

ESOL Skills for Life – Entry 3

Marked learner work

Below is an example of a candidate's responses to the ESOL Skills for Life Entry 3 Writing test followed by the marks and rationales from the marker.

All names and personal data have been changed or removed.

Task 1

You are taking ESOL classes at West Park College.

The college principal wants to improve the college building and needs your ideas.

Complete the Student Feedback Form.

You should use the box below to plan your response. You **must** plan for **at least one** task.

Write about 120 words.

Planning notes

contemporary

signage

West Park College Suggestions Form for Building Improvements	
Describe your <u>experience</u> of studying at West Park College.	
I was studying studying there I was studying to I have been study ESOL class at West Park College since 3 years ago, and it was very helpful to me because the teachers are were well experience.	
What do you <u>like</u> the least about the college <u>building</u> and why?	
I like the building and their facilities. The outlook is simple ^{of building so simple} but it is contemporary contemporary - The outlook of the building looks so simple but it is contemporary. There is a cafe, we used to take ^{took} a break and chat with our classmate. And there are provide the parking which is free entrance.	
Please provide <u>suggestions</u> of building improvements we can make. Give reasons.	
I would like to suggest they could enlarge the classroom. It It is small and the student are not feel comfortable. And then, if they could re-arrange the signate signages will be better because there are lot of function rooms in difference floor. somethe Sometimes I had a confuse about that.	
Many thanks for your suggestions.	

Task 2

You are going to do a sport with your friend.

Write an email to your friend.

Write about:

- ▶ the sport
- ▶ your plans for the day **and**
- ▶ arrange what to take with you.

You should use the box below to plan your response. You **must** plan for **at least one** task.

Write about 80 words.

Planning notes

To: a.person@email.com
Subject: Sport plans

Hi Desmond,

How are you? I hope you all are ~~very~~ very well.

Do you fancy going to cycling this Sunday morning?
I ~~check~~ checked the weather will be so nice, & it's about 10°C
and sunny day. I can ride my bike to your house first,
and take a coffee. I prefer we ride around the city
because we just ~~to~~ start to cycling after Spring. We'll
~~ride~~ do it more later. After that we could have a lunch
in a new Italian restaurant. I heard that's ~~by~~ delicious
on the social media.

If you agree my idea, I'll arrive ^{to} your ~~house~~ ^{house} at 8:00am.
I can't ~~to~~ waiting to see you.

Cheers,
Sam

Task 3

Write an article for your local tourism website about an interesting place you've visited and why you liked it.

You should use the box below to plan your response. You **must** plan for **at least one** task.

Write about 150 words.

Planning notes

interesting place
"Hong Kong"

- History
- Background
- landmarks
 - harbour view
 - the peak
 - shopping places
 - variety of food
- culture
- people
- suggestion
 - how long to stay
 - visit immersive experience

Tram
minutes

An interesting place to visit

I was born in Hong Kong and lived there for 45 years. Hong Kong has ever been the most popular city in Asia, especially in 1990-2000. Hong Kong was a colony city by United Kingdom before 1997, so that there has different difference culture between western ^{countries} ~~country~~ and eastern countries.

There are several landmarks which are well-known in the world. ~~The harbour view The Victoria Harbour is a one of three~~ - The Victoria At first, I recommend to visit the Victoria Harbour by a ferry in sunset moment. You will ~~also~~ get a amazing view in the harbour. ~~the~~ You can see ~~in~~ a lot of ~~modern~~ modern buildings in around 10 minutes ferry experience. Another popular place is the Peak, the visitor could go there by a train and they would see the ~~city view~~ wonderful city view ~~in~~ on the top of a mountain. I will suggest visit there in sunset moment also because the view ~~is~~ is difference between day and night. The night view of the city is one of three the most ^{famous} popular in the world. If you enjoy to shopping which is perfect to you, there are many places and modern shopping malls. Otherwise, there are ~~var~~ variety of food from difference

countries and all are very delicious. Finally I will recommend to visit a ~~new~~ museum where is the new-built museum about art.

I would like to suggest the visitor ~~to~~ stay around a week. Visit the Hong Kong slowly and will get a great experience.

Candidate marks and rationale

	Assessment criteria	Mark	Rationale
Plan			
1.1	Plan text for the intended audience	4	There is a fairly detailed plan for Task 3.
Task 1 – Form			
2.1	Produce content for the intended audience	2	Only some of the questions are addressed. There are no correct sentences, including attempts at complex sentences.
2.5	Use punctuation correctly	3	Punctuation is limited in range. Commas are sometimes used when a full stop is needed.
2.6	Spell words correctly	3	There are some spelling errors but some good use of special-interest vocabulary, such as 'facilities' and 'enlarge'. There are some mistakes with incorrect parts of speech, eg 'difference' for 'different', 'confuse' for 'confusion'.
3.1	Complete a form with open and closed responses correctly	2	Question 2 is not understood. Suggestions given for Question 3 are only partially relevant, ie new signs are not really a building improvement.
Task 2 – Email			
2.1	Produce content for the intended audience	3	The register and format are appropriate for an informal email. However, there are no complex sentences.
2.4	Use grammar correctly	3	A range of structures is attempted with some natural chunks of language. There are minor errors in most sentences but errors do not impede understanding.
2.5	Use punctuation correctly	3	Full stops, question marks and commas are used effectively. Proper nouns and days of the week are correctly capitalised, but 'spring' is incorrectly written in upper case. Exclamation marks are not used.

Candidate marks and rationale (continued)

Assessment criteria	Mark	Rationale
Task 3 – Article		
2.1 Produce content for the intended audience	2	The candidate has written a tourist guide to Hong Kong rather than an account of a visit. The register is generally appropriate, but the content is only indirectly related to the prompt.
2.2 Structure main points in short paragraphs	4	The text is organised into logical paragraphs.
2.3 Sequence text chronologically	1	There are references to when the candidate lived in Hong Kong and how it changed. However, there is no sequence of events related to a visit.
2.4 Use grammar correctly	3	A range of grammatical forms is used with some effective use of modal verbs. However, there is no use of past narrative forms.
2.5 Use punctuation correctly	3	Punctuation is mostly well controlled. Some commas should be replaced with full stops.
2.6 Spell words correctly	4	Lexical range is good and some special-interest vocabulary is used. There are occasional minor spelling errors.

The candidate scores 40/56 (Pass). The pass mark is 37/56.