

# Life Intermediate Writing worksheet

## Answer key

### Units 3 & 4 Writing a summary

1 Students' own answers

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3 We get so much from the sea. She gives us life, oxygen, food. She regulates the climate and she makes ours a wonderful life. We should thank the sea, the ocean, every day. Without the ocean and all the life in it, our planet would be much poorer.

4 1 DE, 2 DE, 3 SP, 4 DE, 5 SP

5 Possible answers

1 key words and phrases: sea; killed; fault; not respecting her

The sea nearly killed me, but it was my fault for not showing her respect.

2 key words and phrases: lucky to be alive; walk home; beaten

I was lucky to be alive, but I walked home beaten.

3 key words and phrases: sea; want; learned my lesson

I've learned my lesson and I don't swim when the sea doesn't want me to.

4 key words and phrases: thank; sea; diving

I always thank the sea when I can go diving.

6 Possible answers

1 The sea nearly killed me, but it was my fault for not showing her respect. = *To show how we should respect the ocean, the author gives the example of when he nearly died while swimming ...*

2 I was lucky to be alive, but I walked home beaten. = *He acknowledges how lucky he was to survive.*

3 I've learned my lesson and I don't swim when the sea doesn't want me to. = *The author finishes by describing the lesson he learned from this experience: if the sea looks dangerous, don't swim.*

4 I always thank the sea when I can go diving. = *We need to respect and appreciate the sea, and thank it for everything it gives us.*

7 Peter Hessler, *A better life*, reproduced in *Life Student Book*, National Geographic Learning, 2013

9 Possible answer

Main idea: A combination of past problems and present-day opportunities has created an extremely motivated population. Most people in China have seen their standard of living go up in recent years.

Key words and phrases: Chinese factory town; economy; entrepreneurs; sell; shops; companies; builders; migrants; opportunities, motivated; standard of living; go up

#### **9 Possible answer**

Main idea: The increase of Chinese factory towns has benefitted China's economy, created a motivated population and improved standards of living.

Supporting points

- increased urban populations means that factories can easily find labour
- education is improving
- there are environmental concerns

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**10** *The article is about ..., The author gives the example of ..., The authors finishes by ...*

#### **11 Model answer**

The article describes the evolution of the Chinese factory town and how it has developed China's economy, and improved standards of living. The author states that China has a very motivated population.

The increase of people moving to cities means that factories can easily find labour. The author gives the example of improved schools and the development of higher education, as more people need qualifications and training to work in industry.

The author finishes by pointing out the environmental issues that must be addressed, but highlights the success of the Chinese nation. (93 words)

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