

Writing an Email - Main ideas and supporting details

Read the following emails, then summarize the main idea in 3-4 lines:

Email 1: Online Shopping vs. Real-Life Shopping

Dear friend,

I wanted to tell you about my weekend — I did most of my shopping online! It was so convenient to order clothes and books from my phone, and they arrived quickly. However, I still enjoy going to the mall because I can try things on and spend time with my friends. I think both online and real-life shopping have their own advantages, depending on what you need.

Email 2: Campus Life and University Life

Hi!

Starting university has been an exciting change for me. The campus is huge, and I have classes in different buildings every day. Unlike school, professors don't remind us about homework, so I've learned to manage my time on my own. I really enjoy the freedom and the chance to meet people from different countries, even though I sometimes miss the simple school routine.

Email 3: Transportation Choices

Hey!

Since moving to the city for college, I've been using buses and the metro instead of driving. Public transportation is faster, cheaper, and better for the environment. Still, I sometimes miss the comfort and privacy of my car, especially when I'm tired. I think both ways of traveling are useful — it just depends on your lifestyle and budget.

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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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1. Does the email have the right kind of greeting? ☐
2. Does the email have different paragraphs? ☐
3. Does the opening paragraph have general questions/statements about the health and happiness of the writer or the person he/she is writing to? ☐
4. Does each topic in the main part of the email have its own paragraph? ☐
5. Does the closing paragraph summarize the email and end with a friendly comment? ☐
6. Is there a signature? ☐