

**Reflective writing: minimum standard practice writing test**

Sample question

Your answer will be assessed on:

- relevance of writing to the topic
- structure and sequence of ideas
- control of language

Look at the image below.



Write about a time when you felt a sense of hope.

**Scaffold for sample question**

This question is asking you to write a **reflective text**. A reflective text is you looking back on a particular time in your life and in this case, feeling a sense of hope. You can create an imagined situation but make it sound as if you're reflecting on a real situation (it doesn't have to be true). In a reflective text, the **audience** would be yourself (like a diary, part of an autobiography) or your peers (a letter to people interested in your life). The **purpose** is to instil hope in someone else who might be experiencing hardship and inspire others that there is hope in their lives. This text type may contain the features of creative writing (creative descriptions including sensory imagery, similes, metaphors).

**Vocabulary related to hope:**

achievement, belief, desire, faith, goal, wish, reward, peace, acceptance, resilience

**Some ideas to consider:**

- a) Hope after overcoming a particular challenge (sporting competition, difficult test, making a new friend)
- b) Hope after receiving good news (following a doctor appointment, something at school)
- c) Hope in being able to build your confidence to help you achieve your goals (becoming better at a particular subject, managing being nervous during a speech and getting a positive response)
- d) Hope after a sudden change in events- maybe you thought something was impossible but now it seems achievable

**Other ideas:**

- e).....
- f).....

**Sentence starters:**

*In a reflective text, you are describing a past experience. Use past tense throughout and first person perspective to explain what happened. Each paragraph should build on the narrative (story), moving in chronological order from beginning to end.*

- **First paragraph:** When I was..... I thought... Previously I believed that...
- **Following paragraphs:** Later on, I was challenged by... The following year, I found that...
- **Conclusion:** From this experience I felt... Now I know that...

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Look at the photograph below.

The photograph below shows a highlight of childhood.



Write about a highlight of your childhood.

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This question is asking you to write a **reflective text**. A reflective text is you looking back on a particular time in your life and in this case, it is a highlight of your childhood. You can create an imagined situation but make it sound as if you're reflecting on a real situation (it doesn't have to be true). In a reflective text, the **audience** would be yourself (like a diary, part of an autobiography) or your peers (a letter to people interested in your life). The **purpose** is to describe a significant, positive time during your childhood. This text type may contain the features of creative writing (creative descriptions including sensory imagery, similes, metaphors). Remember to explain why a particular memory is a highlight.

**Vocabulary related to highlight:**

favourite, best, outstanding, significant, important, life-changing, enduring, exceptional, triumph

**Some ideas to consider:**

- A family trip to a popular tourist destination (did you have a memorable time with a sibling or parent/carer? Did you discover something new?)
- Winning a sporting competition (did you score a goal? Did you have a positive experience with a team member and felt a sense of unity?)
- Accomplishing something at school (did you do well on a test? Were you selected to be on the SRC, SJC or SAC?)
- Spending time with a particular family member (did you learn a story from a grandparent that shaped your way of thinking?)

**Other ideas:**

- .....
- .....

**Sentence starters:**

*In a reflective text, you are describing a past experience. Use past tense throughout and first person perspective to explain what happened.*

- **First paragraph:** When I was..... I had the best time... My favourite memory is...
- **Following paragraphs:** Later on, I discovered... This was a highlight because...
- **Conclusion:** From this experience I felt... Now I know that...

