Stage B3

progressing towards

example 4

The student

Year Level: Year 6

Background: born in Australia

Language: Mandarin

Schooling: began school in Australia, went to China when 6 years old and attended school. Returned to Australia at 12 years old, had been at an English Language School for two terms when this text was

written.

The task

The student was asked to write an information report about an animal as an assessment task. Features of the text type had been modelled and explicitly taught in classes. The student wrote the text independently.

The text shows that the student:

writes a sequenced and ordered factual text

writes using text type appropriate to the task

organises the text in simple paragraphs with a topic sentence

Kangaroos the Australia. They live famous animal Kangaroos grassland. The kangarov has allong heave tail, they have very strang legs and two hands. The mother kangarous have got a nouch they body. The kangarous brown, some are grey, some are red. The kangarous and they are also marsupial, too. The kangarous eat grass andleaves and they look like a dog. The kangaroo's babies don't eat in Kangaroo anything. Kangarov can use their backless to jump and they can jump very far away traceuse they backlegs are tail help kangarov to balans and jump. are different animal because the girl banarous have don4 have . Such like China's panda

maintains appropriate tense throughout

spells most words accurately, some invented spelling

writes with some ESL features e.g. inconsistent subject-verb agreement

combines simple sentences using common conjunctions

This text is an example of a student progressing towards B3. The student writes an information report about kangaroos based on her knowledge of the topic. The student uses a range of common conjunctions to link simple sentences. The text is organised into simple paragraphs with a topic sentence. Some ESL features are still evident in the student's writing, e.g. subject-verb agreement ('The kangaroo are mammal') and pronoun selection ('because they back legs').