friends were talking about the homecoming dance. I didn't have a boyfriend, so I was a bit
10 nervous about finding a date. They all had their dates already. One friend said to me, "I heard that Jason wants to ask you to go with him!" (I've changed his name here.) I was hoping that it was true, because I thought he was very nice. He was a
15 senior and was on the football team.

Then Friday came and homecoming was only a week away. In the morning I remember thinking, "If he doesn't ask me today, he never will." I drove to school and I was a bit late. The student parking
20 area was really full, but I saw a space and quickly parked. I didn't notice the guy in the other car who wanted to park there. He was looking out his car window at me when I got out of my car. I knew him from my science class. I felt bad, but I was in
25 a hurry, so I held up my hands and said "Sorry!" and ran to my English class.

At lunchtime I saw Jason in the cafeteria. I was so excited that I couldn't eat. My friend Abby and I were talking when Jason walked over. He said "Hi,
30 Beth" and I said "Hi!" ... and he walked straight past me to the next table where one of his football teammates was sitting. Then they left together. I felt pretty silly. I thought, "Okay, I guess I'm not going to go to the dance."



In the afternoon I was at my locker and I heard a
35 boy's voice behind me say "Hey, Beth." I thought, "Heh? Jason?" and I turned around. But it wasn't him. It was the boy from my science class – who I stole the parking space from. I was embarrassed. "I am sooo sorry," I said. But he wasn't cross with
40 me. He was nice, actually.

"Oh, that's okay," he said, "I found another parking space." I was even more surprised when he said, "But listen – I don't have a date yet for the homecoming dance and I was wondering ..."
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Well, you can probably guess the rest. We had a great time at the dance. He's a really nice, fun guy – and, well, he's been my boyfriend since the

1. READING A homecoming story

Are the sentences true or false? Tick (✓) the right answer. Give the lines from the text that confirm your answer.

	true	false	line number(s)
1 Beth's story began two weeks before homecoming.	☐	☐	
2 Beth was nervous because she didn't have a dress for the dance.	☐	☐	
3 Beth liked Jason.	☐	☐	
4 Beth had to park outside the student parking area.	☐	☐	
5 She felt bad because she took a parking space away from Jason.	☐	☐	
6 At lunchtime in the cafeteria, Jason only said hello to Beth.	☐	☐	
7 Beth felt that she missed her chance to go to the dance.	☐	☐	
8 The other boy was a bit embarrassed when he spoke to Beth.	☐	☐	
9 The boy told Beth that he already had a date for the dance.	☐	☐	

2. WORDS Find the word

a) Match the words with the following definitions and write them down.
There are three more words than you need.

incredible • sign • rent • intimidating • volunteering • locker • break • promise • hallway

- 1 A small cupboard at school where you can leave your books etc. is a _____.
- 2 Something that is unbelievable, amazing or extremely good, is _____.
- 3 When you write your name on a contract to show that you agree, you _____ it.
- 4 When you do something that goes against the rules, you _____ them.
- 5 Doing something you don't have to, for example helping people, is called _____.
- 6 When you pay for something that you borrow or use you _____ it.

b) What do the following words mean? Choose two and explain them.

- 1 library: _____
- 2 cheerleader: _____
- 3 ancient: _____

3. MEDIATION After-class activities

Hilf einer Schülergruppe aus Boston, die an eurer Schule ist, die Nachmittagsangebote zu verstehen.

Vermittle in Englisch.

Schreibe auf ein Extrablatt!

Sage zu jedem Angebot,

- worum es sich handelt
- für wen es ist
- wann und wo der Treffpunkt ist

 Lust auf Fußball? Herr Krause sucht Mädchen im Alter von 12–14 zur Verstärkung des U15-Teams. Training ist jeden Mittwoch um 15.30 in der Turnhalle. Wenn du gerne in einer Mannschaft spielst, schau doch mal vorbei.	 Kochen macht Spaß <i>Jungen und Mädchen, die nicht nur gerne essen, sondern auch gerne kochen, sind bei Frau Köhler genau richtig.</i> <i>Am 1. und 3. Dienstag treffen wir uns um 15.00 in der Schulküche.</i> ☺ Alles, was wir kochen, essen wir auch.	  Unser Schulchor sucht Nachwuchs  Schüler der 7. und 8. Klasse, die gerne singen, melden sich bei unserem Musiklehrer Herrn Schmidt im Musikraum. Jeden Donnerstag um 14.30 ☺ Jungen sind auch willkommen!
 🎵 Du interessierst dich für Musik und kannst ein Instrument spielen? 🎵 Dann komm zur nächsten Probe der Schulband am Freitag um 13.00 im großen Flur. Unser nächstes Konzert ist am letzten Sonntag im November.	 Du kannst gut schreiben, fotografieren oder gestalten – dann komm zur Schülerzeitung „Der Zünder“ Das Team trifft sich montags nach der 8. Stunde im Raum 110.	

4. WRITING An email from Germany

Imagine you're going on an exchange to the USA. You're going to stay with the Millers, an American family.

Write an email and tell them

- about yourself
- about your interests
- about your worries
- what you're looking forward to

Ask them at least two questions (e.g. about the school, school activities, ...) Write about **120 words**.

Schreibe auf ein Extrablatt! Count your words.

Best Wishes

Mrs Thiele

1. READING Notice board

Read these notices on the notice board at Boston West High School.

A**Wanted: volunteer helpers ...**

... for the school FUN RUN on Saturday, May 11th.

We need students who are good at organizing, answering phones, making signs or driving a van.

Remember, it's all for charity!

Help make this year's Fun Run a success!

Come to the meeting: March 17th,

3:00 p.m., Room D212.

Or see Ms. Martinez in Room D204.

B**Announcement**

The school library is closed from Monday, March 9 until Monday, April 30.

During this time we are

- repairing and cleaning all tables and chairs
- painting the walls
- installing new computers
- installing a new digital search system
- improving our book borrowing system

Please return all borrowed books by Friday, March 6.

Thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing you again in April!

Your library team

D**Lost!**

Has anybody seen my **Tsing tablet?**

It's black and silver and has a 9-inch screen.

There's a sticker on the back that says "Go Lions".

I lost it on Tuesday afternoon, March 10th.

The last time I had it was in the sports hall.

I really need to find it – it has all my notes, my homework and my science project on it!!!

If you have any information, PLEASE call me – Samantha – at 310-247-6466. Thank you!

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♪ ♪ **Concert tickets** ♪ ♪

I'm selling 2 tickets for The Blue Monkeys on March 20th. \$25 each. Call or text 310-249-4040.

F**Lacrosse gear for sale**

I'm selling my top-quality lacrosse helmet, stick and gloves.



I've only used the gear about four times (I hurt my knee and had to stop playing), so it's almost like new.

Price for everything: **\$200 or best offer**

Call or text Tim Hanlon (310-246-8249) or put a note in my locker (239A).

C**Looking for a computer nerd to help you with your computer needs? You've found him!**

I can help you:

- solve hardware and software problems
- learn how to use word-processing programs
- improve your Facebook page
- design your own website
- with (almost) any other computer needs

We can talk about the price. (Don't worry, I work cheaply!)

Just call or text Raj – 310-249-2122 – or mail me at r.khan@skytec.com

1. READING Notice board

These students are looking at the notice board. Read what they are thinking. Which notice (A–H) do they find most interesting?



I can't stop thinking about my biology presentation this Friday. How can I make it better if I'm not so good on the computer?

Notice _____

Mae



Let's see what's new around school. Then I need to start researching my history project. What time is the library open?

Notice _____

Justin



Team practice starts next week and I still don't have the right gear. I wish helmets and gloves weren't so expensive.

Notice _____

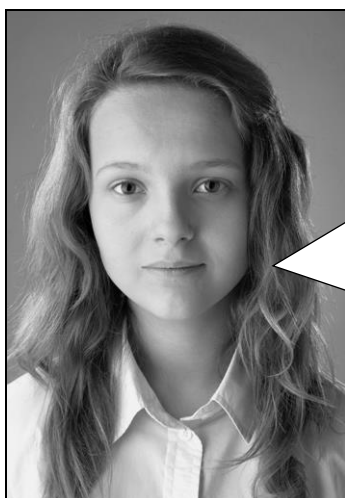
Eduardo



I need to do more at school. But what? Helping organize a school event might be fun. I want to feel like I'm doing something useful.

Notice _____

Meena



I can't believe that somebody left this in the sports hall. They must be looking for it. Maybe they put something on the notice board.

Notice _____



I want to take Amy out for her birthday, but what can we do that's special? We can go to dinner or a movie any time. It has to be something really cool ...

Notice _____

2. WRITING An email from Germany

Hauptschüler

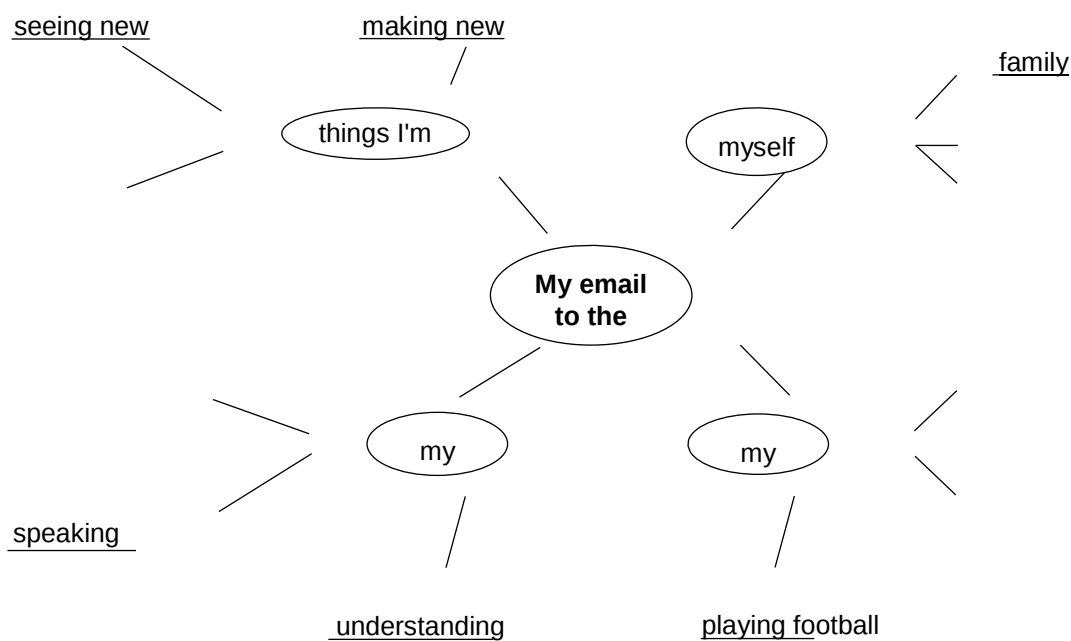
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Here are **some ideas** you could write about.



Write about **100** words.

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Count your words.

3. WORDS Chatting on the internet Hauptschüler

Something went wrong with this internet chat between a German and an American teenager. Some words and phrases are missing. Find the missing words. Decide which word from the grid below the text is the correct one for each gap. Tick the correct word.

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www.chat.com

CoolAmy: I'm a high school student from Boston.

Mark_DE: That's really cool. We're talking about American schools at school right now.

CoolAmy: Oh, really. It's not that interesting, is it?

Mark_DE: Well, I think it is quite interesting. Maybe you could tell me something about your school?!?

CoolAmy: Right, what do you want to know? Should I just tell you what a normal day at school is like?

Mark_DE: Sure.

CoolAmy: OK. So, to **(1)** the first thing that happens in the morning, I get on the school bus and go to school. I always meet my friends in front of the cafeteria. Sometimes we have the same classes and we like to meet before **(2)** we can walk to the classrooms together.

Mark_DE: So you don't have all your classes in one classroom? And you don't always learn together with the same people?

CoolAmy: That's right. We can choose from quite a lot of things. You can basically create your own schedule and choose your teachers. You know there are always some you should **(3)**. Mr Hanson is one of them. He always gives the good grades to the boys.

Mark_DE: Are you **(4)**? That sounds really unfair.

CoolAmy: Sure. But I don't **(5)** as long as we can avoid him – **(6)** we can try to take classes together with our friends.

Mark_DE: That sounds like real fun.

1 a) start with ☐	b) plus ☐	c) keep away from ☐
2 a) as much as ☐	b) so that ☐	c) plus ☐
3 a) kidding ☐	b) keep away from ☐	c) get used to ☐
4 a) common ☐	b) arrested ☐	c) kidding ☐
5 a) mind ☐	b) get used to ☐	c) start with ☐
6 a) as much as ☐	b) plus ☐	c) mind ☐

Best wishes

Mrs Thiele