English for Emails
Unit 6: Enquiries

Task 1
Complete the questions with the appropriate question words.

How often / How many / What / How far / Who / What time

From: Mercy Okolo
(mercy_okolo@nigeria_education.net)
To: Angela Jones
(angela.jones@stancliffschool.org.uk)
Subject: School partnership

Dear Angela,
Thank you for your email. The children at my school are learning about schools in the UK and other countries. I have some questions about your school.

1. ____________ is the head teacher?
2. ____________ subject do you teach?
3. ____________ pupils are there at your school?
4. ____________ in the morning does your school start?
5. ____________ from school do the children live?
6. ____________ do the children play sports at school?

Can you let me know? I look forward to working with you.
Best wishes,
Mercy
Mercy Okolo
Head Teacher – Government Secondary School – Abuja, Nigeria

Task 2
Choose the correct preposition for the gaps in the email below.

From: Raj (raj.kumar@stancliffschool.org.uk)
To: Victor Obinna (Victor1997@yesmail.ng)
Subject: RE: pictures from my school

Hello Victor,
Thanks for sending me the pictures of your school and your friends. My school in England is very different! I want to ask you about your school. Here are my questions.

1. I play cricket in the school team. What sports are you good ______?
   a) in
   b) with
   c) at

2. I hate maths but I love English. What subjects are you interested ______?
   a) in
   b) to
   c) on

3. In IT, we’re learning how to make a website. At your school, what are you learning ______?
   a) about
   b) on
   c) at

4. My brother and I walk to school together every day. Who do you go to school ______?
   a) to
   b) from
   c) with
5. My flat is by a road with lots of cars. What is your home ______?  
   a) next to  
   b) out of  
   c) away from

Can you let me know?  
Bye for now! Raj

Task 3
Complete the emails with the appropriate questions.

Could you let me know the address? /  
Could you let me know your arrival time? /  
Could you let me know your availability? /  
Could you let me know the price?

1. Dear Mr Roberts,  
I will come and collect you from London Heathrow Airport next Tuesday. __________ I look forward to meeting you next week.  
Regards, Sheila Fiston

2. Hello again Atoshi,  
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As soon as I have it, I will send them to you.  
With thanks, Jose Gutiérrez

3. Dear Mrs Haniss,  
We would like to offer you some part-time work next term. __________  
Are you free on Thursday mornings?  
I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,  
Ruth Gaddon (Head Teacher)

4. Dear Sir or Madam,  
I would like to book a meeting room for 25 people (including 2-course lunch) on January 4 next year.  
________ Can you offer us a discount? With thanks in advance,  
Lin Mo  
Marketing Executive, Star Properties

Task 4
Indicate whether the questions are correctly formed or not. (Hint: four are correct and five are not.)

1. What time the meeting starts tomorrow?  
2. Where do you work?  
3. How many people work in your office?  
4. What you doing after work tomorrow?  
5. Could you let me to know the date of the conference?  
6. Which train are you arriving on?  
7. What terminal my flight goes from?  
8. Could you please let me know the web address?  
9. What time will being convenient for you?
Answers

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4. What time in the morning does your school start?
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3. a) about
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Task 4

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2. Correct
3. Correct
4. Incorrect
5. Incorrect
6. Correct
7. Incorrect
8. Correct
9. Incorrect