English Homework – Literacy Links



You may well have seen advertisements in your local paper selling things like second hand bikes or televisions. They usually come under headings like `For Sale' or `Wanted'. If you've not seen them then try and get hold of a newspaper and see if you can find any.

Because you have to pay for the advertisement per word the adverts are usually short and to the point. Quite often they miss out certain words but they still manage to make sense. Look at the examples below.

WANTED Sega games, especially with Sonic. WIII pay up to £10 each. Contact Bob on 213 4563.

WANTED Second hand bike. Must be in goo condition. Mountain or racer prefered. Phone Darren on 324 5647.

LOST PET "Titch", white cat, black spot behind ear. IF sighted or found phone Cath on 435 7658.

MISSED Eastenders. Anyone got a copy of episodes from 36/11 to lend me? Call Lucy 345 5678

PC WANTED must have CD-ROM, 14" monitor, mouse, good keyboard. Will pay extra for games or other software. James: 234 5678.

FOR SALE Dining Table black ash trendy design, padded chairs cost £350 bargain £120 Tel 234 5432 No canvassers

WANTED Spice Girls stuff. Must be in good condition. Tel Jude 456 8965

For your homework I would like you to write a 'Wanted' advert for a 'best friend'. Think what qualities you want in a best friend. What should they be like?