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 annoying 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

3. 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 emails?  
a) Monday and Tuesday  
b) Tuesday and Wednesday  
c) Monday and Wednesday
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<td>RE: Meeting next week</td>
<td>Today 9:21 AM</td>
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<td>Tomoko Nakahata</td>
<td>training course</td>
<td>Today 9:03 AM</td>
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<td>Hashim Saleh</td>
<td>Are you free for lunch tomorrow?</td>
<td>Wednesday 7:12 PM</td>
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<td>Patricia Bartlett</td>
<td>RE: Meeting next week</td>
<td>Wednesday 4:18 PM</td>
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<td>FW: payment received</td>
<td>Wednesday 11:45 AM</td>
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<td>Meeting next week</td>
<td>Wednesday 9:03 AM</td>
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<td>Youssef Zouaoui</td>
<td>air conditioning in meeting room 32A</td>
<td>Tuesday 4:23 PM</td>
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<td>IT Helpdesk</td>
<td>RE: Computer problem</td>
<td>Tuesday 2:05 PM</td>
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<td>minutes from last week’s meeting</td>
<td>Tuesday 11:02 AM</td>
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<td>Ali Al-Habsi</td>
<td>Sorry – here’s the attachment!</td>
<td>Monday 6:49 PM</td>
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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