

Unit 13

E-mail

What is Happening?

Sarah is reading an e-mail from her pen friend.

From: carlos.santos@cmail.com.pt

To: sarah_tam@cmail.com.hk

Time: 16:15

Subject: My New Home

Date: 23 October, 20XX

 Photo of Tristan da Cunha

Hi Sarah,

How was your choir competition? I'm sure you did your best.


- 5 Guess what? My family and I are moving soon. Not within Portugal, we are going to move to Tristan da Cunha. It's a small group of volcanic islands between South America and South Africa. Most people believe that **they** are the remotest islands that support human's living. Most of the residents there are farmers or fishermen.

You must be wondering why... It's because my father has got a job there

- 10 working for the government as a potato farmer. That's why we have to follow him. It is really difficult to get to the islands as they are so far away and usually blocked but we have special permission to get there by boat.



At first when my sister and I heard the news, we both cried because we didn't want to leave our

- 15  home and friends. I was afraid that I could not get used to the lifestyle there. Later, Mum told me that the place is not as bad as I imagined. Over 300 people are living in Tristan da Cunha now. There are two TV channels, telephone lines, Internet access and a local school. Yet, I think the Internet won't be cheap and stable.

- 20 Dad's job is only for one year and we are returning to our homeland by then. Although I don't feel really good about that now, I think it's still a good chance for me to experience a totally different life. After all, it is a precious chance that not many people have.

Cheers,

Carlos

1. Circle the attachment of the e-mail.

2. Underline Carlos' response to Sarah's last e-mail.

Date:

A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. Carlos **CANNOT** _____ once he has moved to the islands.

- A. give Sarah a call
- B. switch on the TV at nights
- C. watch movies in the cinema
- D. send e-mails to his friends

 2. The pronoun 'they' in line 7 refers to _____.

- A. Tristan da Cunha
- B. South Africa
- C. Carlos' family
- D. farmers and fishermen

 3. Which of the following about Tristan da Cunha is **TRUE**?

- A. It is formed by a number of small islands.
- B. All the people there farm to make a living.
- C. People there do not receive education.
- D. Tourists can visit there freely without any difficulties.



Read the whole paragraph to find the answer.

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. Where is Tristan da Cunha?

5. Why does Carlos have to leave his home country?

C Answer the questions in short.

6. Which country is Carlos from?

 7. How did Carlos feel at first?
