ESL Continuum Writing

Stage SL Standard example 3

The student

Year Level: 15 year old, recently arrived **Background:** born in Sierra Leone

Language: Kerio

Schooling: Interrupted schooling, spent 3 months

in an English language school in Victoria

The task

The class was asked to write a text 'about me'. Students studied this topic focusing on how to provide personal information and describe their physical features. This task was set as an extension activity for students who had completed a booklet 'Personal Profile'. The text became a preparation for the students' oral presentations about themselves.

The text shows that the student:

writes using short, formulaic structures

writes on the lines

uses upper and lower case letters

includes a heading

spells most familiar words accurately

uses basic punctuation

= About me
My Name is
I am 15 Yease Old.
I do you come From Siree land.
I am Short. I am Feet.
I Language do you speak KKrie.
I hall Lang haire
I am Live al.
Myhair is black and brown.
My Eyes are block.
My fall is round.
My NASC is small.
My Favourite Food is Rice

This is an example of a student at SL Standard (S0.3). The student writes a simple text about herself using familiar structures and vocabulary. At times, the student confuses questions and answers, for example, 'I do you come from Sirre Lono', 'I language do you speak kkrie'.