

REVIEW WRITING

Past-paper questions and model answers

This teaching handout compiles the Pearson Level 1 writing tasks supplied by the user. Model answers are original teaching examples, not official Pearson responses. Where fewer than five genuine questions were available, clearly labelled Pearson-style practice tasks have been added.

How to use this handout

Read each exam-style task first and plan your own answer. Then compare your work with the model response. Notice the format, paragraphing, tone, detail and how every bullet point is covered.

Exam reminder: Pearson Level 1 Writing assesses spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as how clearly and appropriately you communicate for purpose and audience.

Practice 1 - Pearson past paper

Source: Past Paper 6 - Task 2

Information

A new sports centre asks visitors to review the activities, price, customer service and possible improvements.

Writing Task

Write a review of the new sports centre on the online form.

In your writing, you should:

- say what you liked and disliked about the new sports centre
- describe improvements you would make

You should aim to write about 150 to 200 words.

(15 marks)

MODEL ANSWER

Riverside Sports Centre: A Good Start

I visited the new Riverside Sports Centre twice this month. Overall, I enjoyed using it, although there are a few areas that could be improved.

The best feature is the range of activities. The gym has modern equipment, and there are classes for different fitness levels. I also liked the swimming pool because it was clean and well supervised. The reception staff were friendly and explained the membership options clearly.

However, I thought the day-entry price was quite high, especially because the changing rooms were small and several lockers were not working. The café also had a limited choice of healthy food. At busy times, there was a long queue at reception.

I would suggest repairing the lockers quickly, adding more benches in the changing rooms and offering a cheaper off-peak ticket. A second reception desk at busy times would also help.

The centre has excellent potential, and I would visit again, particularly if these small problems are addressed.

Model answer word count: 165 words | **Target:** 150 to 200 words

Practice 2 - Pearson-style practice created for teaching

Source: Pearson-style practice - restaurant review

Information

A community website wants reviews of local places to eat.

Writing Task

Write a review of a local restaurant for the community website.

In your writing, you should:

- say where the restaurant is and when you visited
- describe the food, service and atmosphere
- explain whether you would recommend it

You should aim to write about 200 to 250 words.

(21 marks)

MODEL ANSWER

Green Garden Café - Worth a Visit

Last Friday evening, I visited Green Garden Café on Market Street with two friends. The restaurant has recently reopened after being refurbished, so we were interested to see what had changed.

The dining area was bright and comfortable, with plenty of space between the tables. We ordered vegetable curry, grilled chicken and a fresh salad. My curry was full of flavour and arrived hot, while my friends were also pleased with their meals. The menu included several vegetarian choices, which was a real advantage.

Service was friendly but slightly slow. We waited almost twenty minutes before anyone took our order, although the waiter apologised and kept us informed. Prices were reasonable for the portion sizes, but drinks were more expensive than I expected.

The atmosphere was relaxed, and the background music was quiet enough for conversation. The restaurant was also very clean.

I would recommend Green Garden Café for a casual meal with friends or family. If the service becomes faster and drink prices are reviewed, it could become one of the best places to eat in the area.

Overall, the experience had more strengths than weaknesses, although a few practical changes would make it noticeably better.

Model answer word count: 203 words | **Target:** 200 to 250 words

Practice 3 - Pearson-style practice created for teaching

Source: Pearson-style practice - film review

Information

Your college website is collecting reviews of films that learners have watched recently.

Writing Task

Write a review of a film for the college website.

In your writing, you should:

- describe the film without giving away the ending
- say what you liked and disliked
- explain whether you would recommend it

You should aim to write about 150 to 200 words.

(15 marks)

MODEL ANSWER

The Last Journey - Film Review

The Last Journey is a drama about two sisters who travel across the country to find a relative they have not seen for many years. The story focuses on their changing relationship as they face several unexpected problems on the way.

I liked the film because the two main characters felt realistic. Their conversations were sometimes funny and sometimes emotional, and the actors worked well together. The countryside scenes were also beautiful, especially during the train journey.

The main weakness was the middle of the film, which felt too slow. A few scenes could have been shorter, and one side character was introduced but never became important to the story.

Despite this, I enjoyed the ending and thought the main message about family was clear without being too obvious. I would recommend The Last Journey to people who enjoy thoughtful dramas rather than fast action films. It is not perfect, but it is memorable and well acted.

Model answer word count: 162 words | **Target:** 150 to 200 words

Practice 4 - Pearson-style practice created for teaching

Source: Pearson-style practice - course review

Information

An adult learning website asks learners to review a short course they have completed.

Writing Task

Write a review of a course you have completed.

In your writing, you should:

- describe the course and teaching
- say what was useful and what could improve
- explain whether you would recommend it

You should aim to write about 150 to 200 words.

(15 marks)

MODEL ANSWER

Digital Skills for Beginners - Course Review

I recently completed a six-week Digital Skills for Beginners course at my local adult learning centre. The class met once a week, and we learned how to use email, create documents, complete online forms and stay safe on the internet.

The tutor explained each task clearly and demonstrated it before we practised independently. I especially liked the small class size because it was easy to ask questions. The handouts were simple and useful, and I now feel much more confident using online services.

One improvement would be to provide a little more time for smartphone skills. Most lessons focused on desktop computers, but many learners use their phones more often. It would also help to have an optional practice session between classes.

I would definitely recommend this course to adults who feel nervous about technology. It is practical, friendly and suitable for complete beginners. I finished the course with skills that I can use every day.

Model answer word count: 162 words | **Target:** 150 to 200 words

Practice 5 - Pearson-style practice created for teaching

Source: Pearson-style practice - service review

Information

A travel website asks customers to review a coach journey they recently took.

Writing Task

Write a review of your coach journey for the travel website.

In your writing, you should:

- describe the journey and facilities
- say what was good and what was disappointing
- explain whether you would use the company again

You should aim to write about 200 to 250 words.

(21 marks)

MODEL ANSWER

CityLink Coach Service - Comfortable but Late

I travelled from Birmingham to London with CityLink last weekend. I booked the ticket online because the price was much lower than the train, and the website made the booking process quick and straightforward.

The coach itself was clean and comfortable. My seat had plenty of leg room, the Wi-Fi worked for most of the journey and there were charging points beside the seats. The driver was polite and gave clear information before we left. These details made the first part of the trip relaxing.

Unfortunately, the coach left almost thirty minutes late. We were not told the reason until we had already been waiting for twenty minutes. There was also only one short break during the long journey, and the toilet on board was not very clean.

Despite these problems, we arrived safely and the fare was good value. I would use CityLink again if price was my main concern, but I would allow extra time in case of delays. Better communication at the station and cleaner facilities would make the service much more reliable.

Overall, the experience had more strengths than weaknesses, although a few practical changes would make it noticeably better.

Model answer word count: 200 words | **Target:** 200 to 250 words