

## ESOL Higher Writing: Everyday Life

### Environment

In many ways this is a competent answer that refers to a number of relevant issues and has a positive impact on the reader. However, the level of grammatical awareness is not quite up to Higher standard and the candidate has not followed the rubric. **Mark awarded 7.**

The task is not achieved as the candidate has only addressed the first of the four mandatory points: energy at home. However, within these limits the writing is coherent and cohesive and speaks directly to the reader. Paragraphing follows conventions, with a clear structure. The use of headings in a blog might be unusual but is used here as a way of focussing attention. The candidate speaks to the reader directly which is appropriate in a blog.

The candidate uses a range of vocabulary that is sufficiently wide for the task without being extensive. There are some spelling mistakes: “eficient” (paragraph 1 and later), “brightness”(paragraph 3), “comfortable” (paragraph 4) and “impressive” (paragraph 5).

The candidate’s level of grammatical awareness allows the message to be conveyed but is not of Higher standard. The mistakes do not relate to any particular area but show general limitations. Among them are:

“full the bath with water”, for take a bath (paragraph 1)

“we put the washing machine for only a few clothes” (paragraph 2)

“wait until the washing machine will be full” (paragraph 3)

“Most of people don’t know that sealing leaks and possible holes at home, you can save up to 10%” (paragraph 4)

“Set your thermostat as low as possible in winter could be the best option” (paragraph 4)

“Turn off the oven a bit early than the time you are finishing” (paragraph 5)

Punctuation is consistent and appropriate.