

Student name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Practice

- 1** You are going to read a text and make some notes as you read. You will also work with other students to improve your notes.
- 2** The text is below. It is a set of three comments from new students at Adelaide University in Australia. Read the text and write your notes.



Maristel, Rashid and Maylin are international students at Adelaide University. They live on campus and are in their first year.



Maristel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Adelaide is a very safe city and the people are very friendly. I really like the campus. It has some modern buildings and some beautiful old buildings. There are lots of international students. We meet at the International Student Centre and go on trips at the weekend. I have friends from all over the world now. I think it's a great city for students.



Rashid, Muscat, Oman

Adelaide University is great. The campus is right in the city centre. It's always busy and there are some very good cafés and restaurants. There's a lot to do. At weekends I go to the cinema or I meet friends for a coffee or a meal. I also play football with students on my course. I'm a member of the cinema society. It's a good way to make friends.



Maylin, Chengdu, China

It's a beautiful city but everything is very expensive. There's a market near the campus. I buy my food there and eat in my room. The course is interesting but my English isn't very good. I study a lot in my room or in the library. I don't have many friends. I'm not sure this is the right university for me.

- 3** When you have finished your notes, take a look at them again. Make any changes you want to.
- 4**  Work in pairs. Compare your notes with your partner. Do you want to make any changes?
- 5** Here is a list of ideas to check in your notes. Read them through – your teacher will answer any questions you may have.
 - Are there three sets of notes – one for each person in the text?
 - Have you written down any words you didn't know?
 - Did you copy any of the text? It should be your own words.
 - Have you used abbreviations and symbols?
 - Have you used lists? They would be helpful for this type of text.
 - Have you included all the details? Remember that notes should be quite short.

6  In pairs, decide if you want to make any more changes now you have seen the list of ideas.

7 In the space below, write a checklist of 'golden rules' for note making. We have done one example for you.

1 Be sure your handwriting is clear.

Reflect

8 Will you use these note-making techniques? What problems do you think you will have?