

ZIMSEC ENGLISH ESSAY MARKING REPORT

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ORIGINAL ESSAY WITH CORRECTIONS

~~Friendship~~**Friendship** Friendship. Friendship is very important in life but ~~not everyone~~
~~know~~ **not everyone knows** how to make it or to keep it. Many people ~~think friend is~~ **think a**
friend is just someone to talk with when you are happy, but true friendship is ~~more deep~~
deeper. A real friend is the one ~~who stand with you~~ **who stands with you** when you fail,
when you are sick, or when your family is not ~~there.~~ **! 1. 12** In my own life I see the power of
friendship. One year I was very lonely at school, ~~no one want to sit~~ **no one wanted to sit**
with me, ~~people laugh when I try~~ **people laughed when I tried** to answer. Then a girl
called Sarah ~~just sit with me~~ **just sat with me**. She was not rich and not very clever, but
~~she share her food~~ **she shared her food** and her smile. From that ~~I learn friendship~~ **I**
learned friendship is not about money ~~or clever~~ **or cleverness** but about ~~caring heart~~ **a**
caring heart. But friendship is not always easy. Two people come from ~~different family,~~
~~different behavior~~ **different families, different behaviours**. ~~One like noise~~ **One likes**
noise, another like silence. That can ~~make quarrel~~ **cause quarrels**. I remember I lost a
friend because of jealousy. ~~She pass exam better~~ **She passed exams better** than me and
~~I feel angry~~ **I felt angry**. ~~Instead of be happy~~ **Instead of being happy** for her, ~~I stop talk~~
~~with her~~ **I stopped talking with her**. ~~Later I regret~~ **Later I regretted**. ~~True friend must b~~
True friend must be.

DETAILED TEACHER FEEDBACK

This composition demonstrates a good understanding of the topic of friendship, offering relevant ideas and a clear personal anecdote. Your narrative flows logically from a general definition to a personal experience and then to the challenges of friendship. This shows good thought and planning. However, there are significant areas for improvement, particularly in grammatical accuracy, tense consistency, and the correct use of articles and word forms. With focused practice on these areas and careful proofreading, your writing will become much stronger and more polished. Keep up the effort, as your ideas are valuable!

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. **Tense Consistency:** Pay close attention to using the correct verb tense, especially when narrating past events. Once you start a story in the past tense, ensure all subsequent verbs in that narrative remain in the past tense.
2. **Subject-Verb Agreement:** Always ensure your verb matches its subject in number (singular or plural). For example, 'everyone knows' (singular subject 'everyone' takes singular verb 'knows').
3. **Articles (a, an, the):** Practice using articles correctly before nouns. For instance, 'a friend', 'a caring heart'.
4. **Word Forms:** Be mindful of using the correct form of a word (e.g., adjective vs. noun: 'clever' (adj) vs. 'cleverness' (noun)).
5. **Plural Nouns:** Remember to use plural forms for nouns when referring to more than one item or general categories (e.g., 'families', 'behaviours', 'quarrels', 'exams').
6. **Preposition + Gerund:** After a preposition (like 'of', 'for', 'in'), if you use a verb, it should typically be in the '-ing' form (gerund), e.g., 'Instead of being happy'.
7. **Proofreading:** Always read through your essay carefully after writing to catch spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors. This is crucial for improving accuracy.

IMPROVED VERSION FOR LEARNING

Friendship. Friendship is very important in life, but not everyone knows how to make it or to keep it. Many people think a friend is just someone to talk with when you are happy, but true friendship is deeper. A real friend is the one who stands with you when you fail, when you are sick, or when your family is not there. In my own life, I have seen the power of friendship. One year I was very lonely at school; no one wanted to sit with me, and people laughed when I tried to answer. Then a girl called Sarah just sat with me. She was not rich and not very clever, but she shared her food and her smile. From that, I learned friendship is not about money or cleverness, but about a caring heart. But friendship is not always easy. Two people can come from different families, with different behaviours. One likes noise, another likes silence. That can cause quarrels. I remember I lost a friend because of jealousy. She passed exams better than me, and I felt angry. Instead of being happy for her, I stopped talking with her. Later I regretted it. A true friend must be.