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EduTest Year 8 Entry Written Expression Practice Paper 1

Written Expression

1 timed task plus 1 extra practice task · 15 minutes for the timed task

How to use this booklet

- Write your response to Task 1 in 15 minutes. In the real EduTest the clock starts at once, so start fast and write steadily.
- You are marked on ideas and relevance, structure and construction, and expression (grammar, punctuation and spelling), not on length.
- Task 2 is extra practice for a second sitting. The worked solutions give a marking guide and an annotated model for both tasks.

Task 1: your response

Write on these lines. There is no required length.

TASK 2 OF 2

Narrative

YOUR TASK

Write a story that begins: The last bus had already left.

Type of writing: Narrative. Reader: your teacher.

Planning space

Use this box for a quick plan. It is not marked.

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A weaker opening and a stronger opening

WEAKER

I think schools should start later. It is too early and I am tired. Teenagers need sleep.

STRONGER

Imagine dragging yourself out of bed at six o'clock, eyes barely open, to catch the first bus to school.

The stronger opening puts the reader in the problem before stating a view. The weaker opening states three flat points with no detail.

Check before you finish

- Is your opinion stated clearly in the first few sentences?
- Does each paragraph give one reason backed by an example, and have you answered the other side?
- Does every sentence start with a capital letter and end with the right mark?
- Have you checked the spelling of the longer words you used?

LOS: Writing: persuasive

KEY TAKEAWAY

Open with a hook, give each reason an example, answer the other side, then close firmly.