

Linking words

Questions:

1) Dear Mum and Dad
You must be wondering why you haven't heard from me over the last couple of weeks.

- Actually
- Basically
- Honestly

2) It is _____ I've been trying to collect my thoughts

- Due to
- On account
- Because

3) _____ find the right words to tell you what has happened.

- For
- In order
- So as to

4) _____, I don't want anyone to feel hurt

- Surely
- Naturally
- Ideally

5) _____ any decision I might make.

- Following
- As a result of
- On

6) I know I promised when I took the job here that it would be for a maximum of two years and _____ I would return home and run the family business.

- Immediately
- Consequently
- After that

7) Believe me, _____ that was what I genuinely planned to do.

- At that time
- In the beginning
- At the beginning

8) _____, two things have happened to make me want to change those plans

- But
- Although
- Moreover

9) - _____ have I been offered a permanent contract,
 Not only

- For one thing
- At last

10) _____ I have fallen in love - with Neil, a colleague in the same department -
I've mentioned him often in letters.

- And
- Moreover
- But also

11) _____, we would like to get married out here quite soon. I do hope you both aren't too shocked and disappointed by all of this.

- Anyway
- Naturally
- Personally

12) _____, hasn't Paul always shown more flair for business than me?

- In any case
- In addition
- As well

13) _____ might it not be the best solution that my baby brother run the family firm?

- In the main
- In conclusion
- All in all

14) _____, I think he'd do it very well.

Please write soon. I can't feel truly and completely happy about it all until I hear your reactions.

- All my love
- Kay
- xx
- Personally
- Eventually
- Obviously

Personally

(Traduction rapide)

Cher maman, cher papa. Vous devez vous demander pourquoi vous n'avez pas entendu parler de moi pendant les 2 dernières semaines. En fait, c'est parce que j'ai essayé de rassembler mes idées afin de trouver les bons mots pour vous raconter ce qu'il s'est passé. Bien sûr, je ne veux pas que quelqu'un soit blessé par une décision que je pourrais prendre. Je sais que lorsque j'ai pris le travail ici, j'ai promis que ce serait pour un maximum de deux ans et que je retournerais ensuite à la maison pour m'occuper de l'affaire de la famille. Croyez-moi, à ce moment-là, c'était vraiment ce que je prévoyais de faire. Mais deux choses me sont arrivées et elles m'ont fait changer mes plans. On m'a non seulement offert un contrat à durée illimitée, mais je suis aussi tombé amoureux de Neil, un collègue dans le même service que moi. J'en ai déjà parlé souvent dans mes lettres. Bien sûr, nous aimerions nous marier très rapidement ici. J'espère que vous n'êtes pas tous les deux déçus et choqués par tout cela. En plus, Paul n'a-t-il pas démontré plus de talent pour les affaires que moi? Finalement, ne serait-ce pas la meilleure solution que mon petit frère s'occupe de l'entreprise familiale? Pour moi, il se débrouillerait très bien. Ecrivez-moi vite SVP. Je ne peux pas me sentir vraiment et entièrement heureuse tant que je n'ai pas entendu vos réactions. Je vous aime. Kay.

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Linking words : exercises

Part A

Choose the most suitable word or words given in parentheses and write it /them in the space provided.

01. Nowadays, television is one of the most popular forms of entertainment.

this it provides us with the most recent news. (However/In addition to this/Although)

02. There are many different kinds of programs on TV.

there are sports programs, children's programs, and various types of comedy entertainment. (On the other hand/Moreover/For example)

03. Watching TV has become the main evening activity in many house-holds. , many hobbies, such as model-making or dress-making, are not as popular as they used to be. (As a result/However/Despite)

04. In parts of the USA, there are about 150 channels to choose from. , the 4 channels available in Britain seem a very narrow choice. (In conclusion/In comparison/What is more)

05. Many people feel that TV takes up far too much of young people's time. this, they argue that the quality of the programs is poor, and that there is too much violence. (In contrast/Personally/Besides)

Part B

Fill the gaps with one of the linking devices given below: personally / however / for example/ besides this / first of all/ on the other hand / at the moment/ especially

Living in a small town has a number of advantages. there is no pollution, the air is fresh, and you can even grow your own vegetables.

there is peace and quiet, and less stress than in a big city.

, there are several problems to take into consideration too, if you have a family. If the town is too small and far from other cities, it might be hard to find health care and good schools.

The city has its good points too.

, there are more job opportunities, better schools and lots of entertainment in the city.

, the bad points outnumber the good ones when you think in terms of the quality of life you have, in terms of your physical and mental health.

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2. Besides this, parking has become more difficult and the streets are blocked by parked cars.
3. Nowadays people prefer to use private cars to go downtown because it is more convenient.
4. First of all, public transports should be improved and made cheaper.
5. However, there are solutions to these problems, which would improve the quality of life in our cities.
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