BRITISH COUNCIL

Learn English

English for Emails

Unit 3: Organising your emails

Task 1

Complete the sentences with the right word.

Deleted items / Junk email / Sent items / Contacts / Inbox / Folders or tags with names you decide / Drafts

- 1. Places to keep your emails so that you can easily find them
- 2. Emails you do not want to keep
- 3. Adverts and emails from addresses you do not know
- 4. Email addresses of the people you know
- 5. Usually the first place emails arrive
- 6. The emails you have sent to people
- 7. Emails you have started writing but not sent

Task 2

Read the article below and choose the best word in brackets.

Most emails that you get go straight to your (1. Drafts / Inbox / Contacts). This is where you decide which emails to read and which to delete. But if your server doesn't recognise the address of a sender, it will probably put the email in the (2. Deleted / Sent / Junk email) mail folder. This is where all those annoving adverts usually go. But sometimes good emails go there too, so remember to check from time to time. Do you ever worry because you just deleted an email by mistake? Don't worry - just look in the (3. Deleted / Drafts / Contacts) folder. It's probably still there. Sometimes it can be difficult to find an old email. So why not put them into (4. Folders / Junk email / Sent) to make them easy to find? You can do this for any emails you wrote too - you can find them in (5. Inbox / Sent / Deleted). Some people keep hundreds of business cards with people's email address and phone number. You don't need to do this - use your (6. Folders / Contacts / Drafts) as an address book, and it can store all these details for you. Have you ever found it difficult to finish writing an email? Don't worry - just save it under (7. Deleted / Junk email / Drafts) and finish it later!

Task 3

Look at the inbox on page 3 and then choose the correct answers.

- 1. How many of the emails have you **not** read yet?
 - a) 3
 - b) 7
 - c) 10
- 2. What was Hatem Trabelsi's email on Wednesday about?
 - a) a meeting
 - b) a payment
 - c) a computer problem
- Who replied to Hatem Trabelsi's email?
 - a) nobody





- b) Tomoko Nakahata
- c) Patricia Bartlett and Samir
- 4. How many of the emails have an attachment?
 - a) 0
 - b) 6
 - c) 10
- 5. Who has sent you an invitation?
 - a) Hashim Saleh
 - b) Ali Al-Habsi
 - c) Youssef Zouaoui
- 6. When did Ali Al-Habsi send you Un Cil. O.C. I. C. A. M. O. M. emails?
 - a) Monday and Tuesday
 - b) Tuesday and Wednesday
 - c) Monday and Wednesday



	From	Subject	Received
Ø	Samir	RE: Meeting next week	Today 9:21 AM
Ø	Tomoko Nakahata	training course	Today 9:03 AM
Ø	Hashim Saleh	Are you free for lunch tomorrow?	Wednesday 7:12 PM
	Patricia Bartlett	RE: Meeting next week	Wednesday 4:18 PM
	Ali Al-Habsi	FW: payment received	Wednesday 11:45 AM
Ø	Hatem Trabelsi	Meeting next week	Wednesday 9:03 AM
	Youssef Zouaoui	air conditioning in meeting room 32A	Tuesday 4:23 PM
	IT Helpdesk	RE: Computer problem	Tuesday 2:05 PM
Ø	Tomoko Nakahata	minutes from last week's meeting	Tuesday 11:02 AM
Ø	Ali Al-Habsi	Sorry – here's the attachment!	Monday 6:49 PM

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Answers

Task 1

- 1. Places to keep your emails so that you can easily find them Folders or tags with names you decide
- 2. Emails you do not want to keep Deleted items
- 3. Adverts and emails from addresses you do not know Junk email
- 4. Email addresses of the people you know Contacts
- 5. Usually the first place emails arrive Inbox
- 6. The emails you have sent to people Sent items
- 7. Emails you have started writing but not sent Drafts

Task 2

- 1. Inbox
- 2. Junk email
- 3. Deleted
- 4. Folders
- 5. Sent
- 6. Contacts
- 7. Drafts

Task 3

- 1. a) 3
- 2. a) a meeting
- 3. c) Patricia Bartlett and Samir
- 4. b) 6
- 5. a) Hashim Saleh
- 6. c) Monday and Wednesday