

LPF Writing Exemplar

Information about Hong Kong

Task Description

Students wrote a letter of advice to the students who would come to Hong Kong for a one-year exchange programme and provided them with information about the weather, food, shopping and places of interest.

Preparation

Before the writing activity, students were shown pictures of different tourist attractions in Hong Kong. They then worked in groups to brainstorm ideas on the various aspects about Hong Kong that an exchange student would like to know, including weather, food, shopping and places of interest. After that the teacher guided the students to organise the ideas into different paragraphs and introduced to them the stylistic features of the letter.

Learning Outcomes: ATMs4-5

Content	Organisation	Language & Style
ATM4 Writing short texts to convey simple information, ideas, personal experiences and opinions on familiar topics with some elaboration	ATM5 Linking ideas quite coherently in some parts of a text, and showing some overall organisation of ideas	ATM4 Using a small range of quite appropriate and accurate language forms and functions, and showing an awareness of tone, style, register and features of some text types
<p>The student can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write a simple letter to give information about different aspects of life in HK, e.g. weather, food and places of interest • write simple descriptions of the weather and food in Hong Kong, e.g. ‘there will be no snows throughout the year but a lot of rains in summer.’, ‘... there are many street food around the city.’ 	<p>The student can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish links within Paragraphs 3-5 using connecting adverbs, e.g. ‘moreover’, ‘in addition’ and ‘also’ to introduce new information • arrange ideas in Paragraphs 2 – 4 using topic sentences, e.g. ‘In Hong Kong, there are four seasons’ to bring out the main idea of the paragraph • structure the letter using six paragraphs, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a brief introduction, ‘Welcome to Hong Kong. I hope the following information about Hong Kong would be useful.’ to state the purpose of the letter - a body, Paragraphs 2 – 5 to introduce different aspects of Hong Kong - a brief concluding statement ‘I hope you can enjoy your life in Hong Kong!’ to express 	<p>The student can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a small range of adjectives to describe different aspects of Hong Kong: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - seasons, e.g. ‘hot’, ‘wet’, ‘cold’, ‘dry’ - food, e.g. ‘different’, ‘delicious’ - shopping, e.g. ‘ideal’, ‘good’ • use a small range of adverbs and adverb phrases to talk about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - where to find street food and shop, e.g. ‘around the city’, ‘everywhere’ - the time for different weather conditions, e.g. ‘throughout the year’, ‘in summer’ • use the modal ‘would’ to make assumptions, e.g. ‘I hope the following information ... would be useful’, and ‘can’ to show capability, e.g. ‘I hope you can get used to it.’, ‘... I’m sure you can find your

	goodwill	<p>favourites.'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use stylistic features appropriate to a letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use appropriate salutation and closing in the letter, 'Dear fellow students', 'Yours faithfully' - establish a close relationship with the reader by using personal pronouns 'I' and 'you' • use 'there-be' structures to introduce information about Hong Kong, e.g. 'There are many different kinds of food in Hong Kong, ...' and 'There will be no snows ...'
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Dear fellow students,

Welcome to Hong Kong. I hope the following information about Hong Kong would be useful.

In Hong Kong, there are four seasons. There are hot, wet summer and cold, dry winter. There will be no snows throughout the year but a lot of rains in summer. I hope you can get used to it.

There are many different kinds of food in Hong Kong, I'm sure you can find your favourites. Moreover, there are many street food around the city. They are all very delicious.

Hong Kong is also an ideal place for shopping. You can buy good stuffs everywhere!

In addition, there are also many places of interest such as the Peak, the Ocean Park and Stanley etc. Don't miss it!

I hope you can enjoy your life in Hong Kong!

Yours faithfully,

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