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Foreword



It is said that, "Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish an individual's growth without destroying their roots." How well this quote reflects our teachers' feedback on our students' written work at Buddhist Leung Chik Wai College.

Writing is easy and most people can do it. If you're reading this, you can write. But, can you write well? Does your writing connect with people? Does it engage readers, compelling them to read further? Does your writing inspire action or evoke imagination? This is what we want our writers to aspire to.

We have included samples of our students writing in this collection with feedback from our teachers. Feedback that aims to both encourage our students and raise the bar on writing in our school. We hope you will enjoy this sharing.

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Native English Teacher, English Department



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[1] 1A Chan Lok Yin

My Classmate

I have met many new classmates at school. Let me tell you something about them.

My first friend is Annie Lai. She is tall, and she always put her hair in a ponytail. She is cheerful because she always smiles like the sun. Annie usually listens to music and plays computer games and sleeps. She likes Art most because she likes drawing. Her favourite colours are red and white.



My second friend is June Too. She is chubby and tall. She is generous because she loves giving presents to me. June usually listens to music, paints and plays computer games. Her favourite subject is Art because she likes painting. Her favourite colours are pink and blue.

They are all very friendly and nice. I hope I can meet more new friends later.

(image source : <https://i2.kknews.cc/SIG=1a1t50c/nn100030q401439sn75.jpg>)



Teacher's feedback

Isabella, you did neat and tidy work with fluent expressions! Good try!

You made use of the vocabulary you had just learnt, and you also gave some good details to describe your friends.

To make your ideas more coherent to each other, you can use more connectives to join them together.



[2] 1B Chan Pui Ying

A memorable dinner

This July, just before the summer holiday, my family took me to a Japanese restaurant to celebrate my birthday.

The decoration of the restaurant was unique as they used a lot of old and vintage ornaments. I thought I was dining in an old Japanese restaurant a hundred years ago. There were a lot of different types of food to choose from. I ordered some sushi and rice with miso soup. I drank apple soda too. The food was delicious. My family had soup noodles with fish, chicken wings and sashimi. The chicken wings were spicy, so my mum did not like them. However, I thought they were yummy because I like spicy food. We enjoyed the food and chatted happily. While we were eating, many people were waiting outside for their seats as this restaurant is very popular.

That dinner was a memorable one. If I can go there to celebrate my birthday again, I will be very happy.

(image source : <https://bit.ly/2H3q22p>)



Teacher's feedback

**fluent*

**enough content with appropriate elaborations*



[3] 1C Ho Hiu Tung

A memorable dinner



My family and I had a party at home on 27th December, 2017 because it was my birthday.

The special dish was potato chips. My mother and I made them so it was the special dish. The main ingredients were two potatoes and some salt. It was easy to cook. We sliced the potatoes, add some salt and fried them. Other eaters liked the special dish because it was tasty and healthy.

My family bought my favourite birthday cake for me. The birthday cake was my favourite cartoon character, Winnie the Pooh. They sang the song of my favourite singer, Aarif Lee. They made the meal memorable. I was so happy.

Finally, my family gave me birthday present. It was my favourite singer's photos. "You can see the photos every day," my sister said. I was excited.

I will cook the special dish again because I think it is tasty. I hope I will have a memorable birthday dinner this year too.

(image source : https://d2z4fd79oscvvx.cloudfront.net/0027645_white_forest_cake_385.jpeg)



Teacher's feedback

The content of the blog entry suits the title "A memorable dinner" as it talks about making your own food and what your family members did to celebrate your birthday. You can give more details to make the content richer.



[4]1D Lai Ngo Fung

A personal email



Hi Tom,

It has been a long time since we last met. How are you?

Now I am a secondary school student. My new school has more facilities and activities than my old one.

There are a Science Laboratory on the fourth floor, a swimming pool behind my school and a garden next to the school.

When I was a primary student, in my school, there were a few school clubs like Choir, Drama Club, Arts Club.... However, in this school, there are many interesting school clubs like Robot Club, Cookery Club and Science Club. What clubs do you join in your new school?

My favourite subjects are English, Science and Design and Technology. I like English lessons because my English teacher is kind and generous. She always

gives us some treats if we do well in the lessons. My Science teacher is cheerful and caring. She always cheers us up whenever we are sad. I like Design and Technology because I am good at design and my teacher likes my work very much, too. What subjects do you like?

I like this school because the teachers and my new friends are nice but I think the school hall is a little bit small. We all feel so crowded each time when we attend the assembly.

I can't wait to hear from you. Write soon.

Your best friend,
Eason

(image source : <http://www.allegratucson.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/email-marketing-101.jpg>)



Teacher's feedback

Eason, you are able to describe your favourite secondary school subjects clearly with good reasons. You can use the vocabulary learnt in class correctly. It is a piece of good work.



[5] 2A So Wing Ki, Winky

Writing an essay about online shopping

Do you like shopping online? I like shopping online because it is more convenient than shopping at the department store or shopping centre. Shopping online brings us a lot of benefits.



First, the prices on shopping websites are lower than those at the big department store. For example, Taobao's prices are usually very low. Therefore, if you really want to find the lowest price, do not go to a shopping centre. Also, you can try to compare the prices on different websites.

Secondly, shopping online is really convenient. Some people may think that we can only use a credit card to pay. But actually, some websites allow us to pay by Octopus card! If you are a lazy person, online shopping is the best way for you to shop.

Lastly, shopping online usually has special offers and offers the latest fashion. And there are more choices than shopping centres. They also provide delivery service.

My friend and I prefer online shopping more than traditional shopping. I think online shopping will replace traditional shopping in the future.

(image source : <http://www.newmobility.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/online-shop-300x300.jpg>)



Teacher's feedback

Good job, Winky!

You wrote clearly why you like online shopping and provided valid reasons with detailed explanations.

Good use of what we have learnt in the lessons, such as comparative adjectives and superlative adjectives.



[6] 3A Lo Tsz Kei

Introducing Hong Kong

Dear Lily,

I am writing to introduce different aspects of Hong Kong. Hong Kong is located on the southern coast of the People's Republic of China and it is one of the most densely populated places on the planet. In addition, Hong Kong is famous for shopping, sightseeing and dining experiences.

In Hong Kong, the most popular activity is shopping. Tourists from all over the world who come to visit Hong Kong must like shopping in ladies street, which is a street with more than 100 stores. Tourists love shopping there because the clothes and bags are very cheap and colourful. Also, Temple Street Night Market is a good place to shop.



In addition to shopping, sightseeing is also a popular activity in Hong Kong. Most of the people who visit Hong Kong must like visiting Victoria Harbour, which is a good place to see the view of Hong Kong. At night, a lot of people

will go there to see the night view of Hong Kong and take photos there. Also, there is a light show.

Hong Kong is also a famous place for dining experiences. Imitation shark fin soup and fish balls are the famous local food in Hong Kong. A lot of people who visit Hong Kong should try them.

I believe you will definitely want to visit Hong Kong. I can be your tour guide if you need help.

Regards,
Leo

(image source : <https://bit.ly/2U6UuwH>)



Teacher's feedback

Bravo, Leo!

You used various sentence patterns with well-organised ideas. To enrich the content, you may add more supporting details about your own dining experience.



A sale for charity

Last year, I volunteered at a challenging fund-raising event. It was a charity sale. The aim of the event was to raise money for the elderly.

The event was held at the Butterfly Community Centre. There were more than 40 students participating in the charity event. First, some people, mainly the students' parents, donated us their items. We accepted the donations from them. Then, we sold the items. I donated many things. All of my donations were sold out.

In the event, I helped sell the items. We finally raised about fifty thousand dollars. Oxfam got the money and used it to enhance the elderly service.

I felt great because I made a contribution to the community. It was meaningful because I worked for someone who needed help. It is the actual way to help the people in need.

(image source : <https://www.kiplinger.com/kipimages/pages/13583.jpg>)



Teacher's feedback

Good job, Teddy!

You could write a well-organized article. It would be better if you could write more on your duties at the charity sale and give more details of the elderly service. Giving some examples of the donated items is also important.



[8] 3C Kong Tsz Ching

A visit to a new theme park



A new theme park has just opened in Hong Kong. It is Wild 'n' More Theme Park. My class was lucky enough to visit the park before the grand opening. I was excited.

When we arrived at the Wild 'n' More Theme Park, we went to watch the daily animal shows and met the animals in the zoo. The animals were so cute. We could even get a chance to feed them! It was an amazing experience for me.

Then we went to try the rides. There were a lot of rides and attractions for all ages in Wild 'n' More Theme Park. In addition, there were so many exciting activities that we could join.

After that, we went to buy a lot of souvenirs in one of the gift shops. The souvenirs there were cheap. Next time, I will take my friends and family there.

I think the new theme park is a good place to play and relax. I'll definitely take my friends and family to the park again.

(image source : <https://static.businessinsider.com/image/4ffed9846bb3f7823d000001-400/image.jpg>)



Teacher's feedback

Well done, Jeanie!

You could think of many ideas in this piece of work. To make your blog more attractive, you may add more supporting details such as what animals you saw and what exciting rides you went on in the theme park.



[9] 3D Ho Siu Tin

Organizing activities in a school trip to Australia

Dear Mr. Lin,



I know that you are organizing a school trip to Australia. May I give you some advice?

We can go to meet famous Australian animals such as kangaroos and koalas. We can take photos with them and upload them to Instagram. We can feed the animals too. They are really cute. We can only see them in Australia. We can't find them in other zoos in other countries.

We can enjoy the beach because it is very famous in Australia. The sea is really blue and clean. Swimming in there is very cool and happy. We can enjoy sunbathing there and play football at the beach. We can have summer fun with our classmates. At night we can see some stars in the sky clearly too.

I think the last activity we need to do in Australia is going to visit a museum there. When we go to another country, we need to learn about the history. We can find out more about Australian history there. Inside the museum there is an Australian souvenirs shop. We can go shopping and buy souvenirs for our friends and families.

Yours sincerely,
Jackie

(image source : https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/5e/Australia_Day.jpg)



Teacher's feedback

You can come up with some solid ideas and develop them with enough details. You can give the teacher sound advice on how to organize the trip.



Advice on teenage relationship at school



The situation of teenagers in relationship

Teens in love face many problems. Many teens watch fictional characters engage in romantic activities or see their friends go out on a date, and they get eager to find true love. However, it is difficult for teens to draw a line between true love and a spasm of hormones. As a result, they face pressure from different people and need to ask for advice.

Pressure from parents and friends

Teenagers face pressure from parents. Parents always think their children are not ready to date or they fear the bad influence of a relationship. They are scared that their children in love will be hurt or they focus more on their relationship than on education. They will not study and they will not pass the exam. Parents are scared that children in love will spend time together at the expense of their homework or even decide to skip school.

Also, there is pressure from friends. Your friends do not like whoever you are dating. They think if you are dating, you will not care about them. You will spend more time on dating and won't play with them. Another problem may be that your friends are dating and you are pressurized to find a boyfriend or girlfriend, or your friends will laugh at you.

What you should do

If parents say no, don't argue with them. You should talk with them. You should tell your parents that you can keep a balance between relationship and education and that the relationship has a good influence on you. However, you should end a romantic relationship forbidden by your parents, but you and your dating partner can still remain friends.

I suggest that you can listen to your friends' opinions but make the decisions yourself. Don't find a boyfriend or girlfriend just because your friends are in a romantic relationship.

(image source : <https://cdn.newsapi.com.au/image/v1/28de157379afe56cec06eaf1f2e6e774>)



Teacher's feedback

Good job, Cynthia!

This is a well-organized article. You have fulfilled the task of giving advice to the teens with relationship problems. Your suggestions will be more persuasive if you explain in more detail or give more supporting arguments. For example, why shouldn't teenagers find a boyfriend or girlfriend just because their friends are in a relationship?



[11] 5A Ha Cheuk Man, Kristin

My career aspirations

Good morning, my name is Ha Cheuk Man, Kristin. I am going to talk about the reasons for choosing this faculty, my interests, activities and experiences which are related to my choice. Ultimately, I would like to briefly describe my career aspirations when I finish my university course.

My interest is to care about the world. I always read news and listen to the radio, where people talk about social issues and national affairs. It allows me to think that arise in today's society, inclusive of social justice, social dishonesty and the like. It makes me have the idea of exposing the real news for the public. Also, I am hard-working and have good communication with others. Based on my interest. I, thus, prefer choosing Bachelor of Journalism at your university.

There are several reasons why I am interested in journalism. I have the experience of participating in journalists' activities. I had participated in the 'Small reporters' programme where I learned most of how to be an excellent reporter. Being a reporter who needs to meet tight deadlines, have good communication skills, handle stress well and so on. I attempted to interview a district councilor when I was studying in primary school and participated in the activity. It was the first time I tried to interview him and some strangers as well. Through participating in the activity, I have become more confident and braver when communicating with strangers. I am so keen on journalism course at the University and becoming a reporter. As the leader of our group in the activity, I created a reporters' poster and luckily became the champion. This is my

achievement and experience of joining the programme about being a reporter.

After completing university, when starting my career, there must be a lot of barriers. With the help of my colleagues, I am confident enough in overcoming different challenges. As for my ambition, I want to become an outstanding reporter. I hope I can handle some news reports individually after getting some reporting experience. Communicating with various people well is another important issue. Conducting interviews either with celebrities or politicians is my cherished dream as a reporter. Not only can I learn a lot of things from them, but I can also keep myself alert to make improvements. No matter how hard I have to try to make my dream come true, I would like to commit myself to working as a remarkable reporter. Thank you!.

(image source : <https://www.careersingovernment.com/tools/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/career.jpg>)



Teacher's feedback

Ideas were presented systematically and logically.



Working in Shenzhen



Many people in Hong Kong consider working in Shenzhen after graduation from university in Hong Kong. Can they find a better career path if they work in Shenzhen? In this article, I would like to talk about the advantages and disadvantages of working in Shenzhen. I would also give some advice for people who would like to work in Shenzhen.

To begin with, I will talk about the advantages of working in Shenzhen. Shenzhen is a new place with different developments. There is a good prospect of economic growth. If Hongkongers work in Shenzhen, they will find more job opportunities and earn money. In addition, Shenzhen's cost of living is lower than that in Hong Kong, so Hongkongers can save more money to buy a flat. The property prices of there are lower than those in Hong Kong. They can buy their own flats easily.

Regarding the disadvantages of working in Shenzhen, there will be cultural differences. Hongkongers don't know how to talk with their colleagues. There are a lot of fast-food restaurants in Hong Kong because Hong Kong is a fast-paced city. The pace of life in Shenzhen is slower than Hong Kong. In Shenzhen, the traffic is inconvenient. People need to take time to travel between Hong Kong and the mainland. There are a lot of traffic jams in Shenzhen, which will waste a lot of time travelling to and from work.

Working in Shenzhen becomes a popular trend in Hong Kong as there are fewer job opportunities in Hong Kong. It is common for Hongkongers to go to the mainland for work. They gain more working experience. After working in the mainland, they can find a better job in Hong Kong.

Apart from this, let me give some advice for people who would like to work in Shenzhen. Hongkongers need to talk more with the local people in Shenzhen and fit into their lifestyles. Before working in Shenzhen, they need to learn Putonghua and know how to talk with colleagues. Then, they can have a good relationship with the local people.

That's all about working in Shenzhen. I hope Hongkongers can find a good working place in Shenzhen.

(image source : <https://bit.ly/2ICUAe3>)



Teacher's feedback

Good start, Ka Ming. You could apply different sentence patterns and use various vocabulary. Some ideas were well-developed.



Working in the Kingdom of Fairy Tale

Have you ever dreamed of being one of the characters in the story your mother told you in the bedroom when you were a child? There is no doubt that everyone of us used to



have such a dream in our childhood. In the last summer holiday, my dream came true. I was employed as a costumed character performer in the well-known theme park – The Kingdom of Fairy Tale. Here is the sharing of my typical working day and the good and bad things I faced in my job.

In the Kingdom, I became Princess Candy, a magic princess, who is my favourite character in the story ‘Sugar Kingdom’. Just as what Princess Candy did in the story, I distributed cotton candy to visitors and took photos with them in a gesture of using my magic wand as if I could use magic to catch people’s memories. In addition to these parts of my job, I also needed to perform dancing in the afternoon opera on a daily basis.

There are a lot of good things about my work experience. First of all, as mentioned above, I felt really glad to grab this opportunity to dress as Princess Candy in the job. As a child in a single-parent family, listening to tales from my mother during her spare time was my sole entertainment that was affordable. Therefore, this work experience has evoked my precious memory of my childhood. Besides, as a student, working at a theme park provides a chance for me to boost my communication and language skills through meeting visitors from every corner of the globe. Despite the fact that I could not speak every

language, I tried my best to offer guidance to overseas visitors. Above all, the happiness derived from people's smiles and their satisfaction with my services is the best thing I gained in the job.

However, honestly, there are also a handful of bad things I encountered in my job. Delighted as I was with my 'mission', the costume of Princess Candy was really heavy, especially the pair of wings of Princess Candy. I also felt very hot and uncomfortable after dancing in the above-mentioned performance and I would not forget how much I sweated. What's more, to my fury, I needed to reckon with some unruly visitors who broke the regulations of the park.

All in all, my work experience at the Kingdom of Fairy Tale is a mixed blessing. However, I treat this valuable experience as bliss in my life rather than grief. As the old saying goes, no pain, no gain.

(image source : <https://bit.ly/2GLSbM3>)



Teacher's feedback

It is a good piece of creative work!

You should try your best to enrich your article by elaborating more fully on your experiences. For example, when mentioning visitors' unruly behaviour as one of the bad things you encountered in your job, more details about how unruly the visitors were and how you dealt with them should be given.



[14] 6A Yung Chun Ming, Ken

A letter of advice



Dear J.C.,

I am sorry to hear that your parents disagree with your dream. Now, I totally understand your feelings of why your parents object to your dream. I hope that you can keep pursuing your dream of becoming a vet. There are some suggestions in the following paragraphs.

First of all, you should show your determination in front of your family that you really want to become a vet. I think the most significant reason that your parents disagree with your dream is that you can't give your parents enough confidence. Therefore, you should equip yourself to boost the confidence of your parents in you.

As a vet, you should engage in advance studies to strengthen your competitiveness. In our society, being a vet is a popular career. Therefore, if you become a vet, you will face keen competition. Also, to become a vet, you should basically acquire a bachelor degree, so you should work hard and read more medical science journals to broaden your horizons and learn more about vets so that you can prepare yourself for becoming a vet as soon as possible. Therefore, you should spend more time on your studies.

What is more, you should improve your personality. Being a vet is totally not easy, which surgeries not only involve the lives of animals, but also the

relationship between vets and patients. As a vet, you should conduct surgery on animals. Therefore, vets should bear responsibility to treat the animals with kindness and patience. If you are not punctual in every surgery, many animals' lives will be lost at your hand. Therefore, you should cultivate your sense of responsibility. For example, you can try to help your parents to do housework every day, which can train your patience and responsibility.

After you try your best to equip yourself and show it in front of your family, I think your family can feel your determination and they will be touched by. If they still object to your dream, I think you should try to communicate with them more. Do not give up. I think you can pursue your own dream successfully.

Regards,
Chris Wong

(image source : <https://australianfintech.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Advice.jpeg>)



Teacher's feedback

Ken, your efforts paid off. You are able to apply what you have learnt to your writing, which is well-developed and well-organised. In writing a letter of advice, audience's awareness does matter.



[15] 6B Elaine Cheung

A letter to the editor



Dear Editor,

Recently, there has been much controversy over the issue of filming movies in the city centre. Some are in support of it, others are against it. I am writing to express my views regarding this issue. I believe that filming of movies in the city centre should be allowed because it is essential to the development of movie industry in Hong Kong. It can also bring many benefits to Hong Kong.

Movie filming in the city centre should be allowed because it will foster the development of our movie industry. It can also promote the movie culture to the public and raise public awareness of the importance of preserving our movie industry. Hong Kong's movie industry flourished from the 1980s to early 1990s. Hong Kong was once a leader in the movie industry in Southeast Asia. Our movies were very popular in many Asian countries, such as Thailand, Japan and South Korea. Hong Kong was legendary for being 'Hollywood in the East'. Examples of famous Hong Kong films produced in the 1980s include 'Police Story', 'A Chinese Ghost Story' and 'A Better Tomorrow'. Many directors such as John Woo, Tsui Hark and Wong Kar-wai rose to fame in that era. However, our movie industry has been declining since the late 1990s. By allowing the filming of movies to take place in the city centre, the government can show their support towards Hong Kong's movie industry. This can encourage Hong Kong citizens to provide more support to the industry as well through watching our local films and participating in related events, hence revitalizing our shrinking

movie industry. More youngsters in Hong Kong will be encouraged to study filming and build a career in the movie industry as well.

Permission should be granted to directors who would like to shoot movies in the city centre because this is beneficial to Hong Kong's tourism industry. When our government imposes fewer restrictions on the production of films, more directors will be attracted to shoot their movies. Featuring the gorgeous landscape and beautiful appearance of this cosmopolitan city, these movies may allow people to gain a good impression and learn about local culture. As such, more tourists will flock to Hong Kong where their favourite movies were shot, boosting its tourism by leaps and bounds. It has a ripple effect on all walks of life, particularly benefiting our food and beverage sector, retail sector and hospitality industry.

There should be flexibility for movie makers to choose the most suitable filming location, including the city centre. The city centre is a good choice for movies about everyday life such as 'I Love Hong Kong'. If the industry is allowed to shoot movies in the city centre, there will be more places available for consideration while movie makers are writing their scripts and planning their scenes. Film makers need not adjust the content of their films just to avoid shooting in the city centre. With such a free environment for movie makers in the production of their works, the movie makers can express their creative ideas to the fullest and produce their best products.

In fact, the shooting of films in the city centre may cause inconvenience to the residents and shops in the concerned area. However, I believe that the

government authorities can monitor such filming activities regularly and the film makers should give prior notice to the affected residents and shops. Such filming activities may even encourage more people to visit those streets, thus boosting the sales of the shops there.

The city centre is the heart of every city. It is brimming with both the economic and cultural values of the city. If the authority and movie making companies can spare no pain to balance the interests of different stakeholders, I believe that the benefits of filming movies in the city centre outweigh the disadvantages and it can win the support of all citizens in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

(image source : <https://bit.ly/2H7tVDB>)



Teacher's feedback

Ideas are relevant and well-developed with proper examples. The text is easy to follow and the reader is engaged throughout.





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