

## THEME 3 HARD TIMES WRITING SKILL (SPICE UP)

### **A. Fill in the table with your childhood habits.**

#### CHILDHOOD HABITS

The games you used to play : \_\_\_\_\_

The way you used to look like : \_\_\_\_\_

The type of music you used to listen to : \_\_\_\_\_

The cartoons you used to watch : \_\_\_\_\_

The meals you used to like/dislike : \_\_\_\_\_

### **B. Complete the paragraphs with the sentences below.**

- a. I used to make a list of the places to visit during my breaks
- b. You can learn how to manage your life and be more independent
- c. The difficulties you experience at school help you be well-prepared
- d. I had the chance to live my life by my own rules
- e. It is not easy to make a budget plan for the bills, books and food

#### **Where Should I Go to University: In My Hometown or Another City?**

Most students around the world leave their family homes for education. Is it a real challenge or an opportunity to move away for university? I think it's better to go to university in a different city because you can gain new skills and discover new places and cultures.

In my opinion, it is a great way to learn how to live on your own while continuing your education. (1)\_\_\_\_\_. For example, when I was at university in a different town, I learnt how to spend my money wisely and make my own budget. Besides, (2)\_\_\_\_\_.

Furthermore, students who live away from their homes have a greater chance to travel. Going to university outside of town is like being a tourist in your home country. As a student, (3)\_\_\_\_\_ and explore the places I hadn't been before.

On the other hand, it may seem challenging to start a new life. (4)\_\_\_\_\_. As a result, there are a lot of students who don't want to leave the comfort of their homes. However, to my mind, if you learn to struggle for your life at school, you will develop problem-solving skills. (5)\_\_\_\_\_ for working life challenges.

In conclusion, your parents' home is more comfortable for you because it allows you to concentrate on your studies. Nevertheless, if you don't try to fly on your own, you won't be able to see the world from a different perspective. It's really worth taking risks to learn how to be independent.

### **C. Underline the topic sentences in the paragraphs above.**