

Profiles of Ability Across Stage II Writing

CLB 5	CLB 6	CLB 7	CLB 8
Initial Intermediate Ability	Developing Intermediate Ability	Adequate Intermediate Ability	Fluent Intermediate Ability
The writer can:	The writer can:	The writer can:	The writer can:
Write short, simple to moderately complex descriptions, narrations, and communications about familiar, concrete topics related to daily life and experience.	Write short, moderately complex descriptions, narrations and communications about familiar, concrete topics relevant to personal interests and experience.	Write clear, moderately complex texts on familiar concrete topics within predictable, practical and relevant contexts of daily social, educational and work-related life experience.	Write clear, moderately complex texts on familiar concrete and some abstract topics within predictable, practical and relevant contexts of daily social, educational and work-related life experience.
When the communication is:	When the communication is:	When the communication is:	When the communication is:
On a familiar and personally relevant topic	On a familiar and personally relevant topic	On a familiar and personally relevant topic	On a familiar and personally relevant topic
 Intended for a familiar audience 	Intended for a familiar audience	 Intended for a familiar or clearly defined audience 	 Intended for a familiar or clearly defined audience
Relatively short	Relatively short	Moderate in length	Moderate in length
 In moderately demanding contexts 	• In moderately demanding contexts	 In moderately demanding contexts 	 In moderately demanding contexts
Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:	Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:	Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:	Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:
 Adequate paragraph structure with a main idea and some supporting details Adequate use of connective words and phrases Adequate range of vocabulary for most simple everyday texts Good control of simple structures Difficulty with complex structures Adequate control of spelling, punctuation and format Some awkward-sounding phrases and word combinations Able to communicate some moderately complex messages 	 Adequate paragraph structure, with clearly expressed main ideas and some supporting details Appropriate use of connective words and phrases Good range of vocabulary for simple everyday texts Good control of simple structures Developing control of complex structures Adequate control of spelling, punctuation and format Some awkward-sounding phrases and word combinations Content and language are sometimes not appropriate for the audience Uses a limited range of natural idiomatic language, cultural references and figures of speech appropriate to the context Able to communicate an increasing range of moderately complex messages 	 Good paragraph structure, with clearly expressed main ideas and adequate supporting details Paragraphs are developed and joined appropriately to form a coherent text Text contains an introduction, development of ideas and conclusion Good range of vocabulary for moderately complex texts Adequate control of complex structures Good control of spelling, punctuation and format Wording may still be typical of first language and seem somewhat unnatural Content and language, including register, are mostly appropriate for the audience Uses a range of natural idiomatic language, cultural references and figures of speech appropriately Able to communicate most moderately complex messages 	 Good paragraph structure, with clearly expressed main ideas and good supporting details Paragraphs are developed and joined appropriately to form a coherent text Text contains an introduction, development of ideas, and conclusion Very good range of vocabulary for moderately complex texts Good control of complex structures Good control of spelling, punctuation and format Occasionally, wording may seem awkward or unnatural Content and language, including register and variety, are appropriate for the audience Uses an expanded range of natural idiomatic language, cultural references and figures of speech appropriately Able to communicate moderately complex messages