

Introductory Certificate in General English

Out-of-Class Writing Assignment 2

Choose one of these two tasks

Task 1: Writing about a Holiday Destination

A friend is planning to go on holiday to a destination you know well. Write your friend an email telling him or her about the place and giving any information or advice you think will be useful.

Here is a list of topics to help you. You don't have to include them all in your email:

- Name of destination
- Where is it?
- Weather
- Transport
- Sights, scenery and buildings
- Food and drink
- Traditions
- Things to do
- Entertainment
- Money

Remember to plan your ideas carefully into three or four paragraphs. You will be rewarded not only for accurate grammar use, but also for a good range of vocabulary and interesting content.

Tip: Check your work carefully afterwards for careless errors.

Word count: 200-250 words

Task 2: Writing a News Story

Write a story for a newspaper. Include at least 6 of the following words in your story and underline them to show you have used them.

robbery	pensioner	thief	prison
car chase	bird	crash	innocent
kidnap	hotel	pram	escape
baby	diamond earring	jewellery shop	hide

Your story should have two or three paragraphs.

Here is a possible way to introduce your story: *Hundreds of shoppers were shocked by a dramatic scene yesterday evening in central Mongkok. Here's what happened.....*

Tips:

- Remember to give details on place, time, people, as well as the main events of the story, as they happened.
- Try to use some of the verb patterns you have practiced and also the active and passive verb forms.
- Think carefully about which verb tenses to use.
- Check your work carefully afterwards for careless errors.

Word count: 200-250 words

Remember to only do one of these two tasks.