

### Feedback sheet

#### **Organisation and ideas**

#### Write the title here:

#### Introduction

- 1. Is there some general background to the title being answered? Yes/no.
- 2. Is there a thesis statement which says what the purpose of the essay is? Yes/no.

#### 1st paragraph

- 3. Is there a paragraph leader for this paragraph? Yes/no
- 4. Are the ideas in this paragraph supported with evidence from background knowledge? Yes/no

#### 2nd paragraph

- 5. Is there a paragraph leader to this paragraph? Yes/no
- 6. Are the ideas in this paragraph supported with evidence from background knowledge? Yes/no

#### 3rd paragraph

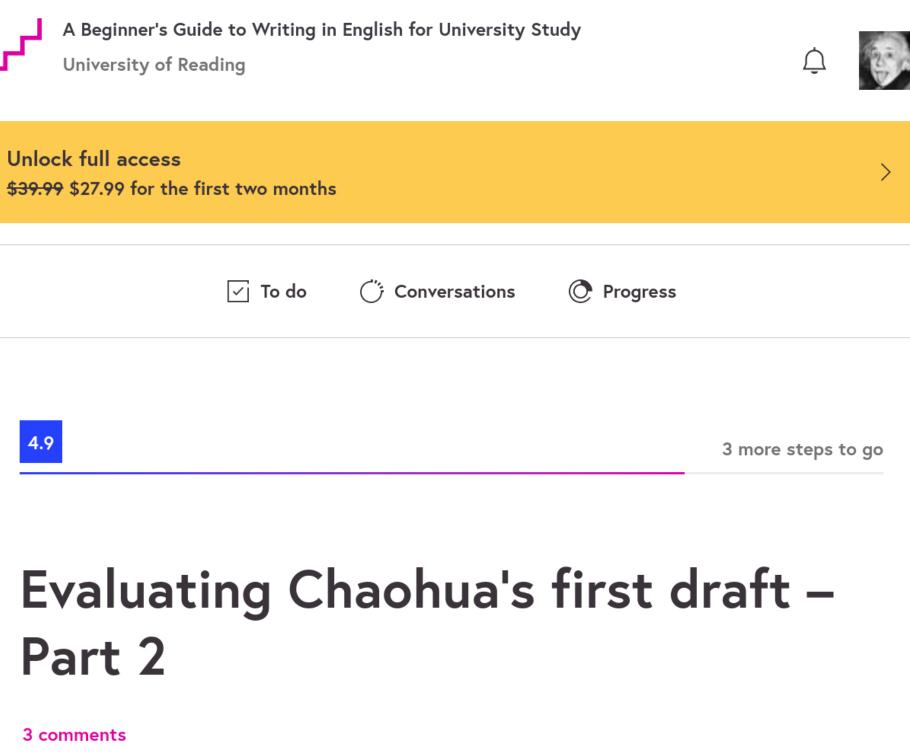
- 7. Is there a paragraph leader to this paragraph? Yes/no
- 8. Are the ideas in this paragraph supported with evidence from background knowledge? Yes/no

#### Conclusion

- 9. Does the conclusion sum up the body paragraphs? Yes/no
- 10. Does it end with a prediction or some advice for the future? Yes/no

#### **Summary**

What suggestions do you have for improving this essay?



# Now look at Seb's completed feedback sheet on Chaohua's essay. Did you make the same points about her essay?

Feedback Sheet on organisation and ideas Write the title here:

Discuss the reasons why increasing numbers of young children are

## learning English early in China.

Is there some general background to the title being answered?

Introduction

YES/NO

is? YES/NO

1st paragraph

schools and kindergarten in Shanghai. Is there a thesis statement which says what the purpose of the essay

Yes – some; English is popular in the world, and is taught in primary

However, the thesis statement doesn't relate to the essay title, which is about the reasons why young children are learning English.

Yes - 'The main reasons for its popularity are considered below'.

Is there a paragraph leader for this paragraph? YES/NO

Yes - 'The majority of official languages are English'. However, this is

language. This is more accurate than describing it as an 'official

different from the plan, which refers to English as the main international

Yes – business, politics, education etc., all use English, so to get a good

### Are the ideas in this paragraph supported with evidence from

2nd paragraph

adults

language' in most countries.

job people need English.

background knowledge? YES/NO

background knowledge? YES/NO

quickly than adults.

at school.

Conclusion

• Is there a paragraph leader to this paragraph? YES/NO Yes - linguists know that children learn languages more quickly than

Yes - some. Chaohua gives the example that children can learn 3 or 4

languages but she does not prove that children learn languages more

Yes - parents care about their children and want them to be successful

Yes - some. Chaohua writes that parents want their children to learn

3rd paragraph • Is there a paragraph leader to this paragraph? YES/NO

Are the ideas in this paragraph supported with evidence from

 Are the ideas in this paragraph supported with evidence from background knowledge? YES/NO

English because with good English they will be successful.

Chaohua sums up with the idea that learning English is popular with children because English is spoken widely and children learn quickly. (Paragraphs 1 and 2). She has not summed up paragraph 3.

Does it end with a prediction or some advice for the future?

Does the conclusion sum up the body paragraphs?

Summary

Chaohua needs to expand her introduction and bring more background

Shanghai. After all, her essay title asks her to discuss the situation with

Chaohua needs to prove her belief that children learn languages more

information about young learners and China into it rather than just

What suggestions do you have for improving this essay? Introduction

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

Conclusion

It ends with a prediction.

teaching young learners in China.

Chaohua has given some evidence that adults care for their children because they want them to be successful. However, she needs to add more examples or facts about this.

On the whole, Chaohua has organised her essay well into sections

which make her ideas fairly easy to understand. However, she needs to

develop her ideas, and include more facts and examples as evidence in

write more words! Her essay is too short at 231 words. She needs to

Chaohua needs to improve her summing up.

quickly than adults by giving some facts about this.

order to persuade her readers that her beliefs are correct. © University of Reading

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they are compatible.

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might need to do in an assignment one day.

No, I didn't. Al most of my answers are wrong

because adults also deserve to learn

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Manuel Perez Add a comment... (plain text only, links will be auto-linked)

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♠ Reply Report Manuel Perez 31 MAY Did you make the same points about her essay?

Compare your ideas with what Seb thought. If they don't quite match, check if

Also, think about what Seb says in a why that is can be a checklist for what you

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Chaohua, if you need to fix them a little more, summarize them since adults

worry that young people learn more, but the ideal is that everyone learns

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