

TASK 1

You looked after a friend's pet animal, Attila, while she was away on holiday at Easter, but the two weeks were one disaster after the other, so you are not at all keen to look after the creature again next year. You have told your friend this, so she has asked someone else (someone you don't know, called Agatha) to take care of it while she is away next month. Unfortunately, Agatha has heard something about the problems you had with the animal, and has written to you:

"...I'm sure it wasn't really as awful as I heard. I wonder if you could put my mind at rest by telling me exactly what happened when you were looking after Attila last Easter. And please do tell me if you think I'm letting myself in for too much trouble..."

Write a letter to Agatha, giving an objectively true account of the disastrous two weeks, but describing your experience in a sufficiently positive way so that she doesn't change her mind about taking the animal. Your letter must be between 140-160 words long (Marking: 10 points)

Dear Agatha,
 How are you? I hope you are fine. Sorry for not writing earlier but I have had a terrible flu.
 I am going to tell you what happened when I was looking after Attila last Easter.
 Attila is a nice dog, as you can see in the photograph I enclose you, but his manners are not as good as I would like to.
 I am used to looking after dogs because my dad is a vet. However, nowadays people treat them as a member of their family. I agree with Anna, his owner, on treating him kindly because Attila is the best companionship she might have. As you know, her husband has recently died and she lives alone.
 I always spend my Easter holidays at home because I have to work in the morning, but, at the weekend I usually go to my parents' village.
 And, no sooner did we arrive there than problems started. Maybe, it was my fault because Attila is used to living in the city and Anna walks him along the crowded streets.
 What happened was that he felt incredibly unhappy, he didn't want to eat and finally my dad recommended coming back to the city.

When we arrived home, Attila recovered ^{but} ∴ I decided to phone Anna to tell her what had happened. She is a bit exaggerated and she told me off in a rude way. I love animals and I love Attila, but Anna must not take care of him as a human being. Anyway, I wish you had a great time with him. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Best wishes

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TASK 2

An international research group is carrying out an investigation into changing trends in the way young people spend their free time. You have been asked to write a report about the situation in your country. You should:

- Describe the changes that have taken place over the last twenty years in the way that young people spend their free time.
- Say whether these changes have been for the better or for the worse.
- Suggest how you think the situation might develop in the future.

Write your report in between 190 - 210 words. (Marking: 10 points)

The way young people spend their free time has changed enormously over the last twenty years, at least in Spain. Looking back on this, youngsters used to play sports, like football or basketball with their neighbourhood friends. So, they have not too much memories about their parents during their childhood, although ^{their} parents told them off as nowadays, for example if you came back home late.

Furthermore, we played board games ^{for instance} if the weather outside was bad, but we preferred playing outdoors.

These days, children and young people spend too much of their free time at home because the kind of toys has changed significantly. Nowadays, computers and electronic devices are their favourite companionship. Not until I was 16, did I have a computer and my favourite toy was an old doll.

In my opinion, spending too much time alone has advantages and disadvantages. It is thought that you become more selfish and bossy. But, on the other hand, according to doctors they are more imaginative people. And playing with computers they are learning an important skill, which will be very useful when they get into the labour market.

What happened is that every generation ~~think~~ think young people are less happier than they were.

In conclusion, I think changes are positive and the way we grow up depends on our upbringing. Families and schools play an important role in order to solve young ^{people} weaknesses.

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