

## Authentic Email Responses

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### **Question 1**

You have recently received a package from the post office with your name on it. However, no one in your family said they bought it for you. Write an email to a friend.

In your email:

- Say when you got the package and what is inside
- Explain who you think sent it to you and why
- Describe your feelings about getting it

Dear Lisa,

The weirdest thing happened last weekend – it has left me absolutely stumped and is still puzzling me today. Just wait till I tell you all about it!

It was late Friday night, and I was running on fumes (count on me to wear myself out by studying all day long!). Anyway, I was dragging myself across the plush Saxony carpet when I caught a glimpse of a package by the door side. Out of sheer curiosity, I checked it out for the addressee. When I saw it was made out to me, my eyes popped open. I tore the wrapping open at the drop of a hat, and there I saw – two adorable Olaf plushies and a CD of the latest film, ‘Unfathomable’. How cool is that!

I haven’t the faintest idea who’d send me such gifts, and for what occasion anyway! My birthday is months away, and the only event coming up is my vey unanticipated term-end exams. Now let’s look into the ‘who’ part, shall we? My best guess is my cousin Marion; the girl knows way too much about my childish obsession with Olaf from Frozen. I don’t think she’s much of a fan of movies, though. I’m at a dead end again!

I must say getting such an adorable gift at this time of year has really boosted my almost-worn-out spirit. I love the darling Olaf plushies; even the mere sight of them is like swallowing a delicious chill pill. Need I tell you how awe-inspiring the new film was? Yes, you guessed it right. I’ve watched it a couple of times already!

I’ve to go now. Ask around to see who sent me the package, okay?

With love,

Haalaa

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### **Question 2**

Recently, you were at a fast food restaurant and a tragic event happened inside.

Write an email to your friend about it.

In your email:

- Tell where you were when it happened
- A description of the events
- Say how you have been coping with life after.

Dear Jess,

You're not going to believe what I witnessed – it has left me absolutely aghast and is still bothering me today.

It was a quiet morning in Beaufort and I had just gone to Chick-Fil-A, a fast food restaurant where all my sugar cravings are satisfied. By the way, their cinnamon buns are mouth-watering: one bite, and you're transported to a cinnamon-filled, sugary heaven! Anyway, like I said, it was just a typical day. No sooner had I just sat down at a table than a gunman barged in with a sizeable rifle in his hand.

He was sure determined not to waste any time and immediately rushed to the cash counter while demanding everyone to kneel down. The blasts thundered through the restaurant as spent shell-castings cartwheeled across the floor. Customers and waiters screamed and lowered to the floor in fright. In no time, he scooped out all the cash in the till into a bag and made a swift escape.

Although I had physically survived the attack unscathed, the memories of the day have been etched into my mind, forever to be there. It's been a week since, and I still tremble with fear whenever I even think of going out. The sounds haunt me at night, and I've kept myself locked in my apartment 24/7. You know how terrified I'm of gunshots.

I need to go now, but promise me you'll tell the others about this incident. They need to know.

With love,  
Haalaa