

E3 ESOL writing revision question

Name _____ Date _____

Teaching notes:

This revision task aims to prepare students for the Entry 3 ESOL writing test.

It portrays a sample student answer to Task 1, Cambridge ESOL E3 Test 067 with accompanying teacher feedback. Note that it *is not* a “model” answer because it far exceeds the required word count of 60.

It also demonstrates some effective methods of feedback that you can use to help learners improve their writing – without actually making the corrections for them.

A knowledge of perfect tenses (well one anyway) is expected but these should have been introduced by/at E3. Practice in distinguishing some “false friends and confusables” is also included (the underlined words.)

Task 1 is summarised below. The complete Cambridge paper is available online at:
http://www.freeexampapers.com/Past_Papers/ESOL/Certificate%20in%20Skills%20for%20Life/Specimen/Set%203/Writing/e3_writing_pp2007.pdf

Task 1 (About 15 minutes)

Someone stole your neighbour's car yesterday. You saw two men near the car. The police have asked you to write a report.

Write your report.

Write about 60 words.

NORTON POLICE FORCE

Crime Report

Please describe:

- where you were
- what you were doing
- what you saw.

Add any other information that you think is important.

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Read this answer to the exam question. Then read the teacher's notes. Then rewrite the answer on lined paper.

Yesterday afternoon I was cleaning upstairs in my flat at No7 High Street, Abingdon. I was cleaning the bathroom first, then I started to cleaning the floors. The vacuum cleaner was quiet noisy, of course. I have asthma and the dust really effects me.

There is a nice scenery from my window. I do notice some activity in the street but that is ordinary. I like to keep an eye on my car. It was parked across the road from my flat.

I heard car doors slammed and looked out. Two guys were getting out of a Silver Audi just outer my flat. One was on his mobile and the other just stood by him, waiting.

I didn't saw anything else really. I was trying to finish the cleaning so I could bring the children from school.

However, only about 10 minutes later, I glance out of the window again, and saw that Frankie's Skoda was gone. His car is the same like mine. It was parked right next to my car. I thought that was peculiar because Frankie never brings his car to work.

That was about half past two. I can't remind anything else, sorry.

1. In several places I have underlined where you've used the wrong word or expression, and you need to replace them with one of these words:

*affects fetch remember view takes as normal
outside quite*

2. I've circled six verbs where you've used the wrong form or tense.

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Answer sheet and comments



Yesterday afternoon I was cleaning upstairs in my flat at No7 High Street, Abingdon. I was cleaning the bathroom first, then I started to **cleaning** the floors. The vacuum cleaner was **quiet** noisy, of course. I have asthma and the dust really **effects** me.

Comment [j1]: clean

Comment [j2]: quite

Comment [j3]: affects

There is a nice **scenery** from my window. I **do** notice some activity in the street but that is **ordinary**. I like to keep an eye on my car. It was parked across the road from my flat.

Comment [j4]: view

Comment [j5]: did

Comment [j6]: normal

I heard car doors **slammed** and looked out. Two guys were getting out of a Silver Audi just **outer** my flat. One was on his mobile and the other just stood by him, waiting.

Comment [j7]: slamming

Comment [j8]: outside

I didn't **saw** anything else really. I was trying to finish the cleaning so I could **bring** the children from school.

Comment [j9]: see

Comment [j10]: fetch

However, only about 10 minutes later, I **glance** out of the window again, and saw that Frankie's Skoda was gone. His car is the same **like** mine. It **was** parked right next to my car. I thought that was peculiar because Frankie never **brings** his car to work.

Comment [j11]: glanced

Comment [j12]: as

Comment [j13]: had been (past perfect to indicate a time before the time when you saw it had gone).

Comment [j14]: takes

That was about half past two. I can't **remind** anything else, sorry.

Comment [j15]: remember