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A Correspondence

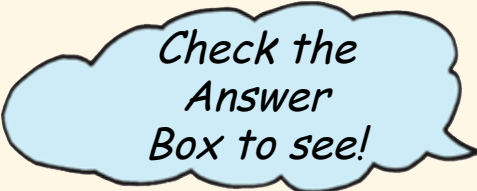
# Best Friends



## What I Know

Circle the correct answer.

1. Email is a way to send letters by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. radio  
b. computer
2. Florida is in the South, so it can get very \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. cold  
b. hot



## What I Want to Know

(✓ Check all that you want to know.)

- Who are the best friends?
- Do the friends write to each other by email?
- \_\_\_\_\_ → (go on)

**ANSWER BOX**

1. Email is a way to send letters by computer.  
2. Florida is in the South, so it can get very hot.

# Best Friends



To: [Lisa@yohoo.com](mailto:Lisa@yohoo.com)  
From: Amy<coolamy@boohoo.com>  
Subject: new dog

Hello Lisa,

I am really glad we have email. It takes so long for letters to get back and forth. You also have to have stamps. Lots of times, my letters do not make it to the mailbox. I forget them on my desk. Do you think we would still be best friends without email?

Florida is so far away. I was very sad when your plane took off. One good thing happened. My parents felt sorry for me. They surprised me with a new puppy. His name is Scooter. He is white with brown spots. His ears flop almost to the floor.

Thanks for inviting us. We can't wait to come to warm, sunny Florida. I am so excited! I wonder if I can sneak Scooter in my backpack.

BFF (Best Friends Forever),  
Amy

To: Amy<coolamy@boohoo.com>

From: [Lisa@yohoo.com](mailto:Lisa@yohoo.com)

Subject: bunk beds

Hi Amy,

I can't believe you are coming! My parents bought me bunk beds. We can sleep in the same room. The top bunk is really high. Do you want to sleep up there? I have not tried it yet.

I am making a list of all the things we are going to do and see. I hope you do not need much sleep. It is hot here. Be sure to bring sunglasses and sunscreen.

Your parents will sleep in my brother's room. He is excited. He and his friend will be camping in the yard for your visit. I hope it rains.

Are you sure Scooter fits in your backpack? How will you keep him quiet? I hope he gets along with my pet iguana.

Later Alligator,  
Lisa

## What I Learned

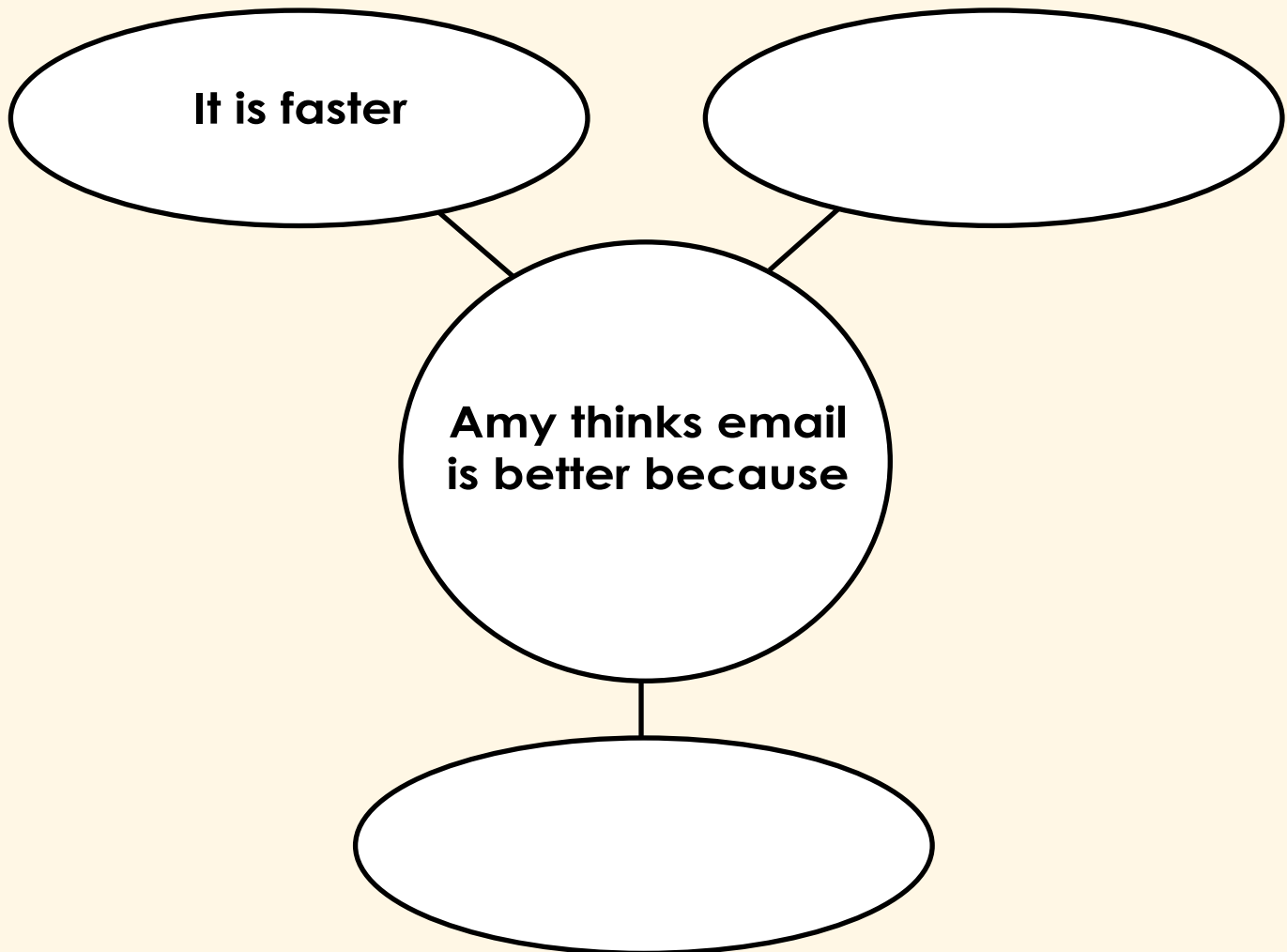
**Circle the letter next to the correct answer.**

1. Amy writes of being sad. What made her sad?
  - a. Her friend moved away.
  - b. Her friend went on vacation.
  - c. Her best friend was mad at her.
  
2. How do you know that Amy's family felt sorry for her?
  - a. They let her have extra treats.
  - b. They took her shopping.
  - c. They got her a pet.
  
3. What did Lisa's parents do to help Lisa and Amy?
  - a. They got Lisa a puppy, too.
  - b. They invited Amy's family to their new home.
  - c. They are moving back.
  
4. Why does Lisa say, "I hope you do not need much sleep?"
  - a. It is too hot to sleep in Florida.
  - b. She has planned so much to do.
  - c. The top bunk is very high.
  
5. How can you tell that there are not enough bedrooms to fit the two families?
  - a. Amy's mom and dad will stay in a hotel.
  - b. Amy will have to sleep on the floor.
  - c. Lisa's brother will sleep outside.
  
6. You can tell that Lisa used to live in a place that was:
  - a. hotter
  - b. colder
  - c. nicer

## Using the Information

Use the information from the story to answer each question.

1. Why does Amy think email is better than sending letters? Fill in the web below to show this. (The first one was done for you.)



2. Why does Lisa say, "I hope it rains?"

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## Prewriting



AFTER you read the **Essay Question** on page 7:

Amy is planning to take Scooter to Lisa's house.

Fill in the chart below to tell about this.

Put your answers here.

How does Amy plan to do this?	
What does Lisa think?	
Do you think her plan will work?	





## Editing Practice

Read the paragraphs in the boxes below. They have some mistakes in **capital letters** and **punctuation**. There are no mistakes in spelling.

- Find the mistakes.
- Draw a line through each mistake.
- Write the correction above it.

*Remember, a period (.) means STOP! The sentence is over.*



Have you ever been to Disney World. It is in florida. My family and I spent a whole week there last spring my sister and I went on some rides five times.

We had to wait on long lines for some rides. it was worth it the roller coaster is my favorite. The haunted house is too scary for me. I am saving money to go back to disney world soon.