

## AQA Functional Skills English Level 1 Writing January 2020 Paper

## Sample Answers

0 1

You recently saw this notice at a bus stop:

**Can you help us?**

Did you see a traffic accident near this bus stop last week? The accident involved a bus and a passenger. We need to find out as much as we can about the events.

If you saw the accident, would you please send a short report to the email address at the bottom of this notice? At this time we want the main facts of the accident, so that we know if you can help us. We will get in touch with you if we need further information from you.

Send your report to: police.bramby@email.com

You saw the accident and want to help. Write an email report for the police.

The report should:

- provide an introduction to what you saw
- say where you were and what you were doing
- give clear information about what you saw
- be approximately 80 to 120 words.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write clearly and effectively.

**[6 marks]**  
**[+ 3 marks for SPaG]**

To: police.bramby@email.com

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to report information about the traffic accident that I witnessed last week. I was waiting for the 29A bus home from work at 5pm last Friday, when the 33A to the town centre pulled up to the bus stop.

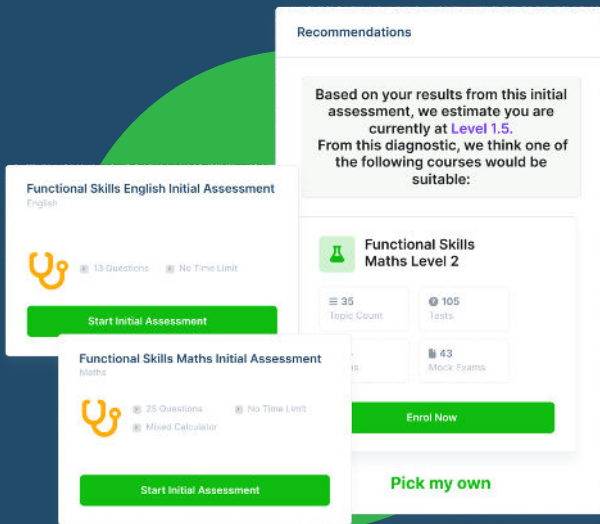
I saw a young girl leave the bus, instantly crossing the road whilst typing on her phone. Without looking, she walked in front of the bus just as it was setting off. The driver couldn't have known that the girl would step out so soon due to a restricted view, but the bus wasn't going any faster than 10mph. Consequently, the girl was knocked down, and bumped her head on the ground. One of the passengers rang an ambulance, which came five minutes later and took her to hospital for precaution. The driver looked very distressed, but ensured that the girl was in safe hands and that the passengers were comfortable before resuming service.

Best regards,  
Claire Vorder

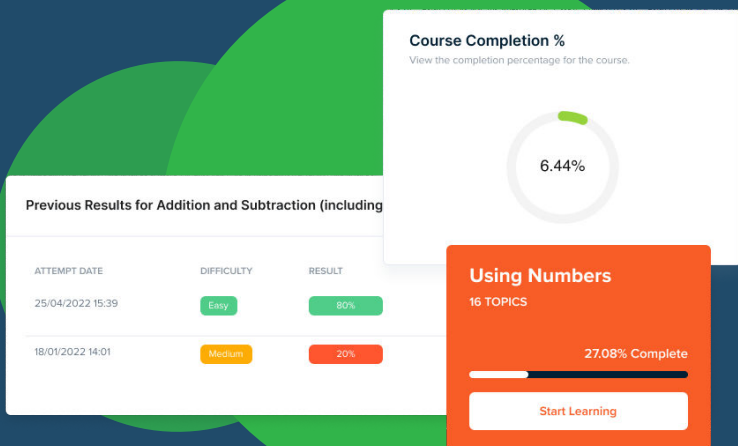
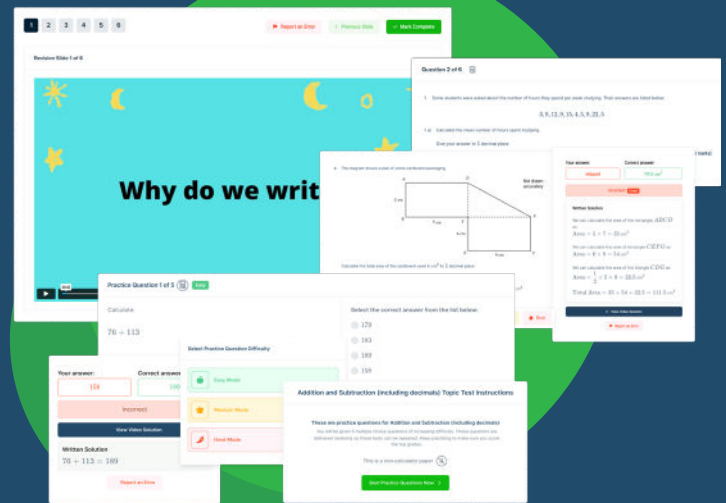


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**\*Highlighted text** is for important information from the mark scheme

**Examiner comments:**

- The text clearly describes the accident as it happened without unnecessary details, using good logical sequencing
- Text is concise and uses a variety of linking sentences to keep the story moving forwards
- Format and length are appropriate to the task

0 2

You have recently visited Bramby Sports Centre, advertised below:

**☰ Bramby Sports Centre**

Where sport is special, where facilities are special, where you are special!


▶ The best place to go for:

- Swimming
- Gym activities
- Basketball, badminton and squash
- Fencing, wrestling and boxing
- Fitness sessions

As well as

- Restaurant, bar, IT suite
- Children's play area
- Spectator seats
- Disabled access

Read our reviews on:  
<http://www.brambysports.co.uk>



**Bramby Sports Centre**  
Fieldhouse Lane  
Bramby BY17 6TF

Write a review of the Sports Centre, giving an account of your visit. Say why you would recommend the Sports Centre or not.

You should include:

- what you did at the Sports Centre
- what other people were doing
- what you liked or disliked.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write accurately in sentences and paragraphs.

**[9 marks]**

**[+ 9 marks for SPaG]**

### **A Review of Bamby Sports Centre**

I visited Bamby Sports Centre for the first time with my two nephews last weekend. They fancied a game of squash together, whilst I went swimming on the ground floor. I loved the fact that there was a separate pool for children, as it meant I could swim lengths in my own time and space. The boys also enjoyed their game, and highlighted how modern the equipment was.

After our workouts, we went to the restaurant for some well-earned food, and definitely didn't leave hungry. The menu had a variety of meals to choose from, including vegetarian dishes, and even gluten-free options! The boys went for a Mediterranean-style pizza, and I had the freshly cooked risotto of the day - need I say more?

When walking back to the car, we saw people boxing and fencing, which I think is a nice touch in the centre. However, this is at an additional cost which I think is a bit unfair considering the price of a yearly pass! Price aside, I would recommend this centre to anyone as there are facilities for beginners, advanced, families and more. The staff is what really makes the centre run smoothly. From kitchen staff to personal trainers, they do it all with a smile on their face.

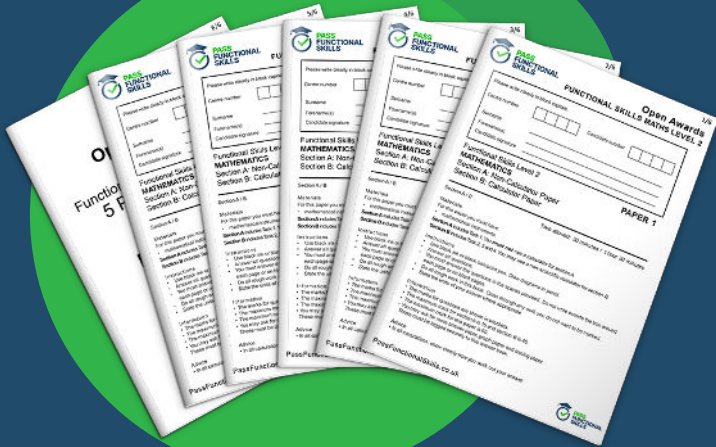
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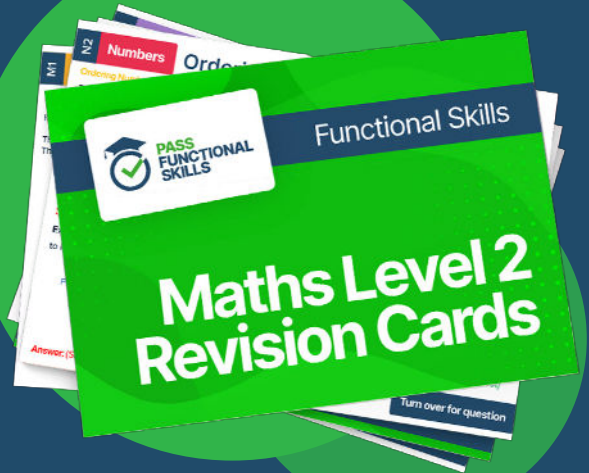
- The writer describes their positive experiences at the sports centre using a variety of vocabulary and sentence structures
- Uses persuasive language features to support the aim
- They explain everything in a concise way that conveys clear meaning



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