Agony Aunt Writing Exercise

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Find .................. what her hobbies and interests are, so you know what to talk .................. .

Have you thought about .................. some new clothes? Brown corduroys are not going to attract attention. You .................. also spend more time doing sport and less time playing Grand Theft Auto. Also, you should see a doctor about your acne.

You say she has a psychotic boyfriend. You should be very ..................!

You .................. ask her to go for a coffee when he is with .................. .

You should try to .................. her laugh. A good sense of humour has conquered many a heart. You .................. let her know that you like her. Remember – nothing ventured, nothing gained. Finally, you .................. stare at her in class or follow her home after school. That’s a very bad idea.

Yours, Aunt Mabel.

C Barry doesn’t have enough money to go on the school skiing trip. Advise him.

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