

Unit 17

E-mail

Brilliant You

Fiona is reading an e-mail from her friend.

From: charlotte_chan@cmail.com

To: fionalee@cmail.com

Date: 8th September, 20XX

Time: 20:38

Subject: Hero among Us

5 Hi Fiona,

How are you? How was last week? I hope you settled in fine. I've made some new friends in class. They help me with schoolwork and play with me during recess. Still, I miss sitting by you in the classroom!

10 My dad told me about a piece of news which is really inspiring. It's about a homeless man who sacrificed his life to save others. Few days ago, a gunman grabbed a woman outside a church in Brazil and threatened to kill her. A brave 61-year-old homeless man came to her rescue by fighting off the gunman. The female hostage escaped with only minor injuries. Unfortunately, the homeless man was shot dead by the gunman. Later, the police shot the gunman and he also died.

15 I think the homeless man is a real hero. All his life, some people probably **looked down on** him because he spent his life in cardboard boxes. However, he did not hesitate to save a stranger. It is a really selfless thing to do. Mum and I felt so touched when we heard about this. It makes me think that we really need to stop being selfish and show our care towards others more. We need more love in this world! Don't you agree?

20 Cheers,
Charlotte

1. Circle the greeting of the e-mail.
2. Underline the close of the e-mail.

Date: _____

A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. Charlotte's classmates were _____.
- A. amusing B. easy-going
 C. honest D. humble



2. Read line 15. The phrasal verb 'looked down on' means _____.
- A. to feel embarrassed about a situation
 B. to think oneself is better than someone else
 C. to keep a secret about a person
 D. to watch out for hidden traps

3. Which of the following about the e-mail is **TRUE**?

- A. Fiona felt touched about the news.
 B. Fiona went to Brazil last week.
 C. Charlotte thought the female hostage was selfish.
 D. Charlotte believes that people should be more selfless.



Identify the writer and the receiver.

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.



4. What was the relationship between Fiona and Charlotte?

5. Who were killed in the incident?

C Complete the text message with the words from the text. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

To: Charlotte

Thanks for the e-mail, Charlotte. Last week was great. My class teacher is kind. I only know a few of my classmates but they are nice to me! That piece of news you talked about is heart-breaking. What a big ⑥ _____ (n.) the homeless man is! I agree that we need to be less ⑦ _____ (adj.). Let's express our ⑧ _____ (n.) to those we care! Thanks for sharing this inspiring story.