

# Response Analysis (Intermediate):

## Task 2 Responses

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*This document contains the full versions of all the Writing Task 2 sample responses used in the exercises for Response Analysis (Intermediate). It also indicates the CELPIP Level that each response received, for your reference.*

### Writing Task 2

#### Apartment Painting Survey

Many tenants in your building have complained that their apartments need to be painted. Your landlord is surveying your opinion about two options. One option is for him to provide free paint and supplies so everyone can paint their apartments themselves. The other option is for each tenant to hire a painting company and he will pay half the cost.

Choose the option that you prefer. Why do you prefer your choice? Write about 150–200 words.

**Option A:** I would prefer the landlord to provide paint so I can paint my apartment myself.

**Option B:** I would prefer to hire a painting company and pay half the cost myself.

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### Content/Coherence and Readability

#### CELPIP Level 8

Dear John,

Firstly I would like to thank you for finally getting around to organizing having some painting done, I personally have been waiting to paint the house for over a year now so thank you very much.

Rather than having a contractor in my house and carelessly spilling paint all over my furniture and other possessions I would prefer to paint the place myself if that's alright? The house is quite cluttered and I'm afraid a painter would not respect my property as much as I would, therefore I think it's a better idea if you provide the paint. Then I can plan to set aside a day to move

everything away from the walls and do it myself. At least that way if any paint gets on my sofa I would only have myself to blame!

Once again I would like to thank you for listening to my neighbours and I about painting our apartments, other landlords would not do as much.

Graciously yours,

Francine Bishop

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## Content/Coherence and Readability

### CELPIP Level 9

Dear Mr Jones (Landlord),

Apartment Painting Survey

Option A

This is not a viable option for me. I work full time in a demanding job and I simply do not have the spare time to paint my own rented apartment - free issued paint and supplies or not. We should also not rely on my very poor painting ability. I am likely to get more paint on the floor than on the walls!

Option B

This is my preferred option. I am very familiar with outsourcing this service. I am very proud of my living space and want it to feel clean and fresh. I know a good reliable painting company that I have used at a building where I was previously a tenant. I can also provide two painting quotations for your review if this is helpful or indeed required.

I note the landlord is offering to pay 50% of the upfront costs and I will be requested to meet the remaining charges due on completion of the job. I really do not see an alternative option so if this proposal is satisfactory to you I am happy to proceed on this basis.

Kind Regards,

Kent Harper

## **Content/Coherence**

### **CELPiP Level 10**

When it comes to painting, I must say that I always prefer to leave it to the professionals. My preference for outsourcing the painting comes from not having the painting expertise myself and also not having the time available to commit to painting my apartment.

Using a painting company ensures high quality work, as the painters do this for a living and have been doing this for years. Professional painters will make sure the appropriate number of coats have been applied, there are no accidental paint marks and will protect the items in my apartment.

Secondly, the painters can likely finish the work in one to two days, whilst I am at work. I am busy with work through the weekdays and have a busy weekend schedule. The painters will be able to complete the in a few days whilst I am at work. If I was to do the painting, it could take me months, as I would only be able to complete a small amount each weekend.

Not only will they do a better job, but the painters can likely finish the work in one to two days and this is why I prefer option B.

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## **Vocabulary**

### **CELPiP Level 7**

First of all, painting is a technical skill that is not familiar with everyone. Also what the people suffer from is excessive self-confidence and think that they are able to do all tasks by themselves. Dying an constructed area, specially an apartment, is completely special which takes lots of time to train and hone this skill. Hence, leaving it to un experienced tenants like me is controversial and the consequence of task seems awful.

Secondly, Most of the tenants are employed and do not have enough time to paint their home by themselves, so they cannot finish it in an reasonable time and maybe they will leave it in the middle of process of painting. Also it is possible that landlords encounter with extra charges to hire a professional person who are meeting their requirements to repaint the home.

To sum up, despite every one would like to spend less money for refurbishments and reconstructions of an apartment, specially a tenant, the rational and logical choice is to hire an expert team to manage the painting process and split the cost of painting between tenants and landlords and make it affordable for both at once,

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## Vocabulary and Task Fulfillment

### CELPIP Level 7

Dear Landlord,

This is in response to your survey about the painting in our apartment. I would like to hire a painting company and pay half the cost myself instead of doing all the painting for my apartment myself. Below are the viewpoints i would like to share with you :

1. As per my opinion the painting company will do there work efficiently and flawlessly.
2. As we have kids at home doing the painting ourselves will be very difficult and we cannot do the painting as smooth as the company employees can do.
3. It will save our time as they will finish the work early with there tools without any mess. If I will opt the other option than i need to buy all the tools for painting our house which will be another headache and those tools will be of no use later on.

Thanks & Regards,

Your Tenant.

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## Vocabulary

### CELPIP Level 7

I am writing to you to response your survey for painting our apartments. I would prefer to hiring a painting company and pay half the cost of myself. There are some reasons that support my option.

Firstly, i have the full-time job, and i have to work from Monday to Friday. During the weekend, i would like to spend time with my family, especially with my two young children. So i don't think i have enough time that i can paint the apartment by myself. And the two children are 3 and 5 respectively, i am afraid that i can take care of them during i paint the apartment.

Secondly, i am lack of special knowledge of painting, although you can provide paint to me. I have no idea what should i do for the painting. The painting company has the professional worker that can paint the apartment excellent. Based on their technology, they spend shorter time than me if we hire a painting company to do the work. And I am glad to pay half the cost for the painting by myself.

Thank you for you request our opinion of painting the apartment. And i am be very excited that we will have a new look for it.

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## Vocabulary

### CELPiP Level 10

My preference is to hire a painting company due to their skills, experience and expertise in painting apartments.

By hiring qualified painters, we will experience the benefits of: a high standard and quality of paint work, insurance coverage should any accidents occur while carrying out the work, and be guaranteed in the quality of materials selected. This will result in less liabilities for us in the future, particularly in guarantee for the work should it start to peel or fade. This way, we can be assured due to the workmanship guarantee, the company will repair it without further expense to us.

It is important that the apartments maintain a certain standard and quality of paint work to retain the property value, as well as consistency of paint colour and workmanship across all apartments. There are also benefits to be gained in many apartments being contracted to be painted at the same time, since it is likely to result in cost efficiencies with paint materials and labour costs.

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## Readability

### CELPiP Level 8

I'd prefer to paint my apartment myself and my reasons are simple and straightforward. Below I tried to present them in organised form:

- I know the mentality of our landlord rather well and I am sure he will question the size of fees charged by quality painting contractors. Moreover, he will most likely try to delay payment for "his"

half of the bill. As a result, I would have to pay the bill myself in full and then chase him for the money.

- I do not want other people working in my apartment as I dislike intrusions into my private space.
- I work from home and can allocate enough time to do the painting job correctly.
- I am sure I could do a better job painting my own apartment than any external contractor.
- I like to paint and to play with colors and I would love to be able to paint different walls in my apartment in different colors - something I won't be able to achieve if a contractor is used.

Sincerely,  
Justin