**MICHIGAN ECCE LETTER COMPOSITION WRITING**

**PROMPTS FOR LETTERS OF ADVICE - 2**

You have read the following letters to an advice column in a newspaper and you want to give your advice to the young people who wrote them. Write a letter to the newspaper’s agony aunt, Susannah, which she will publish in the newspaper, giving your advice to each person. You must write three letters, one for each task.

The useful phrases for writing letters giving advice are available at:
[http://www.bryanhollamby.co.uk/courses/michiganecce/writing/writing-letters-of-advice.pdf](http://www.bryanhollamby.co.uk/courses/michiganecce/writing/writing-letters-of-advice.pdf)

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**Dear Susannah,**

I am a sixteen-year-old girl who is very interested in fashion. I think it is very important to wear the latest fashions, so my clothes are a major part of my life. Until recently my parents have given me money to buy new clothes, but now they have said they have to economize and that I can’t have so much money for clothes. However, they have just bought an expensive new car, as the old car was always breaking down.

I am really worried now that I won’t be as fashionable as my friends at school and that they will laugh at me. I have told my parents about this, but they just tell me to think more maturely, and that I have plenty of nice clothes. It is so unfair! Please can you advise me what to do?

Yours,

Soon-to-be-unfashionable

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**Dear Susannah,**

I am a thirteen-year-old boy who really loves animals and I have always wanted to have a dog. I think it is very important for young people to have a pet and to learn more about our animal friends. So last week I asked my parents if I could have a dog whose picture I saw on an animal friendly society adoption website. It is a cute little terrier with such a friendly face!

But my parents said that I couldn’t have a dog because our house isn’t big enough for a dog! He is only a little dog, so he won’t need much room, and I told my parents this but they still say no. I am feeling so unhappy as I know I could give this dog the best home. Can you advise me what to do?

Yours,

Young-animal-lover

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**Dear Susannah,**

I am a fifteen-year-old girl and I am facing a serious problem with my group of friends. For some reason, many of them have started speaking in a really rude way when we are out, usually when we are sitting having a coffee next to a group of strangers. They swear and shout at each other, and the people next to us turn round and look at us, shocked at what they hear. I feel extremely embarrassed and turn bright red. I am very worried that one of the people will know who I am and tell my parents about it. I have been friends with these girls for many years and don’t want to lose their friendship, but every time we go out now I am afraid of what they will do and how they will speak! What can I do? Please give me some advice to help me solve this problem.

Yours,

Red-in-the-face

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