# Reading and responding – email

## Activity 1

Read the email below and answer the questions in English on the next page.



1. What does Giorgio usually do on Friday evenings?

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1. Why does he do this?

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1. Who does Giorgio usually hang out with on Saturdays, and what activities do they typically enjoy?

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1. Describe a typical Sunday for Giorgio.

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1. Giorgio likes spending time with friends and exploring the city. Why do you think this is?

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## Activity 2

Complete the table below with phrases from the email in Activity 1 that match each element of an email listed in the first column. The first one has been provided for you.

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| Elements of an email | Phrases | Additional sample phrases |
| Opening greeting | Ciao Cesare |  |
| Introduction including reason for writing |  |  |
| Body of the text with elaboration of key ideas |  |  |
| Closing salutation |  |  |

Below are some more examples of phrases for each element in the table above. Place these in the third column according to which structure they match.

*Caro Giorgio, come stai?*

*Come va a …?*

*Grazie per il tuo email.*

*Scrivimi presto!*

*Prima di tutto, …*

*Un bacio, Mario/a*

*Per rispondere alla tua domanda*, *…*

*Spero di sentirti presto, Mario/a*

*Con affetto, Mario/a*

## Activity 3

Using the sample phrases from Activity 2, write a response to Giorgio’s email in Activity 1, in the space provided below.

Remember to include:

* an opening greeting
* an introduction and reason for writing
* the body of the text with elaboration of key ideas including answers to the questions Giorgio has asked and anything else you would like to comment on
* appropriate structures to sequence your ideas and information
* a range of vocabulary
* a closing salutation.

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## For the teacher

Remove this section before sharing this resource with students.

Use the sample text provided or use the [editable version on Canva](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGMjlV37Ak/Hx4-YOlLKgWsYlKWuUOcYA/view?utm_content=DAGMjlV37Ak&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink&mode=preview) to edit the content to suit your context. An accessible version of the text is provided below.

## Activity 1

### Accessible version of text

***Da: Giorgio Massoni***

***A: Cesare Rossi***

***Oggetto: La mia routine del fine settimana***

*Ciao Cesare,*

*Come va? Spero tutto bene!*

*Voglio raccontarti un po’ della mia routine del fine settimana. Di solito il venerdì sera chatto online con gli amici per un’ora o due. È un ottimo modo per rilassarmi dopo una settimana impegnativa. Anche tu chatti spesso online? Con chi parli di solito? Per quanto tempo?*

*Il sabato mi piace o andare al mercato vicino o uscire con la mia amica, Angela. Di solito esploriamo nuovi caffè e poi andiamo allo stadio per vedere una partita di calcio. È sempre divertente, e finiamo per parlare per ore. E tu? Esci sempre il fine settimana? Dove vai?*

*La domenica è il mio giorno per andare in città. Siccome abito al centro di Roma, c’è sempre molto da vedere. Amo passeggiare per le strade, fare lo shopping, magari andare al cinema o visitare un museo. È un bel modo per passare la giornata e prepararmi per la settimana. Ti piace andare in città? Che cosa ti piace fare lì e perché?*

*Mi piacerebbe sapere anche delle tue routine del fine settimana! A presto?*

*Un abbraccio,*

*Giorgio*

### Answers

1. **Friday evenings Giorgio chats online with friends for an hour or 2.**
2. **It’s a great way to relax after a busy week.**
3. **He hangs out with his friend Angela. Usually they explore new cafes or stop in a park and listen to music. They have fun and talk for hours**.
4. **He goes to the city to walk the streets. Because he lives in the centre of Rome, there’s always a lot to see. He loves walking the streets, going shopping, to the movies or even a museum.**
5. **Because he has a busy week and he likes to relax and unwind. Exploring the city is a change of scenery for him and prepares him for his week.**

## Activity 2

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| Structure | Sample phrases | Additional sample phrases |
| Opening greetings | Ciao Cesare | ***Caro Giorgio, come stai?*** ***Come va a …?*** |
| Introduction including initial reason for writing | ***Come va? Spero tutto bene!******Voglio raccontarti un po' della mia routine del fine settimana.*** | ***Grazie per il tuo email.*** |
| Body of the text with elaboration of key ideas | ***Di solito...******Il sabato mi piace...******La domenica è il mio giorno per...******C’è sempre molto da...******È un bel modo per...*** | ***Prima di tutto,…******Per rispondere alla tua domanda*,** |
| Closing salutation | ***Mi piacerebbe sapere anche...******A presto?******Un abbraccio*** | ***Scrivimi presto!******Un bacio, Mario/a******Spero di sentirti presto, Mario/a******Con affetto, Mario/a*** |

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