

**FCE Writing Part 2. An informal letter: 120-180 words**

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<i>Profile</i>	Hi, my name's Laura and I'm 14 years old. I love shopping, going out with friends and I cry during romantic films!  Hi, I'm Francesco, I'm 18 and in my free time I play basketball, listen to lots of music and go out with my friends.

**Task:** Your penfriend, Ashley, writes you a letter asking about how you and your family use technology in your everyday lives.

Dear Ashley,

How are you? How did your maths test go? I bet you passed!

Anyway, you asked me about technology. Firstly, I should tell you that I've bought a new laptop; it's the latest model and it's fantastic! I think I'm going to use it for homework and above all to chat in social networks... Have you got a Facebook account?

Another thing that is essential for me is my mobile; I never go anywhere without it! I send texts all day and I call my friends to meet and go out. What's more, in the morning I listen to the radio or I watch TV while I'm preparing for school and during the journey to school I listen to my MP3 player.

Even my family use technology: my father watches football and basketball matches on our plasma TV and my mother can use her mobile too. My brother spends all day playing on his Playstation or on the computer. Lazy boy!

Got to go, see you soon! love from,

Laura and Francesco

*Comment:* The two students produced this letter together during a lesson. It is well organised with distinct, logical paragraphs and excellent use of conjunctions such as: anyway, firstly, another thing, what's more, even my... The opening and closing phrases are also original and well written. While use of tenses is limited to mainly the present simple and continuous, the present perfect and past tense are also used well at the start of the letter. The writers also use questions and some humour to help create a friendly tone. This is an accomplished FCE-standard informal letter.