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10 Do you think this is too young for children to start studying?

11 A friend of mine lives in Tokyo and her son goes to an all-boys school.

12 In your opinion, is it a good idea for boys and girls to attend separate schools?

13 Write back soon.

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18 *Read the message

19 *Imagine you are Rena. Write an appropriate response to Jeremy in your notebook.

20 EXAMPLE

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22 *Thanks for your e-mail.*

23 *I think the recent poor economic conditions in Japan are forcing more mothers to
24 work.*

25 *Many fathers' salaries have dropped, so it's become necessary for mothers to
26 work in order to help their families live comfortably.*

27 *Regarding your second question, I don't think it is good for children to start
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29 *Playing outside with their friends is more important because it teaches them
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31 *In my opinion, it's good for boys and girls to attend separate schools.*

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45. **日本語訳付**

4[A] – Dear Kei



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