



### Ahmed's House

Read the text and answer questions 1 – 6. Circle the correct answers.

Like many people, Ahmed lives in a house. It has all the things you usually find in a two-storey home. There are four bedrooms, a living room with a dining area and a kitchen. Ahmed and his family have bedrooms upstairs. Just like normal. Ahmed's parents park their cars in the garage near the building. However, one detail makes Ahmed's home very different - it is at the top of a very tall hill, far higher than other houses in the city.

Ahmed's house is 200 meters above the city center, and he thinks it is great. From his window, he can see the bright green trees in the park, the pale blue harbour and the colourful lights of the shopping mall.

There are some problems living in this house, however. Sometimes, on a windy day in the winter, it can be quite noisy there.

Ahmed does not wish he lived closer to the city centre. Ahmed's family and he used to live in an apartment in the city. It was okay, but now when he looks out of his window, he feels on top of the world.

1-Ahmed's house \_\_\_\_\_ [www.almanahj.com](http://www.almanahj.com)

a- does not look unusual on the inside      b- has bedrooms on the ground floor      c- is far away from the garage

2-Ahmed likes his house because it is \_\_\_\_\_.

a-bigger than other houses      b-close to the city center      c- in an unusual location

3-Living in Ahmed's house can be difficult because \_\_\_\_\_.

a- there are no neighbours      b-the winters are cold      c- of the sounds

4-Based on the text, Ahmed will probably \_\_\_\_\_.

a- move to an apartment      b-not move from his home      c- move to the city center

5-In paragraph 2, 'far higher than' means \_\_\_\_\_.

a-much higher      b-at the same height      c-a little higher

6-Which word in the text means the same as 'many strong colours'?

a-colourful      b- pale      c- bright





Read this email from Ali to Hasan. For questions 8-14, choose the correct answer (A-C).

Dear Hasan,

Welcome to our class. I don't know what it's like to be in a new school, but I think it will help you to know more about the people. Mr. Khaled, the principal, is very busy, but you should always greet him. He thinks English is important, so he likes to ask students to spell English words. If you try to stay away from him, he will find you! I always greet him in Arabic, but I know that he will ask me to spell something in English.

You met our teachers today. Mr. Abdul teaches Maths, Mr. Rahim is our Islamic teacher, and Mr. Hamad is our Arabic teacher. You should always stand when they enter the room and greet them with "As Salaam Alaikum" and wait for them to tell you it's okay to sit. If you don't stand for Mr. Abdul, he gives you more homework. Mr. Joseph is our English teacher. We also stand for him, but we greet him with "Good morning, teacher" or "Good afternoon, teacher." If you speak Arabic in his class, he makes you stand in front of the class and read in English. Some kids like that, but I don't, so I try to speak only English in his class.

I will tell you about the other teachers tomorrow, because I have to do my homework now. See you tomorrow! Your new friend,

Ali

1. Who is the principal?

A Mr. Hamad

B Mr. Rahim

C Mr. Khaled

2. Who likes it when students speak English?

A Mr. Hamad and Mr. Joseph

B Mr. Rahim and Mr. Joseph

C Mr. Khaled and Mr. Joseph

3. What does the English teacher do if you speak Arabic in class?

A He gives you more homework.

B He makes you read in front of the class.

C He makes you spell in front of the class.

4. What does Mr. Khaled want to hear from students?

A numbers

B letters

C grammar

5. What should Ali do when he sees Mr Khaled in the office?

A greet him

B sit down

C stay away

6. What does the Maths teacher do if you don't stand when you greet him?

A He gives you extra homework.

B He tells you to read in front of the class.

C He asks you spell a word.

7. Why did Ali write this email?

A because he is a new student

B because he wants to help a new student

C because he wants to practice writing in English

8. What does Ali think will help Hasan?

A to know how to speak English

B to know where the classrooms are

C to know how to greet the Principal and the teachers





Read the email messages about meeting new people on the first day of school. For questions 1-8 match the texts (A-C) to the questions. You can use each letter more than once.

### New Faces and New Names

[A] Being back in school is okay. I'm happy to be with my friends again. We've been together since Grade 1, so we are like a family. I usually sit with Ismael, but we have a new student, and the new Islamic teacher wants me to help him. His name is Hasan and his family just moved here to Al Ain from Sharjah. He's okay, but a little scared and shy. I think I'll invite him to my house on Saturday.

[B]

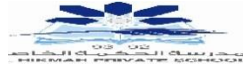
Ms. Mariam is still our Islamic teacher, but we have a new Arabic teacher. Her name is Ms. Asma and she's from Umm Al Quwain. She says that we must not forget our native language and we must always try to write perfectly in Arabic. We also have a new teacher for English. She's called Ms. Megan and she's from Scotland. She called us "lassies" and we thought it was something bad. After she told us that "lass" means girl, we laughed.

[C]

Today was my first day in an international school. Jose sits next to me in class. He's from Spain and his family moved to Abu Dhabi in August. His English is very good. Hans is also new, but I don't know anything about him because he didn't speak. I think he's from Germany. Haru is from Japan but he speaks English. He made a bow to greet the teacher, and everyone laughed. Mr. Mostafa was so happy. He said full marks for Haru!

1. Who is a student in a new school? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who has two new teachers? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who met someone who didn't say anything all day? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who wants to invite the person they met home at the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who learned a new English word? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who has the same Islamic teacher as last year? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who is close to everyone in class? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who was asked to help a new student? \_\_\_\_\_





### Reading Comprehension

Read the texts. Match the texts (A-C) to the sentences (1-5).. You can use each letter more than once.

A — Salem Last year, I went on a rollercoaster for the first time. I was scared, but I decided to try it. It was exciting and terrifying at the same time! I closed my eyes and tried not to scream. When it was finished, I felt a sense of pride because I had done something brave. I haven't been on a rollercoaster since! I would really love to do it again sometime soon.

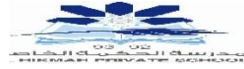
B — Ahmad I felt really proud of myself when I first learned to swim! I remember that feeling of excitement very well. I felt very satisfied because I had achieved something! I was six years old and I had a fear of water. But when I learned how to swim I wasn't afraid of it any more. Since then, I have never been afraid of water again. I have even become a member of the local swimming club.

C — Zainab I was always scared of heights! But one day my parents said we were going to visit the Burj Khalifa. At first I didn't want to hear about it. How could I visit the tallest building in the world and not just scream? But at the same time I didn't want to miss out on the fun my brothers and sisters would have. So, I decided to join them! It was amazing! I really loved it! I wasn't scared after all and maybe everything was just in my head.

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- 1-Who has joined a club after his/her achievement? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who felt proud because they were brave? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who didn't want to miss out on the fun? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was six years old at the time of the achievement? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who visited the tallest building in the world? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who did something for the first time last year? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who was always afraid of heights? \_\_\_\_\_





## Reading Comprehension

### Read the story about Ahmed's camping trip.

Ahmed and his brothers went on a camping trip before school started. They found the perfect place to camp! It was where a small river joined a lake. The area was ideal. Ahmed and his brothers could swim all day. It was a perfect place to fish or relax.

For two days, the trip was great but on the third day it began to rain. Everyone joked, laughed and played in the rain.

One night, Ahmed woke to hear a loud crash. He realised that the tent was floating! The rain had flooded the river and their tent had fallen into it. Ahmed shouted and woke his brothers and they swam to safety. Lightning flashed across the sky. Thunder shook the ground. The storm lasted all night. It was like a bad dream.

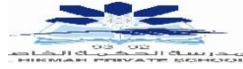
The next morning, the lightning and thunder stopped. They worked hard all morning to fix their campsite. During lunch, a policeman came to ask if they were okay. He told them a camper had been hurt when a tree fell on his tent. Ahmed and his brothers felt lucky to escape unhurt.

Read the questions and answer a, b or c.

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1. Why was the campsite perfect?
  - a. They could fish and relax.
  - b. They were near the school.
  - c. It was far from the lake.
2. What woke Ahmed late that night?
  - a. the sound of the storm
  - b. his brother shouting
  - c. a bad dream
3. Why was their tent in the river?
  - a. The wind blew it in.
  - b. The river was bigger.
  - c. They wanted to make a boat.
4. Why did the policeman come to the campsite?
  - a. to talk to Ahmed and his brothers
  - b. to swim in the lake
  - c. to help them clean their campsite





### Reading Comprehension

Read the text and the sentences. Match the numbers (1 - 5) to the letters (A - C). You can use each letter more than once.

#### A – Carrots

Carrots are root crops because they grow below the ground. They grow best in cold weather like some other vegetables, such as lettuce, potatoes or spinach. They are full of material which gives carrots their bright orange color and is able to change to vitamin A. Vitamin A is good for our health, because it provides nutrition for our eyes, skin, teeth and muscles.

#### B – Spinach

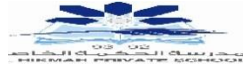
Some people think spinach makes you stronger. Maybe because it has a lot of iron that helps build blood cells, fight illness and improve the way people see. It is a good source of vitamins A, K, and C. Spinach is good for you, but proteins really make you stronger. Spinach is a leafy vegetable, an easy crop to grow in the garden, but it doesn't grow well in hot weather.

#### C – Beans

Beans are one of the best crops for beginner gardeners. They need a lot of sun, water and warm ground. Beans have a lot of fiber and they are also high in protein. Our body uses protein to make muscle. Sometimes, the seeds of other plants are also called beans, like coffee, cocoa and vanilla beans. This is because they look like beans.

1. These vegetables grow under the ground. \_\_\_\_\_
2. These vegetables are full of protein. \_\_\_\_\_
3. These vegetables are high in vitamin C. \_\_\_\_\_
4. These vegetables grow best in warm weather. \_\_\_\_\_
5. These vegetables have a lot of beta-carotene, that gives them color \_\_\_\_\_





### Reading Comprehension

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A- John

I'm from the USA. My favorite hobby is baseball. I play baseball twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, after school. It's fun because I play in the park with my friends. Baseball keeps me healthy because I have to run and catch the ball. I also learn about playing in a team.

B- Sultan

I'm from Bahrain. My favorite hobby is horseback riding. I go horseback riding every weekend. My father has horses on our farm. I give the horses food every day. They like to eat hay and grass. I love riding very fast because it's exciting. Sometimes, I have a horse race with my brother.

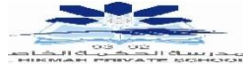
B- Zainab

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I'm from Kuwait. My favorite hobby is painting. I paint once or twice a month on Thursdays. I like making colorful pictures and painting what I see. Painting is relaxing because I sit on my chair and look at the mountains or the beach. When I finish a painting, I show it to my art teacher at school.

- 1-Whose hobby is exciting? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who is from Bahrain? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who plays in a team? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who does their hobby on Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who does not do their hobby every week? \_\_\_\_\_





Read the text and then circle the correct answer A, B or C.

Saeed's summer vacation

Last summer, Saeed went to Oman on vacation with his father. He went in July and stayed for two weeks. They went by car and drove past the mountains and the desert. At the resort, Saeed went kayaking and took a boat ride to watch sharks.

One day Saeed went to an amusement park. The first ride Saeed went on was the carousel, he did not enjoy it because it was very slow. Next, he went in the scary hotel. It was exciting because of the strange sounds. Then, Saeed went on the water rapid ride, he got very wet. Finally, he went on the rollercoaster, it was amazing because it was really fast. His father didn't like the rollercoaster, it made him feel sick!

The last day was very hot, so Saeed and his father stayed at the resort and played board games. After that, they were hungry. For lunch they shared a pizza. Then they got into the car and came home

1. Where did Saeed go on vacation?

- A the mountains                      B Oman                      C the desert

2. When did Saeed go on vacation?

- A two weeks ago                      B in July                      C last week

3. Saeed watched sharks from \_\_\_\_\_?

- A a car                      B a boat                      C a kayak

4. Which ride didn't Saeed like?

- A the carousel                      B the rollercoaster                      C the Ferris wheel

4. Why was the scary hotel exciting?

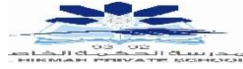
- A he got very wet                      B it was really fast                      C there were strange sounds

5. Why did Saeed and his father play board games?

- A the weather was not good                      B they were hungry                      C Saeed's father felt sick







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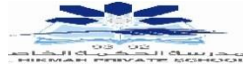
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JK Rowling

JK Rowling was born in the United Kingdom in 1965. Since she was young, she had always wanted to be a writer. She studied French at the University of Exeter in the UK and after that, she had several different jobs. She started the first Harry Potter book in 1990, but she couldn't finish it for a long time. While she was working full-time, she was bringing up her small daughter, so there wasn't much time for writing. However, she didn't give up on her great ideas.

Eventually, the first Harry Potter book was published in 1996. It sold out very quickly, and soon everyone was interested in JK Rowling and her fabulous creation. She wrote seven books for the Harry Potter series and soon these books became films too. As a result, JK Rowling has become one of the richest writers in the world.

Today, JK Rowling is a successful, world-famous author who has created a character who is loved by children—and adults—all over the world. Her life story teaches us to always remember our interesting, creative ideas because you never know where they might lead!

1. JK Rowling was born in \_\_\_\_ . [www.almanahj.com](http://www.almanahj.com)

A 1990

B 1996

C 1965

2. What happened in 1990?

A JK Rowling was born in England.

B JK Rowling started writing her first Harry Potter book.

C JK Rowling went to the University of Exeter.

3. What happened to the first Harry Potter book?

A It sold many copies very quickly.

B It was never finished.

C Nobody was interested in it.

4. The Harry Potter series has \_\_\_\_ .

A six books

B seven books

C eight books

5. JK Rowling now \_\_\_\_ .

A has different jobs

B has one son

C is very rich

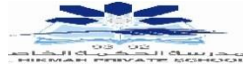
6. Who loves the books of JK Rowling?

A both children and adults

B only children

C only adults





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A—Ahmad

Our school is on the main road in the town centre. It's really busy with lots of cars, lorries and buses. When I ride my bike, I always wear a helmet. My sister also rides to school and she wears a helmet, too. Our parents always tell us how important it is to be safe. I agree with them. My sister agrees with them, too.

B—Ali

In the winter here, it gets dark really early. When I walk home from school, I always wear reflective armbands, so drivers can see me clearly. My father always wants to come and get me from school but I prefer to walk. It is good exercise for me as we spend many hours sitting in classes every day.

C—Mohammad

Our mum always tells us to wear seatbelts in the car. Our father tells us the same thing. So every day when my mother drives us to school, our seatbelts are on. My little brother hates wearing his seatbelt and sometimes he tries to take it off. If his seatbelt is off, my mum stops the car and makes him put it on again.

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Example: Which person has a sister who rides to school? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which person has a brother who hates wearing a seatbelt? \_\_\_\_\_

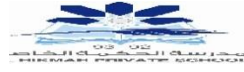
2. Who thinks it is good exercise to walk to school? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who always wears a helmet when riding to school? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which person goes home in the dark after school? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which person goes to a school which is in the town centre? \_\_\_\_\_





**Read the text and choose the right word to fill in the gaps. Write A, B or C in each gap.**

Fujairah

Fujairah is the fifth(1) \_\_\_\_\_ emirate in the UAE and has more mountains (2) \_\_\_\_\_ desert. That means it rains more here, so it is very green. It is also the only emirate that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ onto the Gulf of Oman and not the Arabian Gulf.

The drive from Ras Al Khaimah along the long coastline (4) \_\_\_\_\_ lush surroundings and there are amazing views out to sea. You (5) \_\_\_\_\_ visit the Al Badiyah Mosque, which is in the Badiyah region of Fujairah. It is the oldest mosque in the UAE.

No-one knows exactly when the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ mosque was built, but it is very old. Some people think the mosque was built in 640 CE. Others think the building may have been built as long ago as 1446 BCE The mosque is only 53 square metres, which is small. It was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from materials found in the area, including stones of different sizes and mud. The gardens of the mosque are beautiful and looked after daily.

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| 1. A largest  | B larger | C large    |
| 2. A then     | B than   | C the      |
| 3. A faced    | B face   | C faces    |
| 4. A offering | B offers | C offer    |
| 5. A must     | B will   | C can to   |
| 6. A long     | B older  | C ancient  |
| 7. A built    | B build  | C building |





**. Read the text about Omar's school. For question 1-8, choose the correct answer**

### **Omar's school**

Omar is 13 years old and he goes to school in Dubai. His family is from Ras Al Khaimah, but they live in Dubai now. Ahmed and Mohamed are his best friends. They are in the same class. They always have lessons together and they sometimes do homework together after school in Ahmed's house.

Ahmed and Mohamed sometimes talk in science class. They don't like science. Omar never talks in class. He studies very hard because he wants to go to a good university. He likes math and science, but he does not like reading. They have math at 8 am on Sunday, but Omar is never late. He never forgets his books and he always does his homework.

Ahmed and Mohamed do not talk in Arabic class. They like Arabic. They read in Arabic every day. Omar, Ahmed and Mohamed do their Arabic homework very carefully. They have Arabic on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11 am.

Mohamed likes PE. They have PE lessons on Monday and Wednesday. Mohamed likes playing football very much. He always plays football after school. He wants to start a football club and play with his classmates.

Ahmed likes English class very much because he can talk loudly in English class. He wants to start an English club and talk to his classmates in English after school.

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1- Where does Omar live?

- a-Ras Al Khaimah                      b- Abu Dhabi                                      c-Dubai

2-Where do Omar, Ahmed and Mohamed go to school?

- a-Dubai                                      b-Abu Dhabi                                      c-Ras Al Khaimah

3-What lesson do they have on Sunday 8 am?

- a-Islamic studies                      b-Science                                      c-Math

4-Ahmed, Omar and Mohamed do homework together after class:

- a-always                                      b- sometimes                                      c-never

5-Who never talks in science class?

- a-Mohamed                                      b-Omar                                      c- Ahmed

6-How do Ahmed, Mohamed and Omar do their Arabic homework?

- a-carefully                                      b- loudly                                      c- badly

7-When do they have an Arabic class?

- a-Monday                                      b-Sunday                                      c-Wednesday

8-Who does not want to start a club?

- a-Ahmed                                      b-Mohamed                                      c- Omar





Read about the three people and the things they like. For questions 1-7, match the texts (A-C) to the questions. You can use each letter more than once

### Favourite things

[A]

Hello, I want to talk about my favourite things. I like watching television and movies. Scary movies are fun. Apples are my favourite food. I like eating green apples, but I don't like red ones. I eat an apple every day for breakfast. My sister likes animals, but I think they are boring. I do like flamingos. They are pretty birds because they have pink feathers. Pink is beautiful.

[B]

I have a lot of hobbies, but my favourite is playing football. I like running and playing with my friends. I play after school. I like camping with my family. I like playing computer games, but my mother makes me do my homework first. I don't like reading because I like to be outdoors. My favourite animals are lions and tigers. They are strong and they have long tails. I like them because they can be scary.

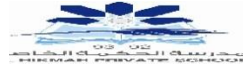
[C]

My friends and I usually meet up at the weekends and go swimming. It's a lot of fun, but it's the only sport I really like doing. I'm not very good at ball games. I like doing things alone. I like reading. I have lots of books and I read every day. My brother thinks I'm boring because I read so much. He does a lot of sport. Sometimes I go to watch, but most of the time I like to be alone in quiet places.

1. Who plays sport after school? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who eats fruit for breakfast? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who has a favourite colour? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who has to study before playing on the computer? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who doesn't like being with friends? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who has many books? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who likes scary things? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who likes watching films? \_\_\_\_\_







Read the film review and then answer the questions. Write no more than TWO words for each question.  
There is one example

Last week my friend Ali and I went to see a science fiction film called 'Revenge of the Mutants'. It is set in outer space, in another galaxy. It's about a spaceship that gets lost in space. Then it meets an evil mutant monster that lives on another planet. We watched it in 3-D and the special effects were absolutely amazing. My favourite scene was when the monster attacked the spaceship. It was really terrifying! But the film is very long and the plot is a bit boring in parts. There are long scenes where the main characters are just travelling in space and talking a lot and nothing exciting is happening. After the film, I read on a movie website that the original version of this film was made in the 1950s. When it was first shown in cinemas, people ran out of the cinemas screaming! And they didn't even see it in 3-D!

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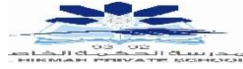
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Example: Type of film: science fiction

11. Setting: a galaxy in \_\_\_\_\_
12. Plot: a/an \_\_\_\_\_ gets lost and meets a monster
13. Good points: the \_\_\_\_\_ were amazing
14. Bad points: some long scenes that are a little \_\_\_\_\_
15. Fun fact: people screamed during the \_\_\_\_\_ version of the film







## Part 1

Read the text and choose the best answer, A, B, C or D.

The first one is done for you.

**Michael Jeffrey Jordan** is 54. He is American and many years ago he was a very good basketball player. Jordan played for 15 years for the Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards. Many people think that he was the best basketball player in the world and nobody will be better for many years.

Everybody knew Jordan all over the world for many years. He made a lot of money and he helped a lot of people who were poor. Now, Jordan is a businessman and he is also the big boss of the Charlotte Hornets, a basketball team who also play in America.

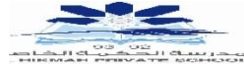
**Example:** Michael Jordan is \_\_\_\_\_

- A British
- B American
- C Australian
- D South African

1 What is the best title for this text?

- A The History of the Chicago Bulls.
- B How Michael Jordan helps the poor.
- C How to Become a Basketball Player.
- D Michael Jordan: The Best Basketball Player.





2 Michael Jordan played basketball for \_\_\_\_\_

- A 15 years
- B 45 years
- C 51 years
- D 54 years

3 How many teams did Michael Jordan play for?

- A one
- B two
- C three
- D four

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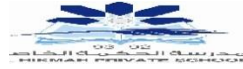
4 Many people think that Michael Jordan \_\_\_\_\_

- A was the best basketball player in the world.
- B is the best boss of the Charlotte Hornets.
- C spends too much money on the poor.
- D spends too much money in business.

5 Now Michael Jordan is \_\_\_\_\_

- A a poor person.
- B a basketball player.
- C a businessman.
- D a basketball teacher.





## Part 2

Read the text and choose a title for each paragraph.

Write the letter of the title in the box. The first one is done for you. You can use each title only once. There is **one** heading you do not need.

A	A Winter Adventure
B	Going Fast
C	A Family's Trip
D	A Summer Trip

**Example: A – A Winter Adventure**

**Ahmed, 11** I remember when I first saw snow on a school trip to the mountains of Switzerland. I looked at its white colour in amazement. I knew it was not going to be there for a long time, but I was happy to see how fresh and clean it was.

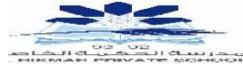
1)

**Khalid, 11** Last summer, I visited Ferrari World in Abu Dhabi. There is a rollercoaster there which is very fast. I decided to try it. It was exciting and terrifying at the same time. I would love to go on a rollercoaster again!

2)

**Zainab, 12** When I was six years old my mother and I went to mum's family club. There was a very big swimming pool there and I decided to learn how to swim. I felt very happy because I wasn't afraid of water anymore. I will never forget this day.





Complete the table below by writing **Ahmed**, **Khalid** or **Zainab**.

Name	Good / bad points
(3) _____	• Knows how to swim now
(4) _____	• Went to a cold country
(5) _____	• Likes going fast

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