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Answers	1 + d	2 + .....	3 + .....	4 + .....	5 + .....
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The following hints may help you :

noisy, polluted, too many people, too many cars, no friends, expensive.

Dear Tony,

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Yours,

Peter

**N.B : PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME.**



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No, they didn't. They were still in the street / selling papers by midnight. They slept by / after midnight / very late.
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Language (grammar accuracy  
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Mechanical accuracy (spelling,  
punctuation and capitalization) } 1 mark

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Peter

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