A1.
1. We begin learning to talk on the day we are born.
2. Because companies’ marketing strategies strongly promote the idea that these DVDs benefit children’s development.
3. A child acquires language best when interacting with people without the TV being audible.

A2.
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. A
8. A
9. B

B1.
10. competition
11. cruelty
12. combination
13. instinctively
14. promotion

B2.
15. having caused
16. provided that
17. condition that
18. they fail
19. as regards/ referring to

B3.
20. D
21. F
22. E
23. G
24. B
Hi Mary,

I’ve got something to tell you which has been on my mind for some time. It’s about my bike, which I lent you and which you then lent to Stella. I was a bit taken aback when Stella told me that you had lent it to her because her bike had been stolen. Afterwards, when we met, you explained that you had been planning to tell me about it. At first, I didn’t say anything, but the more I thought about it, the more it troubled me.

What upset me most was the fact that you didn’t ask me first. I lent you my bike because you needed it at the time. However, you know that it has a lot of sentimental value for me and I thought you would have respected my feelings and, at the very least, you would have asked me first.

Obviously, I don’t want you to ask Stella for it back if she needs it, but, in the future, I would like you to take how I feel into account before you make decisions like this. I really value our friendship and I don’t want this to come between us but I really needed to tell you how I felt.

I would like to hear your thoughts on this so e-mail me when you can.

Your good friend

Angela