

Writing An informal email

Correcting mistakes

- 1 It's important to try to correct your own mistakes when you write. Look at the symbols in the box. Can you give an example of each kind of mistake?

T Tense	WW Wrong word	Prep Preposition
P Punctuation	Gr Grammar	Sp Spelling
WO Word order	λ Word missing	

- 2 Read the email that Cintia, a Hungarian student, has written to her English friend, Paul. Use the symbols to help you correct her mistakes.

To: paulredwood@cmail.co.uk From: cintiak@intermail.hu
Subject: Hello from Dublin

Hi Paul,

How are you? I'm very well. I came ^{Prep} in Dublin two weeks ago ^{Gr} for to study at a language school. I want ^P learn english because ^λ is a very important language. I'm ^{Gr} stay with an Irish family. They've got two ^{Gr} son and a ^{Sp} dauter. Mr Kendall ^λ is teacher and Mrs Kendall ^{Gr} work in a hospital. The Irish ^{Gr} is very friendly, but they speak very quickly!

I go to class in the morning. My teachers ^P name is Ann. She ^{WW} said me that my English is OK, but I ^{Gr} do a lot of mistakes. Ann ^{Gr} don't give us too much homework, so in the afternoons I ^{WO} go often sightseeing. Dublin is much ^{Gr} more big than my town. I like ^{WO} very much painting and I'm very ^{Gr} interesting ^{Prep} for modern art, so I visit galleries and museums. I've met a girl called Martina. She ^T came from Spain and goes to Trinity College. Last night, we ^{Gr} go to the cinema, but the film wasn't very ^{Sp} exiting.

^{WW} Do you like to visit me? Why don't you come for a weekend?

I'd love to see you. Email or text me soon.

Love,
Cintia x

P.S. The photos are of Martina and me, and my favourite street in Dublin.

- 3 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Cintia? Where is she staying?
- 2 Why is she there?
- 3 What does she do in the morning?
- 4 What does she do in her free time?
- 5 Who has she met?

- 4 Imagine that you are a student in another town. Answer the questions in exercise 3 about *you*.

- 5 Write a similar email to an English friend. Swap emails with a partner. Try to correct your partner's email using the symbols.

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