

Wednesday 6th May

Reading comprehension - Hi Max!

Read the letter and complete the questions below.

Warm up

1. Look at how the letter starts. Does this suggest the letter will be formal or informal? _____ How? _____
2. Who wrote this letter? _____
3. Do you think the writer of the letter will be young or old? _____ Why?

Essential Vocabulary

4. There are lots of names in Leigh's letter. Names can be formal or informal. Can you
(a) find two examples of formal names? _____
(b) find two examples of informal names? _____
5. Many of the informal names Leigh uses can be used for boys or girls. For example:

Name (short form)	Masculine	Feminine
Chris	Christopher	Christine
Pat	Patrick	Patricia
Max	Maxwell	Maxine
Sam	Samuel	Samantha

- Do you think the writer of this letter (Leigh) is a boy or a girl? _____
- Why do you think this? _____
6. 'Leigh likes technology.' - Is this statement true or false? _____
How do you know? _____
 7. Write down some technical words and phrases that suggest this. _____

 8. There are two words that are stressed in paragraph six. How and why are they stressed? _____

Main Questions

9. Why can't Leigh ride the bike? (a) because it's raining? (b) because it's broken? ____
10. What do you think Max has done to himself? (a) bruised his leg? (b) cut his leg? ____
11. When do you think this happened? (a) during half term? (b) during the Christmas holidays? (c) during the summer break? ____
Why do you think this? _____
12. If Max visits Leigh, how will he travel? (a) by coach? (b) by plane? (c) by train? (d) by taxi? ____
13. Which city is Leigh most likely to be from? (a) Manchester? (b) Cardiff (c) Liverpool? (d) Birmingham? (e) London? ____
Why do you think this? _____
14. After reading the whole letter, why do you think Leigh's family has moved house?

15. Read the 'P.S.' at the bottom of Leigh's letter. Why do you think Leigh has written this letter by hand? _____

Reflection

16. Why do you think Leigh says 'sorry' at the start of her letter? _____

17. Why do you think Leigh's mum disagrees with her? _____

18. Who do you agree with: Leigh, mum or both? _____ Why? _____

19. Is the tone of the letter important when you are writing a letter? _____
How? _____