

## Life Upper-intermediate Writing worksheet

### Answer key

#### Units 11 & 12 Writing a problem-solution essay

##### 1 Students' own answers

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| Problem                       | Solution   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Not enough support            | Universities to provide various ways for students to have contact with teachers                                  |
| Courses/modules can be boring | Students to give feedback about course material so that universities can offer motivating and supportive courses |

3 It uses a block structure because it presents two problems in the second paragraph and solutions to these problems in the third paragraph.

4 If academic institutions and students work together to build these courses, online learning will not only be convenient, it will also be an incredibly positive experience.

##### 5 Possible answers

1 If companies do not offer internships, young people are not able to get work experience.

2 If teenagers do not have a hobby or a specific interest, they do not have much to write on their personal statement.

3 If schools get more information about college courses, they can give this to their students.

4 Universities would attract international students if they offered language courses.

6 *For example, ..., For instance, ...*

7 1 *namely* 2 *For example* 3 *such as* 4 *A clear example of this is*

##### 8 Possible answer

| Problem                         | Solution  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Feeling like an outsider        | Accept that you're different and turn it your advantage |
| Overcoming the language barrier | Attend a language course; do a conversation exchange    |

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| Adapting to a different education system   | Talk to the teachers and students to understand what the difference are and what you need to change |
| No support network (no family and friends) | Be sociable: join clubs, accept invitations to go out   |

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| <p>Introduction</p> <p>Studying abroad = appealing learn a different culture, independence, a new language</p> <p>BUT = very challenging</p>                                   |
| <p>Problem 1 Overcoming the language barrier</p> <p>Solution 1 Do a language course, conversation exchange, be sociable (to learn a language and create a support network)</p> |
| <p>Problem 2 Understanding a different educational system</p> <p>Solution 2 Do research and talk to teachers / peers to understand the system and adapt to it</p>              |
| <p>Conclusion: Embrace the difference and you will have a good time</p>  |

**10** *A major issue ..., ... struggle ..., Another problem is that ..., ... need to ..., ... should ..., ... work together ..., ... transform ...*

## 11 Model answer

### *How to enjoy your studies abroad*

The opportunity to study abroad is very appealing. Students can experience a different culture, gain independence and learn a new language. Yet studying abroad is more challenging than people anticipate.

A major problem might be overcoming the language barrier. One answer is to do a language course. Alternatively, you could do a conversation exchange, which is very sociable. In fact, you should be as sociable as possible – going out, talking to people and having fun are the best ways to learn a language. You will also find that by doing this, you can create a support network, namely a group of friends, which can help you face the challenges of life abroad.

Another struggle is adapting to a new educational system. You need to do research, and talk to your teachers and peers to work out what the requirements are. For instance, you might have to memorise more facts and figures, prepare for exams or develop specific skills.

In conclusion, in order to have a positive experience studying abroad, be prepared for challenges. However, if you embrace the differences you encounter, you will have an amazing time! (190 words)

## 12 Students' own answers

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