

Task 4 - Extended Writing: Where I Like to Go Shopping

At a glance

Level: ISE Foundation

Focus: Task 4 – Extended writing

Aims: Students generate ideas for an example writing task, students practise forming and using comparatives and superlatives, students practise talking and writing about shopping and students plan and complete an example writing task.

Objectives: Students are able to complete the writing task using language of the grade including comparatives and superlatives.

Skill: Express simple facts and personal likes and dislikes in a coherent text.

Topic: Shopping and places in the local area.

Language functions: Describing places, expressing simple comparisons and expressing likes and dislikes.

Lexis: Vocabulary used to describe places and vocabulary related to shopping.

Materials needed: Whiteboard, paper and pens and one student worksheet per student

Timing: 70 minutes

Procedure

Before class preparation

Photocopy one worksheet per student.

In class

1. Remind students that Task 4 – Extended writing in the ISE Foundation Reading & Writing exam requires them to write a 70-100 word text, and that they will have 40 minutes to do so. Tell them that in this lesson they will plan and complete an example writing task.

2. Write “*Shopping*” on the board. Tell students you want them to list different places to go shopping for example:

market, supermarket, shopping centre, local independent shops, online shops.

Elicit one example then allow students to make a list in pairs.

3. Ask students to read out their lists and write their answers on the board. Add any they did not think of. Drill pronunciation if necessary.
4. Tell students to think of a place they often go shopping. Ask them to take turns to describe it to their partner, without naming it. Their partner tries to guess which place they are describing (do an example first with a strong student).

Example (a fruit and vegetable market):

There are many stalls

You can buy apples, oranges, potatoes and carrots

You can buy your fruit and vegetables from different people

The prices are very cheap

It is dirty and noisy

5. Write on the board:

Markets are cheaper than supermarkets.

Ask students if they agree or disagree and why. Elicit some more adjectives that can be used to describe places to go shopping, and write on the board. Then elicit the comparative and superlative forms of each. Remind students of the rules for forming comparative and superlative adjectives, if necessary.

6. Ask students to work in pairs to write three sentences comparing two of the different shopping places, as in the example already on the board. Monitor and provide help where necessary.
7. Elicit one sentence from each pair and write them on the board. Elicit corrections for any errors.
8. Give out the worksheet and ask the students to read the instructions. Ensure the students are aware of what they have to do. Explain that the plan should be in note form, not full sentences. Write an example on the board:

Full form = My favourite place to go shopping is Bluewater shopping centre.

Note form = Bluewater shopping centre

9. Tell the students they have 10 minutes to plan the task. Monitor and make sure they are planning in note form, not full sentences.
10. Tell students they have 30 minutes to write the task. Encourage them to use comparative and/ or superlative forms in their answers. After 25 minutes, ask students to stop writing and to check their work for errors.
11. Collect in their writing and mark for the next lesson.

Extension activity

Students who finish more quickly can be asked to write another essay on the place they least like to go shopping.

Further support activity

Weaker students can be given the model text (see below) and be asked to adapt it.

After class

After their work has been marked, students can compare their text to the model.

Student Worksheet

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Writing Task

Your teacher has asked you to write an essay (70-100 words) with the title “Where I like to go shopping”. You should:

Describe the place where you most like to go shopping.

Explain why you like it.

Plan your short essay before you start writing. Think about what you want to say and make some notes to help you in this box:

Planning notes:

Now write your essay of **70-100** words.

Model Answer

Where I like to go shopping

My favourite place to go shopping is Bluewater shopping centre. I like it because there are many different types of shops. You can buy clothes, shoes, bags, jewellery, gifts and stationery there. The shops are more expensive than the shops in the city centre, but they are bigger and nicer. In Bluewater, you can find the best supermarket in the city. There are also cafés and restaurants, and a cinema. It is the most comfortable cinema in the city.

(79 words)