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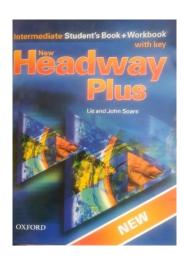


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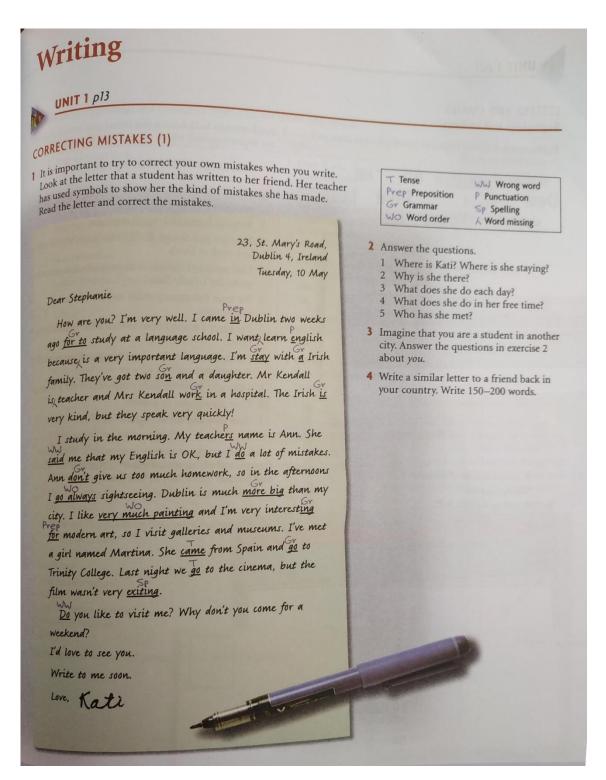
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Chapter 1: it's a wonderful world Part 2



Writing



Reading and speaking

READING AND SPEAKING

Wonders of the modern world

1 Match each topic in A with two items in B.

A	В
International travel	solar system airlines
Medical science	competition online
The Internet	corn health care
Agriculture	drug abuse penicillin
Space travel	famine galaxies
The Olympic Games	abroad website

Talking about you

- 4 In groups, discuss one of these questions.
 - What are your favourite websites?
 - When did you last travel by plane? Where were you going?
 - Are there any stories about health care in the news at the moment?
 - What sporting events are taking place now or in the near future?

- 2 Read the text about the wonders of the world. Write a topic from A in the paragraph headings 1–6.
- 3 Answer the questions.
 - 1 What has changed because of the Internet? What will happen with the Internet?
 - What has happened in space exploration since 1969?
 - 3 What is the most noticeable result of better health care?
 - 4 X = the number of people who travelled abroad in the nineteenth century. What does X also equal?
 - 5 What are the good and bad things about the Olympics?
 - 6 What point was Jonathan Swift making about farmers and politicians?
 - 7 'We are still here!' Why is this a wonder?
 - 8 What do these numbers refer to?

100 million a few hundred 1969 millions of people 47 four 1709 50

WONDERS

I don't believe that today's wonders are similar in kind to the wonders of the Ancient World. They were all buildings, such as the Pyramids in Egypt, or other architectural structures. Over the past 100 years, we have seen amazing technological and scientific achievements. These are surely our modern wonders,

1

It is everywhere. More than half a billion people use it, and the number of people who are online increases by 100 million every year. In 1994 there were only a few hundred web pages. Today there are billions. It has revolutionized the way we live and work. But we are still in the early days. Soon there will be more and more interactivity between the user and the website, and we will be able to give instructions using speech.

2

In 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped out of his space capsule onto the surface of the moon and made his famous statement: 'That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind'. Since then, there have been space probes to Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and even to the sun. One day, a space observatory will study how the first stars and galaxies began. So far, it seems that we are alone in the universe. There are no signs yet that there is intelligent life outside our own solar system. But who knows what the future holds?

THE MODERN WORLD by Ann Halliday

3

Surely nothing has done more for the comfort and happiness of the human race than the advances in health care! How many millions of people have benefited from the humble aspirin? How many lives has penicillin saved? Average life expectancy worldwide has risen dramatically over the past 100 years, from about 47 years in 1900 to about 77 years today.

4

We are a world on the move. Airlines carry more than 1.5 billion people to their destinations every year. It is estimated that, at any one time these days, there are as many people travelling in aeroplanes as the total number of people who travelled abroad in the whole of the nineteenth century (but I have no idea how they worked this out!).

5

It is true that they are now commercialized, and there is greed and drug abuse. However, it is a competition in which almost every country in the world takes part. Every four years, for a brief moment, we see the world come together in peace and friendship. We feel hope again for the future of mankind.

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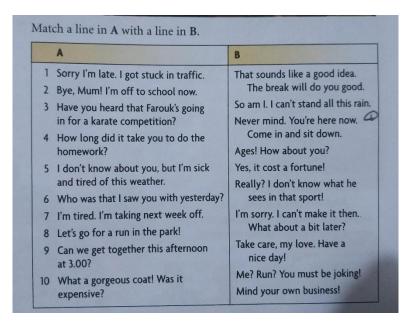
In 1724, Jonathan Swift wrote, 'Whoever makes two blades of grass or two ears of corn grow where only one grew before serves mankind better than the whole race of politicians'. In Europe our farmers have done this. In 1709, whole villages in France died of hunger. Now in Europe, we can't eat all the food we produce. If only politicians could find a way to share it with those parts of the world where there is famine.

7 We are still here!

The last wonder of the modern world is simply that we are still here. We have had nuclear weapons for over 50 years that could destroy the world, but we haven't used them to do it. This is surely the greatest wonder of all.

Vocabulary/ Everyday English

4 Write different forms of the word act using the suffixes from the box. -ion -ing -ive -ivities 1 My brother's an act He's making an advert now. 2 My grandmother is 89, but she's still very act____. 3 This is not a time to do nothing. It is a time for act__ 4 Act____ is not usually a well-paid job. 5 We do a lot of act____ in class to learn English.



A What a gorgeous coat! Was it expensive?

B Yes, it cost a fortune. But the material's beautiful, don't you think?

A Wow! Where did you get it?

B I saw it in the window of that new shop in the High Street, you know, it's called 'Chic'.

A Yes, I know it. They have some really nice stuff.

