

Stage S1

Standard

example 3

The student**Year Level:** 18 years old, recently arrived**Background:** born in Afghanistan, refugee**Language:** Dari**Schooling:** Interrupted schooling for 8 years.

Studied English in Pakistan, six lessons a week for 2 years. Spent 5 months in an English language school in Victoria.

The task

The students were asked to write an informal letter to primary school students to establish relationships with them. Students had not been explicitly taught about letter writing. The text is a first draft and was written predominantly in class.

The text shows that the student:

writes appropriately for purpose and audience

attempts to use paragraphs

uses punctuation inconsistently

shows varying accuracy in tense, subject-verb agreement

links ideas using conjunctions, e.g. but, because

writes using basic, familiar sentence structures

spells most words accurately

Dear primary student.

Hello dear I want interduce my self for you.

My name is . I am 18 years old.

I am from Afghanistan but I came from Pakistan to Australia.

I have been in Australia for six months. I have been in this school one and half term. now I am liveing in Dandenong north with my family. In our family my mam and Dad two sister and two brother. my brother are younger than me. My sister are one of in sister is younger than me the other one is older than me. my pasttime is exersice Taiche Kung fu listen to sad song and meet girlfriend. I want become a good actor in action movie.

now I am happy becaus I come to this school I have good friend and classmate. I like this school because every one is happ here I alot of Fun. now I want ask from you what is your name? how Old are you? and Where are you from and From where you come. how long have you been in Australia and this school? where do you live right now with who? how many people are in your family? do you like this school? do you like your classmate and teachers? what is your favourite food and sport. what is your Obey? and what is your goals. I wish for you to be a good person in the future and have a successful life. all the best.

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your Regards

This is an example of a student at S1 Standard (S1.3). The student writes for a personal purpose. He writes mostly in simple sentences and uses familiar vocabulary and structures. The text is logically ordered to create a coherent text. The student attempts to organise his writing into paragraphs but this is not always successful. While there are spelling errors, the student spells most words with reasonable accuracy.