

Overview of Situational Writing Tasks

Formats	Purposes	Audiences	Tone
Informal Letters Informal email	To thank a relative living overseas for something, to invite, to meet up, to encourage	Friend, family member	Informal Casual (but not grammatically inaccurate or using slang) Friendly, optimistic
Formal Letters Formal email	To complain, provide a suggestion, propose an action, apply for a job or position, to convince someone, to share an opinion (e.g. letter to the Press)	Company, govt, school, institution, organisation, the Press,	Formal, polite, Convincing / persuasive (angry or disgruntled if purpose is to complain)
Speeches	To inform, to motivate, persuade, to entertain, raise awareness, give thanks / appreciation	Classmates, schoolmates, group of peers, group of stakeholders, general public, teacher-in-charge	Persuasive, informative, assertive, authoritative, formal, casual
Proposals	To gain support for a future action / to propose an action for implementation	Boss/employer, teacher-in-charge, principal, sch, business partner, company/ organisation, institution,	Persuasive, formal, informative
Reports	To provide detailed and factual information about a specific topic	Police, school community (teacher-in-charge, P, student), business partner, general public, parents	Formal, neutral, informative, persuasive, informal
Article	To give information/ share factual info about something that happened, to share an opinion, raise awareness	Magazine or newspaper editor, teacher-in-charge	Formal, neutral, informative, May be casual depending on context (e.g. Mothership)Informal

Overview of Formats (always refer to the task instruction for PAC)

Informal letters	Writing a letter to someone to: - thank - extend condolences - Recount an event/incident - Persuade - advise	Blk 123 Tampines Avenue 3 (sender's address) #05-345 Singapore 520123 20 September 2011 Dear Jane, Para 1 Para 2 Para 3 • Yours sincerely, (Best wishes, With love), Yours truly, <i>Annie</i>	Useful expressions: - I cannot believe that it has been two years - It seems like ages since we last met - Send my love to Aunt May - Thank you for such a wonderful evening - I cannot thank you enough - You will not believe what happened last week Persuade - I hope you will come - Please say you will come! - You will come, won't you? - moreover, furthermore, in addition,
Formal letters	Writing to: - Complain - Reply to customer - Newspaper to express views - Appeal - Commend a person - Ask for permission - Apply for a position - Proposal - inform	Annie Santos Blk 123 Tampines Avenue 3 #05-345 Singapore 520123 20 September 2011 Mr David Wong Customer Service Manager Design Centre Singapore 5 Changi Business Park Crescent #09-09 Singapore 486029 Dear Mr Wong, <u>Re: Defective sofa bed Model KY 204</u> Para 1: I am writing Para 2 Para 3	Useful expressions: - I would be grateful if you could - I appreciate your assistance in... - There is no doubt that - Surely,...

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		Yours faithfully <i>Annie</i> Annie Santos	
TYPES OF REPORTS			
PROPOSAL To: From: 21 September 2011 <u>Proposal on proposed year-end class party</u> Para 1: <i>introducing the title.</i> Para 2,3,4 ... <i>details of proposal</i> Last para: <i>concluding statement about the subject.</i> Proposed by / Written by <i>Annie</i> Alice Ng Chairperson of Organising Com. Sec4C		Information Report To: (Full name, designation, organisation) Reported by: (Full name, designation, organisation) 21 September 2011 <u>Feedback on EFL 2010 (Title)</u> <u>Headers for each section/bullet point (e.g. Introduction, Conclusion)</u> Para 1: <i>overview of what the report is about. (purpose)</i> Para 2: <i>one aspect of EFL with details</i> Para 3: <i>2nd aspect of EFL with details</i> Para 4 <i>other aspects of EFL</i> Last Para: <i>concluding statement about the subject. (action required)</i>	
		NEWSPAPER REPORT (on an accident, Teen Blogging, etc) 21 September 2011 Headline (short and catchy to attract readers' attention) Para 1: <i>state the most interesting/important piece of information concerning the contents of the topic. Eg. Antique carpet exhibits at the ACM were stolen.</i> Para 2: <i>specific details incl. facts and figures data, quotes"....."</i> Para 3: Para 4: Para Last Para: <i>sum up main points or give special information to the public. E.g. for more information email..... / Investigations are still going on/No one has claimed responsibility for the bombing.</i> Reported by Tan Ming How (The New Paper)	

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To: _____(email add)
From: _____(email add)

Date:

Re: _____

Best regards,
(your name)

Article format:

Title: _____

Written by:
Date:

(body paragraphs)

OR

Title: _____

(body paragraphs)

Written by:

Speech format

Title: _____

Intro:
Directly address audience
- Good morning / afternoon /

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Date: