

Stage 1 ESL Studies

Text production: creative writing

Background:

You have been studying a range of academic lectures on contemporary issues including:

- Language change and slang (Linguistics)
- Giftedness and genius (Education)
- Social status and consumerism (Sociology and Economics)
- Marketing in a global context (Marketing)
- Types of memory (Cognitive Psychology)
- Scientific basis of love (Neuroscience)
- Future space exploration (Astronomy)

Task:

Your task is to write a **formal letter** related to one of these topics. You must first find a specific magazine or news paper article and then respond to that article in the form of a letter to the editor. It is important to demonstrate your understanding of the topic as well as your ability to follow the conventions of formal letter writing in English.

Examples:

Possible letters you could write include:

- A letter complaining about a related issue (eg falling educational standards)
- A letter arguing against bias or factual errors in an article
- A letter of thanks or appreciation, expressing the importance of an issue and adding detail or social context.

Weighting: 10% of final grade

Word limit: 400 words

Due date: Wednesday 30th April

SACE assessment criteria:

- Knowledge and understanding 1, 3
- Analysis 1
- Application 2
- Communication 2

Please note:

This should be a polished piece of writing with adequate planning, editing and redrafting. Because it is a relatively short writing task, it is an opportunity for you to demonstrate the best of your English writing ability.