

## NOTES AND MESSAGES

We often leave out words in informal speech. Ellipsis is also a feature of some types of writing: texting on the phone is a good example of it, but not the only one.

In each of the following notes, **one** of the highlighted sentence elements **cannot** be left out. Which one?

1. Hi Tom,

I won't be back before 11.30.  I have got a training session at the pool.

Sorry!  I forgot to mention it this morning.  The lasagne  is in  the

oven.  There is  stuff  for  a salad in  the  fridge. Can you record Ally

McBeal for me?  There's  a video in the machine.  I will  see you later.

Love,

Mary

2. Clara,

Peter  phoned.  He  won't be able to come to the concert tonight.

He  said  something about having to finish a project.  He  says you

can use his season ticket if you want to.  You  should  phone  him

before five pm and let him know.

Tina

3. Dear Alan,

Don't forget!  It's  Dad's birthday on 21/9.  Do  you  fancy going in

with me on a present for him?  I  thought a subscription to '*History*

*Today*' might be good.  Let  me  know asap.  I'll  be  at  home all

weekend.

Love,

Elisa