

Candidate 3- Study

The evidence and commentary for this candidate were used (candidate 4) within the ESOL National 5 and Higher Writing webinar in January 2024.

This is a strong, well-structured response despite its overly long nature. Although candidates are not penalised for not following the recommended word count, they often make more errors when they exceed it. This candidate also demonstrates an excellent command of high-level vocabulary.

Mark awarded: 13

Content and organisation

Writing is coherent and cohesive with a positive impact on the reader. The candidate fully achieves the task with support for most points made (although the early part about growing things contains little depth). The style and layout are wholly appropriate for the intended reader and there is clear evidence of structure/paragraphing.

Vocabulary and spelling

The candidate uses an optimum range of vocabulary accurately and appropriately within the context of the task, for example, 'building character', 'positive traits', 'a great gesture', 'accidentally scratching', 'potentially hurt' etc. There are only a couple of minor spelling errors.

Grammar and punctuation

Uses an optimum range of grammatical structures appropriately with a high level of accuracy, for example, 'should be taught', 'Growing also reflects', '...you have to make sure you're...'. and punctuation is accurate.