Grade 9 Level 1 Writing Sample

Compare your home, village or city to the place you live now. Describe things that are the same and different.

Use the checkboxes below to display the corresponding benchmark text.

Student writing sample:

A and B same.

So many people is in here. Anybody hope to good health. A people like to swim but B people play ball.

So many car and bus. Many tree and flower.

A and B different. Weather is cold but A isn't. See too much cars and trucks. No homeless in A.

B students have long hair. A students no long hair. No football here.

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Benchmark Ratings

	☑ Linguistic Vocabulary	1
	☑ Linguistic Grammar	–
	☑ Linguistic Syntax	1
	☑ Strategic	1
	☑ Socio-Linguistic	1
	☑ Discourse	–
	☑ Editing	–

Overall Benchmark Level:	1

Uses utility words **(students, cars, trucks, hair)**, descriptive words **(anybody, many, good, cold, long, too much, no)** and subject-specific words **(same, health, different, weather, homeless)** related to familiar topics and personal experiences.

Writes nouns **(tree, flower, hair)**, verbs in present **(is, have, hope, isn't)** and simple past tenses **(no evidence)**, pronouns **(no evidence)**, prepositions **(in, to)** and articles **(no evidence)** with usage errors and omissions.

Writes simple and compound sentences **(A people like to swim but B people play ball.)**.

Uses spelling that reflects learner's own pronunciation **(no evidence)**, capitals **(See)** and periods **(.)**.

Uses familiar words, phrases and sentence frames **(So many people is in here. So many car and bus.)**.

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

Edits sentences for capitalization of names **(no evidence)**, words at beginning of sentences **(No)**, periods **(.)** and regular spelling **(football here.)**.

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