

Look at the blog post and do the exercises to practise and improve your writing skills.

Preparation

Write the words in the correct group.

Great Britain	Japan	Canada	Japanese	Canadian	British
Mexican	China	Mexico	Chinese	Scottish	Scotland

Country	Nationality

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Hi everyone! My name's Joe. I'm 13 years old and I'm new at this school. I'm from Canada. My dad's Canadian and my mum's Scottish. I'm in Class 2B. I love basketball and listening to music. I've got a pet dog called Scruff.

Nice to meet you all.

Joe






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Top Tips for writing

Use contractions to join two words together.

My name's Joe (My name is Joe)

I'm new (I am new)

My dad's Canadian (My dad is Canadian)

Use contractions in informal writing (blogs, emails and personal letters to friends).

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Choose the correct option and write it to complete the sentences.

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| 1. | Joe is _____. | 13 years old | 15 years old |
| 2. | Joe is from _____. | Canada | Scotland |
| 3. | Joe's mum is from _____. | Canada | Scotland |
| 4. | Joe's in class _____. | 13 | 2B |
| 5. | Joe loves _____. | baseball | basketball |
| 6. | Joe's got a pet dog called _____. | Scottish | Scruff |

2. Check your writing: error correction

Write the sentences using contractions.

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| 1. | My name is Joe. | |
| 2. | I am new. | |
| 3. | I am from Canada. | |
| 4. | My dad is Canadian. | |
| 5. | I have got a dog. | |

3. Check your writing: ordering

Put the words in the correct order by writing a number in the brackets. Then write the sentence below.

1. my (___) Naomi. (___) Hello everyone, (___) name's (___)

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2. 14 (___) years (___) old. (___) I'm (___)

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3. I'm (___) Japan. (___) from (___)

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4. In (___) I'm (___) 3A. (___) class (___)

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5. games. (___) I (___) love (___) computer (___) playing (___)

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6. I've got (___) Fluffy. (___) called (___) a (___) pet cat (___)

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7. to (___) Nice (___) all. (___) you (___) meet (___)

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Discussion

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