

English Placement Test
Student Writing Samples

English 1A Placement

At six years of age, ice hockey became my sport of focus. From skating lessons to shooting drills, passing drills to checking drills and learning the rules of the game, I worked extremely hard to accomplish my goal of becoming an all-around hockey player—pushing myself harder and harder every practice just so it paid off when I had that extra step to go around a defender and score the winning goal. Ice hockey has been a lot more than just a sport; it has helped me in life on many occasions such as when my mother passed away, when handed drugs I was smart enough to pass, or even after breaking up with a girl I really liked. Playing hockey has provided me with a team environment where I can set high standards and goals which I fully intend to meet.

Few spelling errors

Sentence structure variety

Clear thesis

In the case of my mom passing away, hockey gave me a place to go and have fun, talk to people, and even let some suppressed aggression out. If I ever felt depressed, the hockey rink was a perfect place because I had many friends there to have fun with. I could talk to other parents that were kind of like parents to me too. Out on the ice, taking out aggression was no issue since checking is a legal part of the game.

Topic sentences clearly stated

Critical thinking ability evident

When the topic of drugs came to pass, there was no possible way because the goals I set for myself couldn't be accomplished if I weren't in the correct state of mind. Hockey is a very demanding sport physically and mentally so I needed to be on my toes at all times. Laziness and

Some punctuation errors

depression would just stand in my way of reaching those high standards and goals. Trying my best at all times got me into semi-pro leagues and I still continue on my dream to play professionally.

Break-ups were always a pain, especially if you are emotionally attached. This is where hockey again plays a huge part in my life to help me not think of that person and get over the situation that much quicker. Again, there is checking in ice hockey so any aggression that might have been felt was appropriately dealt with. Hockey provided a great learning and caring environment in which I could do my absolute best while getting over personal problems that I carried at the time.

**Clearly stated
concluding
sentence**

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English 68 Placement

The world as we know it today is focused primarily upon obtaining and sustaining currency. Very few things in our lives are not directly affected by money. Thus the beauty of living is using our resources, for both mutual and personal gain. Of course, types of "gain" vary from person to person.

Clear topic sentences

The most important thing people should spend their money on is a person's biased opinion. One man may believe his money is best spent on his family's health and happiness, while another may believe filling the tank of his brand new Ferrari is why he wakes up for work every morning. Too many variables arise from such a question. But the question does ask for my own biased opinion.

Generalizations are supported

Logical reasoning

Very few things in my life make me more happy and content than family health, happiness, and well-being. Friends, as well, deserve to be happy. Waking up knowing the closest things you hold dear in your life are happy and content, is worth more than any pay check. Family and friends above all else. In the end, they are all that really matter, in my biased opinion.

Some punctuation errors

Occasional fragment

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English 67 Placement

Working hard is what gets us paid good money. Nothing is free so in order to achieve our goals or set our priority's we must pay for it. Priority's can differentiate from person to person. Some may have children others may simply be unemployed.

Topic sentences expressed

The fact being people should spend their money on what they need rather than what they want. That goes for young adults who need to pay for school or bills and other expenses. Others may have big goals and not entitled to any huge responsibilities or obligations such as children, or mortgage payments. Leaving them a great deal of space to focus. For example this may be someone who wants to pursue a career as an audio editor or videographer. They would spend a great deal of time at a studio, in a session, or at home on a computer working on an upcoming project. This person's money would tend to a lot of equipment needed to get that big sound, or crisp recording they always dreamed of.

Word usage inhibits communication of ideas

Misuse of commas

Bottom line, people should be passionate rather than foolish about the decisions they make. If you are passionate about your goals then money can only dictate what you've earned and if you are serious about your priority's then money can only tend to the things you love an need to take care of.

Person shift

Superficial critical analysis

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LERN 81 Placement

I think many people should spend their money on things that they are going to use or need. Some people spend their money on things they will never use or need for an example buying new cloths on every paycheck or eating out 2 to 3 times a day or even spending money on video games or gameboy sistoms. I think that you should always put your money on something that you know you won't spend it like, the bank, have your mother open up a savings account for you. That will help you in many ways like help you in college to buy yourself books, school supplys, pay for classes that you wan't to take. That way you don't have to ever get student lones or financhal ade you could just pay for it right out of your own money then you will never probubly have to have bills from school.

Multiple errors in mechanics and punctuation

Unfocused ideas

Multiple spelling errors

Also maybe if you don't want to go to school there are many other things you could buy like a car everybody always needs a care and if you have enough money you might be able to buy a car cash and have no payments, Than you don't have to worry about any bills that will probubly give you bad credit to buy a house or get lones on day in life.

Some details

Presentation rambles

So thats why working hard and saving your money can help you in the future. So you should always think before spending your money on new cloths, eating out ever day or even buy video games that you will get bord of.

Topic is superficially discussed

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AmLa 43W Placement

When it comes to wish, most people will think about something they want, but they couldn't get! When I was child, I wish I could have a car! Because I was very interested in cars, so I wish I had one to drive when I grown up. After that, I was interested in war. I was always playing "War Game" on internet with my friends. I wished I became a general. Now, I wish I could be going to university soon. When I came to America as a student graduate from high school, I thought the most urget thing to do is to choose a college and continue studying. This is the first step and the most important step. I have visited many websites about college and asked many friends for advice. I thought the Mt. SAC was the best college for me. Because it have more than 200 degree, and your units could transfere to university. That I could save a lot of time. In order to make sure, one day I went to Mt. SAC. I was surprised by such many students that the parking lots was nearly full. The campus was very big and the facilities was new. In addicent, Mt. SAC had a lot of very profesenal staff. They have gave me a lot of helpful information. Therefore, I was choosing Mt. SAC I thought my desic--- is correct. My wish will come true.

Non-native language use present

Transitions

Good organization

Some errors in spelling

Concluding idea expressed

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AmLa 42W Placement

The most important person in my life. Five years ago, I met my husband—Sunny in the church. That year I just came to United States. I felt live in America is very difficult. I worried about looking for a job, find a house, and a lot of things. I also missed my son who still in China. I never felt happy even I wanted to back to China.

**Non-native
language use
dominates**

Sunny was a happy man. He was helpful and friendly. He told me a lot of things I never heard. He told me there is a father in haven, that is God. God made everythings include people. We are all his children. God loves everyone and wish us happy, he even gave us his son to safed our livie's. Juses dies for us. We don't need worried anything, only believed him and out everythings to God's hand. I discovered everyone in church is kind and they liked to help others. Since I went to church and met my husband, I became a happy woman. Suny helped me find a job and tought me drive the car, rent an apartment, and told me his experience in U.S. I was very thanks him.

**Some correct
sentences**

**Addresses
prompt
simply**

**Some specific
details**

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The person whom is my mother. In the age before 24th. I am consentry on my study. My school learning project social life in the teenage. I can not wait to grow up. Before the age I do not even remember what was I talked to her or was I spend the time with her. The time past and it past fast. At the age 30th. I have a baby girl. I need to work for living. After eight hours working, sometimes overtime stay late, I am tires. I am out of pation. My home nothing is in order. The daily meal, the to go food always!

Some coherent ideas

Confusing syntax

One day, I call my mom. She packed right away while she hung up the phone. She move to my home take care my baby girl, give her bath, play with her, sing the songs, fit her, prepare the daily meals, keep house clean every day when I got home. I felt the worm and relex. I don't need to worry anything. Because it has been take care by my mom.

Numerous errors in spelling and punctuation

On her face with smile always, she talk slow and softly. You can feel her kindness, she tread every one nice and gental.

I am a talk fast, move fast, out of pation if the poeper does not respond quick. So, sometimes I will look at her and think. Tell myself. She is the idol. She give peoper a hand when they needed. No matter who, when, where, slow down your steps, be pation to the people.

Large degree of reader compensation required

After years, I have change a lot learning from my mother. You will see any smile on the face thoughtful to the people. No more TV food in the daily meal. My home is warm and sweet since she became one of the member.

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ESL Placement

*I had a change on my life, that was in 1988 went my First boy
born a will never Forget how I Feel, I Feel so exsiting and scare,
because I did not that much how to take care a baby. But I think is a
very nice experience and exsiting, that was a very nise change on my
life I wil never Forget that moment.
It been severel years already but I still remember that exseting day. I
am very happy with my two boys. I wouldt done any thing different
because that experience is unusual.*

**Preponderance of
non-native errors
destroys
comprehensibility
of ideas**

**Elementary
vocabulary**

**Inability to write a
sentence correctly**