

Exercise 2

Read the article about four people (A–D) who are describing a place where they like to go to do their homework. Then answer **Questions 7(a)–(i)**.

My favourite place to do homework

A Pablo

Like many people, I have a favourite place to study. Of course, I do some studying in my bedroom, but it's not my first choice. It's often really hot there, so instead, I take my books and jump on the train to the airport. Sounds crazy, right? Well, the thing is, it's only about a ten-minute ride from my house, it's got great air conditioning, and there's a café with big tables and huge windows so people can watch the planes taking off and landing! When I first discovered this place, I got quite distracted by the planes, but not anymore. I've tried to persuade some of my friends to come too, but so far they haven't. I reckon once they try it, they'll see I'm right about it though!

B Marguerite

The place I like to study won't be very surprising as it's certainly not an uncommon choice! For me, the library has always been ideal. If I go early, I can get a good table – one on the second floor, by the window is nice as there's lots of natural light, and I'm away from the busy reception area on the ground floor. People are always chatting there, or doing work – the ones who can concentrate in those conditions, anyway! I prefer somewhere quiet, though. The library has everything I need, including a drinks machine by the entrance. It seems to be a popular place for people to hang around when they want a break from working, so that's another reason why I'm glad my favourite desk is out of the way in the quieter upstairs area!

C Emil

When I have homework, I go to the park, and set up my things on one of the tables there. Until last month there was a café, but they replaced it with a snack machine. It's fine for me – I know quite a few people have complained, saying it's not as good, but I don't mind. I like the park because I find being outside helps me be more creative, and the fresh air helps me concentrate. Sometimes, if I'm stuck on a maths problem, or I can't think of a line for a poem, I pack up my stuff and have a wander. There's no point in just sitting there; a really good study tip is that sometimes it's better to just move around, and the park's perfect for that! One of my favourite areas to go to is the greenhouse, full of strange and unusual plants from around the world. Being there really relaxes me!

D Sofia

Although there's space at home for me to study, I always go to my grandfather's house instead. He lives close by, and he has a spare room where he used to do his painting. He said it was really good to paint there in the morning as light came through the window, which he needed for his artwork. A few years ago, he had to stop painting because of his eyesight, and he took all his equipment out. When I next saw the room, it felt so calm and peaceful, and I realised it could be perfect to use when I had homework. Of course, my grandfather was very happy to let me and put in a big desk for me. The only thing is that the internet connection isn't always very strong. Because I need to use the internet for more of my assignments now, I'm going to recommend he updates his system – I hope he agrees!



Question 7

Which person ...

- (a) mentions that lots of other people also like to study at this place? [1]
- (b) describes the time when they decided the place was good for studying? [1]
- (c) explains that they have recommended the place to others? [1]
- (d) says they do **not** spend all the time at the place studying? [1]
- (e) suggests something that would improve the place? [1]
- (f) mentions when is the best time to study at this place? [1]
- (g) makes a comparison between two different places they use for study? [1]
- (h) describes how something recently changed at the place? [1]
- (i) suggests that the place is an unusual choice for study? [1]

[Total: 9]

