

Grade 8 Level 1 Writing Sample

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Global warming has become a serious threat to our planet. Explain what we can do as citizens to reduce the effects of global warming. You may want to consider factors, such as:

- recycling
- the impact of fossil fuels (oil, gas and coal)
- the impact of consumerism (buying things).

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Student writing sample:

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Uses some utility words (**place, we, plants**), descriptive words (**many**) and subject-specific words (**recycle, fossil fuels, oil, gas**) related to familiar topics and familiar experiences. Uses some words from prompt without understanding (**we consumerism**).

Writes nouns (**things**), verbs in present tense (**recycle, buy, grow**) and simple past tense (**no evidence**), pronouns (**we**), prepositions (**to**) and articles (**the**) with usage errors and omissions.

Writes simple sentences (**We try don't use the aircons and cars.**) and simple compound sentences (**no evidence**).

Uses spelling that reflects learner's own pronunciation (**no evidence**), capitals at the beginning of sentences (**We**) and periods (**.**).

Produces text using familiar words and phrases to complete writing prompt (**We try use oil little.**).

Connects ideas in simple sentences using conjunctions (**and**), time markers (**when**) and sequence markers (**no evidence**).

Edits sentences for capitalization of names (**no evidence**) and words at beginning of sentences (**We**), periods (**.**) and spelling (**the, we**).

Use the checkboxes below to display the corresponding benchmark text.

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Overall
Benchmark Level:

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