NAME:		DATE:		
	PRE INTERMEDIA	ATE LEVEL		
	FINAL EX	<u>KAM</u>		
A) GRAMMAR. COMPL TENSES	ETE THE FOLLOWING	PARAGRAPHS U	ISING THE CORRECT	
Dear Emma,				
Sorry! I	(just realize	)	(reply) to your	
last e-mail yet. I	(find) a new jo	bb two days ago!		
(cook) dinner when they	(call) to off	er me the job!I c	ouldn't believe it!!	
What about you?	you	_ (paint) your hous	se yet? you	
(buy) ne	ew things? When	you	(move)?	
Last month I	(be) very complic	cated because I _	(have)	
many interviews eve	ry week. Although	I	(be) unemployed,	
(n	ot have) enough time	to write to you be	cause I	
(need) to study all day	for my exams at univ	ersity. Now I	(feel) really	
happy and I think this job	(be) a v	wonderful opportur	ity for my future.	
I hope y	ou are fine!			
	See you so	oon,		

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT FORM.

- a) There is nowhere / anywhere as beautiful as Paris.
- b) What did you do/were you doing for your last holiday?
- c) Tai's girlfriend is someone which/who loves dancing.
- d) We've finished our homework, **but/so** we're going out for a walk.
- e) Who did you **see/saw** at the post office?
- f) **Does your brother stay/ Is your brother staying** with you this weekend?

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- g) Although / Because it was raining we went to the beach for a picnic.
- h) I was sitting/sat on a bench when the bus arrived.
- i) Mr King will meet/is meeting someone at four, but he can see you at three.
- j) I don't think it'll snow/'s snowing tomorrow.

#### **COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES**

- a) Is Russia bigger / the biggest / the most big country in the world?
- b) This test isn't **as / more / too** difficult as last week's test.
- c) The café is **the busiest / busier / more busy** this week than it was last week.
- d) It was the **baddest / worse / worst** book I've ever read.
- e) This is the more exciting / most exciting / excitingest game I've ever played.

## C) READING

Read the text and tick ( ✓ ) A, B, or C.

# CouchSurfing – a different kind of travel experience

### by Emma Jackson

I love travelling abroad, but two years ago I didn't have much cash to spend on my holiday. At first, I was planning to go camping again, but then a friend suggested an alternative: CouchSurfing. I had no idea what that was, so she explained." CouchSurfers" are people who stay as guests in other people's homes for free, and visit the sights in the local area. You can do the things that most tourists do, like sunbathing on the beach or sightseeing in the town centre. Or your host could give you a language lesson, teach you how to cook local delicacies, or take you to places that visitors never find. It sounded much more fun than my other holidays, so I joined the website and sent emails to about twenty hosts in France and Spain right away.

A few days later, I already had ten replies. After a week or two of emails, I made arrangements with four hosts in three different cities. I'm quite talkative and they seemed very friendly, so I wasn't concerned about spending time with strangers. Two weeks later, I was arriving in Paris, and meeting my first host, Claudette.

Over the next ten days, I stayed in four very different homes, improved my foreign languages, and made some great new friends. Sometimes the places where I stayed were basic – a sofa to sleep on, or even just the floor, but sometimes they were luxurious – much nicer than the hostels that I usually go to. I think it was probably the cheapest and most interesting holiday I've ever had!

I've done CouchSurfing again twice since then: in Italy, and here in the UK. I'll definitely do it again. In fact, I'm going on a trip to South America next year. And I've had five visitors at my place, including Claudette. I've discovered that hosting is as much fun as exploring a new place. CouchSurfing is a fantastic experience. Try it some time!

a) It was her first holiday in another country.

b) Emma's friend was a regular "CouchSurfer"

c) "CouchSurfers" can spend time with the homeowners.

d) Half of the people who Emma emailed didn't reply.

True False Doesn't say

e) Two of the people she visited lived in the same city.

True False Doesn't sav

f) Emma went on holiday about a month after joining the website.

True False Doesn't sav

g) Emma is quite shy.

True False Doesn't sav

h) Emma had a nice bed to sleep in all the places where she stayed.

True False Doesn't sav

i) Claudette was Emma's favourite host.

True False Doesn't sav