Unit 7 Extension

1 Read the email. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1 Jane is disappointed with her new home. _____
2 The best thing about the house is Jane’s room. _____
3 Jane prefers her new house to last year’s. _____
4 Jane thinks there’s a lot of crime in her new area. _____
5 Jane wants to know about Ashley’s new home. _____

Hi Ashley,

How are you? I hope you like your new home and you’re enjoying the start of your university studies. I’ve got lots to tell you about the new place I’ve moved into. I’m really pleased with it.

I’m renting a house with two other first-year students. It’s not very big, but it’s modern, with central heating. The best thing about it is the garden. It’s full of plants and will be a great place to sit out in summer. Also my room is much nicer than the one I had last year. It’s bigger and it has a great view of the back garden. It’s a much better house than the one we shared last year, but it’s more expensive, too.

The house is in a pleasant neighbourhood close to college. There are plenty of open spaces and there isn’t much traffic. Also there are lower levels of crime here than where we were last year. The only problem is that public transport isn’t very good. I might have to get a bicycle!

So, what about your new place? Do you like it? Is it better than that awful house we shared last year? Write and tell me all about your new home and what the area is like. Can’t wait to hear from you!

Best wishes,
Jane

2 Read the email again and complete this plan.

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Read the writing task and answer the questions.

Imagine you are Ashley and have just moved to a new place to start university. Write an email to Jane, describing your new home and area, and comparing them to the place you shared together last year.

1 Which of these words and phrases would you use to describe a home, an area or both? Write H for home, A for area or B for both.
   - balcony ______
   - built up ______
   - fireplace ______
   - garage ______
   - noise ______
   - polluted ______
   - price ______
   - residents ______
   - run down ______
   - size ______
   - space ______
   - veranda ______

2 Use these prompts to make comparisons between your old home and the new one.
   - (rent / expensive) ________________________________
   - (area / polluted) ________________________________
   - (rooms / space) ________________________________
   - (area / built up) ________________________________
   - (neighbours / noisy) ________________________________

3 Which is the best ending?
   a  Thank Jane for her email.
   b  Ask for a description of Jane’s new place.
   c  Ask Jane to write soon with her news.

4 Write the task presented in Exercise 3.