

Writing an Email - Main ideas and supporting details**Campus Life**

Dear my friend,

I hope you're doing well! I just started my first semester at university, and campus life is so different from school life. The university is much bigger, with many buildings for different colleges — engineering, business, medicine, and even art. I have to walk a lot between classes, but I like exploring new places like the library, the sports center, and the café near the learning-resource center.

The best part is the freedom we have here. In school, our schedule was fixed and teachers reminded us of every assignment. Now, it's our responsibility to manage time and submit projects before deadlines. Professors treat us more like adults, and group work is common. I've already made new friends from different countries, and we often study or hang out together after lectures.

Of course, I sometimes miss school life — our small classes, familiar teachers, and simple routine. But university life is helping me become more independent and confident. I'm learning not only from books but also from real experiences on campus.

Hope to hear from you soon

Love,
Your friend Mariam.

1.1 Read the email. Write the main idea of the email in your own words.

- Share **your opinion** about campus and university life
- Mention **two differences** between school and university life
- Include **an example** from your own or someone's experience

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Answer Key:

1.1 Main Idea:

The email is about **Mariam's new experience at university** and how it is very **different from school life**. She describes the **large campus**, the **freedom and responsibility** students have, and how she enjoys **meeting new friends** from different countries. Although she sometimes **misses her old school routine**, Mariam feels that university life is helping her become more **independent, confident, and mature**.

1.2 Reply Email:

Dear Mariam,

It was wonderful to read your email! Your experience at **university** sounds really **exciting** and **inspiring**. I can imagine how different it must feel to study on a **big campus** with so many **facilities** like libraries, cafés, and sports centers. I agree that **university life** gives students more **freedom** to make their own choices, but also more **responsibility** to manage their **time** and complete their work before **deadlines**.

Another big difference is that in school, we have **smaller classes** and teachers who guide us closely, while at university, students must be more **independent** and learn to **solve problems** on their own. Meeting people from **different cultures** also sounds amazing — it must help you learn new ideas and see the world differently.

My older sister told me that her first year at university helped her grow a lot and become more **confident**. I'm really happy you're having the same experience. Keep enjoying your new journey and keep writing to me!

Love,
Your friend,
[Your Name]

Online Shopping and Real Life Shopping

Dear friend,

I'm visiting my cousins in Abu Dhabi this month, and I'm really surprised by how popular online shopping is here. My cousins buy almost everything from websites — clothes, phones, books, and even food.

There are huge sales during Ramadan, National Day, and back-to-school season. Some websites also give points or free delivery when you spend a certain amount. They told me it's easier to order online because malls are often crowded, parking takes time, and delivery is quick. Still, I wanted to go to a few malls to see the shops and spend time with my cousins. Many malls have cafés, cinemas, and fun areas for children, so people can relax and enjoy their day.

In the old town, I also found small traditional shops that sell handmade products you can't buy online. Shopping here feels modern and convenient, but still connected to tradition.

Best,

Your friend

1.2 Read the email. Write the main idea of the email in your own words.

- share your opinion about online shopping and in-person shopping
- give at least two reasons to support your opinion
- include an example from your own experience

Write at least 130 words.

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Answer Key:

1.1 Main Idea

The email is about the writer's **visit to Abu Dhabi** and their **experience with shopping** there. The writer describes how **online shopping** has become very **popular and convenient**, as people can buy almost everything from websites. They also explain that there are **big sales and special offers** during holidays and that many people prefer shopping online because **malls are crowded**. However, the writer also visits **traditional shops** in the old town and enjoys seeing **handmade products** that cannot be found online. The email shows how **modern and traditional shopping** both exist side by side in Abu Dhabi.

1.2 Reply Email

Dear friend,

Thank you for your lovely email! I really enjoyed reading about your shopping experience in **Abu Dhabi**. Personally, I like both **online shopping** and **in-person shopping**, but for different reasons. Online shopping is very **convenient** because I can buy things anytime from home, and the items are **delivered quickly**. It also helps me **save time** when I'm busy with schoolwork. I often shop online for clothes or gifts, and I love getting **discounts and free delivery**.

However, shopping in **malls** is also enjoyable because I can **see and touch** the products before buying them. I like walking around, visiting **cafés**, and spending time with my friends or family. For example, last weekend I went to the mall with my cousins, and we had lunch after shopping. It was really fun and relaxing.

In my opinion, both types of shopping are useful — online shopping is **fast and easy**, while in-person shopping is more **social and enjoyable**.

**Best wishes,
Your friend, [Your Name]**