



AQA Functional Skills English Level 2 Writing November 2022

Sample Answers

You have received the following flyer through your letterbox.

Community Transport Research Group
comtrgroup.co.uk

We're a government-funded group looking at young people's use of public transport. We're trying to get as much information as possible about the real experiences of real young people.

So, provide us with a brief report about one bad experience and one good experience. It's as simple as that.

We'll send you some free travel vouchers when you email your report to us at email@comtrgroup.co.uk.



You want to email your report to comtrgroup.co.uk.

Write a brief report about **one** bad and **one** good experience with public transport. Your report should be approximately **150** to **200** words in total.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write clearly and effectively.

[6 marks]
[+ 3 marks for SPaG]

Green highlighting - reference to mark scheme

Sample answer: Pass

To: email@comtrgroup.co.uk

Subject: Transport Research Report

Dear Community Transport Research Group,

In response to your request for reports on public transport for young people, I would like to share two case studies about my teenage children's experiences.

Harry's Experience:

My son Harry is a student living in London. Recently, he undertook a journey from his university to a concert hall, and although he had never attempted the route before, he was able to move between Tube stations effectively using Google Maps and station signage. The regularity of services meant that he was able to go to a concert late at night, and only waited six minutes for the train home.

Luna's Experience:

Although my daughter Luna faces cancellations and delays frequently, a particularly memorable experience happened last month. She lives in Yorkshire and was due to take two Northern trains and then a bus to get home from work. Both trains were delayed by over 30 minutes, and the second bus did not turn up despite her waiting over an hour, leaving Luna stranded and forcing her to take a taxi home.

Kind regards,

Ronalda Westley

Word count: 187

Examiner comments:

- A range of accurate punctuation is used throughout, including colons, commas, full stops and capital letters.
- The answer includes a range of complex sentences that have been constructed accurately.
- A range of irregular and specialist vocabulary has been used and spelt correctly (e.g. 'regularity', 'frequently', 'signage', 'cancellations').
- The context of the question has been addressed, with a detailed explanation of one positive experience, and one negative one.
- An appropriate format has been used for a report, and the subject line as well as the greeting and sign-off are appropriate for an email.

You have found the following on a news website:

<p>Facing A Challenge</p> <p>We're looking for articles that will tell us something about facing challenges in our lives. Now this can be anything, from the brutal challenge of waking up in the morning to the challenge of addressing climate change. There are sporting challenges, challenges to our beliefs, challenges in our cities...</p> <p>Write an interesting article on how you faced a challenge, whether alone or with others. If your article is published, you could win a 3-day trip to a city of your choice.</p> <p>Submit your article online at: challengeitUK.com</p>	
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Write an article about facing a challenge for the challengeitUK competition.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write accurately in sentences and paragraphs.

[12 marks]
[+ 9 marks for SPaG]

Green highlighting - reference to mark scheme

Sample answer: Pass

Party Planning Challenge

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The plan forms

A couple of weeks ago, I made a rather terrifying decision. After a drink or two, I'd decided to create an invite for a fantasy-themed fancy dress party, promising everything from archery to face painting to a treasure hunt. Before I could consider whether I could handle the challenge of organising such an ambitious event, I'd sent the invite out.

The fear hits

The next day, sober and acutely aware of my innate inability to put consistent effort into a project, I looked down the invite and dreaded all of the preparation that I knew was to plague me over the coming days. How was I to paint a full-scale dragon (pun intended), create an archery target that would withstand the surprising power of the toy crossbow I'd found online,

and conjure a massive unicorn for 'pin the horn on the unicorn' all in the space of two weeks?

The panic-fuelled effort starts

Against all of my instincts, and in defiance of my previous failed experiences with long-term projects, I got to work.

I didn't make a plan - whenever I plan, I usually procrastinate, find myself dreading a project, and abandon it. Instead, I just started doing things. I spent my hours after work painstakingly piecing together menus for cocktails and mocktails, calculating prices and working out where to purchase cream soda and ginger beer (which the supermarket was shockingly devoid of). I spent the nights cutting, glueing, and painting furiously; I was absolutely determined to make this happen. By the time the day of the party arrived, everything was just about ready, and I stared in blank awe at the fact that I'd actually managed to do it.

The best party ever

It wasn't good. It was incredible. Everyone had so much fun, and I received so many compliments that I was left blushing all night.

I had done it. Me, the serial procrastinator, had actually completed a long-term project. It gave me a strange feeling that I'd never experienced before: pride. It felt amazing.

Word count: 348

Examiner comments:

- The tone and style are appropriate for the task, and the text is likely to interest and engage the reader.
- The entire text is written clearly and organised in a logical order using subheadings and paragraphs.
- A range of complex punctuation is used accurately throughout, including hyphens, dashes, commas, semicolons, apostrophes, parentheses, and colons.
- The spelling of a range of complex words is accurate throughout (e.g. 'themed', 'innate', 'preparation', 'defiance', 'piecing').
- Several complex sentences have been formed correctly.