Looking for Mr. Average

In his article “Looking for Mr Average”, the author Tim Wardle embarks on a journey to find the average Briton. Using statistics, computerized geodemographic profiling and a call in national newspapers he finds it difficult to meet an actual Mr. Average. Eventually Wardle’s search is successful with the author being surprised how content and proud the found Mr. Average is of his title.

1. Swap your summaries with a partner and correct each other’s work using a coloured pen to highlight language mistakes. Then swap back and continue with task two.

2. In writing please do the following:

   **State** reasons why Wardle rejected the Army wife. (max. 200 words)

   * Remember to check the list of operators before you answer.*

3. **Find** all gerunds in lines 7-38. Then collect words and phrases, which describe people from the text. In a third step, create a description of a German Mr. or Mrs. Average using the phrases and gerunds found before. (max. 200 words)

See you on Wednesday!

2. Tim Wardle, the author of the article “Looking for Mr Average” rejected the army wife as a viable candidate for Mrs. Average as he discovered her to have unusual hobbies such as running marathons, skydiving and riding a Harley Davidson.

3. The German Mr. Average is a office working father of two, driving a VW Passat and who consumes, on average, 0.98 litres of beer a day. His love for the national football team has, especially in year where there is either a World Championship or a European Championship, statistically created 12 discussions with his life partner and his mistrust of everybody younger than him has left him state “Früher war alles besser” at least 100 times in his lifetime.