1. My accommodation in Rome

2. New friends

3. Getting the job

4. The working day

5. Plans for next summer

6. Language experience

7. The top tourist attraction

8. General impressions of the country

**A.** I've just returned from Italy, and it was the most beautiful working holiday anyone could dream of. Yes, I saw the Colosseum with my own eyes! It was built in the first century AD — the amphitheatre could house as many as 50,000 people. It's difficult to imagine the gladiators fighting there and the public watching the cruel show. There were also fights with lions. Fortunately, there are no lions in the Colosseum now — only cats. And there are a lot of them!

**B.** The Colosseum was the first thing I wanted to see in Rome, but not the only one that impressed me. I used my camera a lot — Italy is a country with a great cultural

heritage. Apart from the views, Italy is a country of delicious food — I've never eaten such gorgeous pizzas! I'd have certainly put on some weight if I hadn't had to walk such a lot — we were saving on transport because Italy is an expensive country.

**C.** It took us thirty-five minutes every morning to get from the hostel where we were staying to the pizzeria we were working. Our room was very small, it had a poor view, just the house opposite, but that wasn't a problem — we didn't spend much time there anyway. We had only the basics in our room — two beds, hangers for clothes, a little table and one chair. There was a laundry downstairs and a shared kitchen to prepare meals.

**D.** As for the kitchen, we didn't use it much — we ate at work! Our working day started at 9 am and lasted till 9 pm. We had a long siesta (a break between two and five in the afternoon) which we used for sightseeing in spite of the heat. And in the evening there were usually lots of customers and we had to be quick and attentive so as not to confuse their orders. We felt absolutely exhausted when we came home.

**E.** Anyway we felt privileged to have got the job. It was Anna, my best friend, who suggested working holidays in Italy. She found the vacancies and sent our CVs to the manager. At first I didn't know what to say as I wasn't sure I wanted to work in summer. But on the other hand, the idea of earning my own money and seeing Italy was very attractive.

**F.** I'm glad I agreed to Anna's suggestion — we enjoyed living in a new country and meeting new people. Italians are very sociable and easy-going. Our fellow workers showed us lots of interesting places and it was fun to explore the country together. Anna and I really hope that they'll come to Britain one day and we'll be able to show them our country too. We are going to keep in touch.

**G.** We didn't know Italian when we went there. Some people in the pizzeria spoke English and they helped us a lot. Two weeks later we were able to understand what the customers were asking us about and we spoke basic Italian to them. Italian is beautiful — I like how it sounds and it's not at all difficult. We plan to go on learning it in case we want to work in the pizzeria again.

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Shakira Ripoll was born on February 2, 1977, in Colombia. She was the only daughter of a well-respected jeweller and his wife. In naming the newborn daughter, her mother chose from several names, containing the letter “K”. She thought about Karime and Katiuska but finally chose Shakira. It's an Arabic name which comes from the word “Shukram” meaning “Grace”. So Shakira's full name is translated as “a woman of Grace”.

When Shakira was a child, her mother discovered that the girl had a gift for writing. Shakira knew the alphabet by the age of eighteen months, and at three she knew how to read. By the time she was four, she was ready for school. School was not just a place where little Shakira learnt her arithmetic and geography. There she began to understand such great things as kindness, love, trust, and other human ideals. She realized what real friendship was and how much her family meant to her. Later it helped her to decide what to do with the big money she earned.

Shakira loved attention and wished to find a way to get it. She sang a lot for her schoolmates and teachers. However, the music teacher told her that she sounded “like a goat”. Shakira wasn't too upset about it and soon found a more original way to become the centre of attention. It was dancing. It helped her to express herself and become famous in school. What is interesting is that no one had ever taught her to dance.

In school Shakira was disciplined, but absent-minded. She was usually writing lyrics for her songs on the back of her notebooks. However, Shakira was a good student because she was a quick learner and could understand her teachers' explanations faster than others.

As soon as the bell rang after class, Shakira was the first one to run and get in line for the cafeteria. She usually bought a pepsi, a hamburger and something sweet, like a muffin or a piece of cake. She seldom took a packed lunch from home. Though Shakira was a lover of fast food, she had no weight problems, as she loved dancing.

When she was eight, Shakira's father lost all his money because his business went bankrupt. For a while Shakira had to stay with her relatives in Los Angeles. When the girl returned, she was shocked to see almost everything that her family had, had been sold. She later said: “In my childish head, this was the end of the world.”

To show her that things could be worse, her father took her to a local park to see the homeless children. What she saw shocked her deeply and she said to herself: “One day I'm going to help these poor kids when I become a famous singer or dancer”.

Between the ages of ten and thirteen Shakira was invited to various dance events and became very popular in the area. It was at this time that Shakira met a local theatre producer, who was impressed with her performance and as a result tried to help her career. This woman organized a meeting with the managers of the Sony company. After Shakira sang, they decided to sign a contract for three albums with the talented girl.

1. Shakira's name was chosen by her father.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

2.Shakira went to one of the most well-known schools in Columbia.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

3. At school Shakira was more successful in dancing than in singing.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

4. Shakira published her first lyrics in a youth magazine.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

5. At school Shakira was careful to eat only healthy food.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

6. Shakira was upset when she learnt about the family's financial problems.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

7.When Shakira became a famous singer, she set up a charity fund to help homeless children.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

8. The meeting with Sony managers went successfully.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy. This story happened to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(THEY) when they had to leave their home city, London, during the war. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(SEND) to the house of an old Professor who lived in the country, ten miles from the nearest railway station. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(NOT/HAVE) a wife and he lived in a very large house with a housekeeper. He himself was a very old man with white hair which grew over most of his face as well as on his head.

The children liked him almost at once. Only Lucy, who was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(YOUNG) of them, felt a little afraid of him. On their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ONE) evening, after dinner, they said good night to the Professor and went upstairs. It was the largest house they had ever seen, so Peter suggested exploring it in the morning. When the next morning came, there was a steady rain falling.

“I wish the weather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(BE) more cheerful!” said Edmund. “Stop complaining, Ed,” said Susan. “I think the weather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(IMPROVE) soon.” “We were going to explore the house,” Peter reminded them. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(EAT) a sandwich at the moment and was absolutely happy with the whole situation.

Everyone nodded and at that point their amazing adventures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(BEGIN).

I unexpectedly met my old friend Natalie at a metro station in Paris. I recognised her at once though we hadn’t seen each other for ten years. Now she works as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(REPORT) for Le Figaro newspaper. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(FRIEND) began when we were at school. After school, Natalie left Britain. French was her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(FAVOUR) subject and she went to university in Paris. Now she is a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(SUCCESS) journalist. Her life is busy and exciting. I was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(LUCK) she managed to find some time for me. Natalie made my visit to Paris \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(FORGETTABLE). She took me to the most interesting places in the city. In the evening we watched a performance at The Grand Opera House.

Tracey was very unhappy and scared. She was starting a new school.

“I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(NOT/WANT) to go to school today,” Tracey told her father. “I understand, Tracey,” he said. “Starting a new school can be very difficult. But you have to.”

A month before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(THEY) family had moved to a new town and everything was still new and strange for Tracey. Dad smoothed Tracey’s hair down and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(GIVE) her a little hug, “When your classes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(BE) over, I’ll pick you up, ok?” When Tracey got to school and looked at the big building, she thought, “I wish I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(CAN) run away,” but she knew it was impossible. She took a deep breath and walked up the steps to school. She went straight into her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(FIVE) grade classroom. “That must be Tracey,” “Hello, Tracey!”, “Welcome, Tracey!” the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(CHILD) in the room welcomed her. Everyone seemed friendly and Tracey felt a little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(GOOD). The father picked her up after school. “How was your day?” he asked. To his surprise Tracey answered that she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(LIKE) her new school.

“You are a brave girl,” her father said. “I’m proud of you.”

Jenny was looking out the window. The day was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(RAIN) and she didn't feel like going out. “Just my luck,” Jenny thought. “Why am I always so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(LUCKY)? I planned this holiday well beforehand and I thought it would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(FANTASY) but everything has gone wrong again.” A year before her holiday in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(TURKEY) resort had been spoilt because of a traffic accident. On the second day after her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ARRIVE) she had gone on an excursion to a nearby town. The bus driver had been very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(CARE) and they had crashed into a tree. Jenny had had to spend a few days in hospital. On any holiday she seemed to have nothing but bad luck.

You have 30 minutes to do this task. You have received a letter from your English–speaking pen friend Ben.

… I am very busy now preparing for my exams but yesterday I went to the cinema with my friends. We saw a new film about Sherlock Holmes. You’ve probably seen it too. …

What kinds of films do you like? Where do you prefer watching films — in the cinema or at home and why? What would you make a film about if you had a chance?…

Write her a letter and answer her 3 questions. Write 100–120 words. Remember the rules of letter writing.