

6.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking starting a conversation with a stranger

1a Match conversation starters 1–6 to suitable responses a–f.

- 1 Lovely weather, isn't it? d
 - 2 Have you lived round here long? ____
 - 3 Excuse me, do you mind if I sit here? ____
 - 4 So, how do you know Lucy? ____
 - 5 I hope you don't mind me asking, but haven't we met somewhere before? ____
 - 6 Sorry, but I couldn't help overhearing ... Were you saying that it's going to snow later? ____
- a Oh yes, all my life. What about you?
 - b We work together. We're both teachers at Railsey School.
 - c Oh yes, you do look familiar ...
 - d Yes, not bad for the time of year.
 - e Yes, apparently there's going to be a lot. We should probably try and get home early.
 - f No, go ahead. It's busy today, isn't it?

b 6.3))) Listen and check your answers.

2a Find and correct the mistake in each of the conversations.

- 1 A Excuse, is anyone sitting there?
B No, sorry. I'll just move my bag.
A Thank you.
- 2 A I hope you don't mind asking me, but aren't you a friend of Sarah's?
B Yes, that's right, we work together. How do you know Sarah, then?
A Oh, we're neighbours. She lives just across the road.
B Oh, in Villiers Street? That's a nice road.
- 3 A Have you worked here long time?
B No, not really. I started about a month ago.
A Ah, I thought I hadn't seen you before.
- 4 A Lovely weathers, isn't it?
B Yes, it's great to get some sunshine at last.
A Yes, it's been so cold recently.

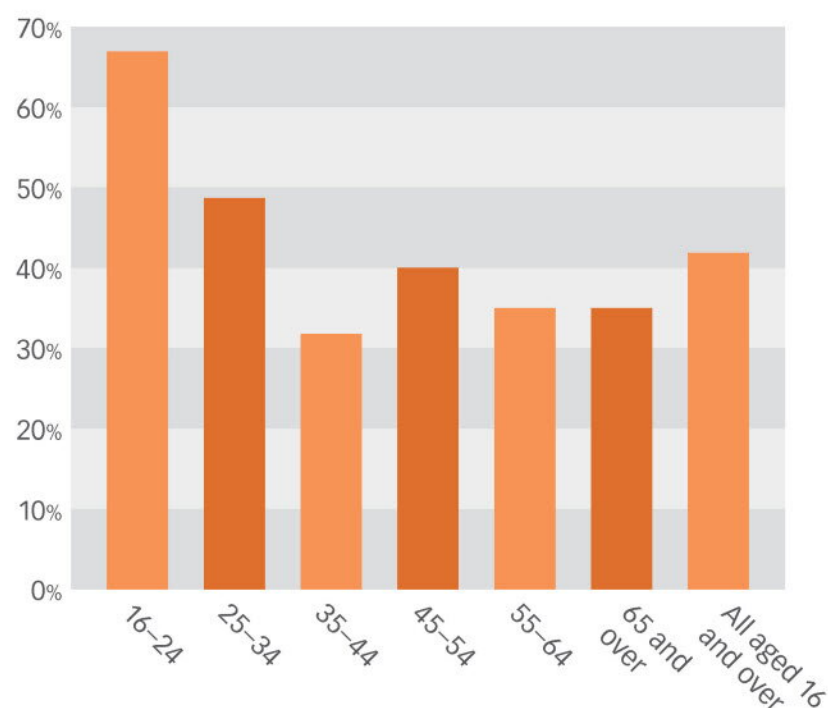
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Writing describing data

3 Complete the description of the graph using the words and phrases in the box.

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Spending time most days or every day with friends: by age



1 In the chart, we can see the percentage of people, at different ages, who spend time with their friends every day or nearly every day.

2 _____, taking all the age groups together, just over 40% of people see their friends daily, or almost daily.

3 _____, it is 4 _____ that younger people seem to see their friends much more regularly than older people.

5 _____ the highest percentage, at around 67%, is in the 16-24 age bracket, followed by those aged 25-34, at around 49%.

6 _____, the age group who see their friends least frequently is those aged 35-44. Only just over 30% of these people spend time every day with friends. This increases between 45-54 to around 40%, before dropping a little for those aged 55-64 and 65 and over, both about 35%.

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Very well Quite well More practice

write a description of data.