

HKBU LANG 0036 Learning Session Report

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Course Information and Student Background

Course Information: Course: LANG 0036 - English for Academic Purposes Level: Intermediate to Advanced Focus: Academic writing and critical thinking Assessment: Essay writing with rubric-based evaluation

Student Background: Academic Level: University student Language: English as additional language Goals: Improve academic writing skills Challenges: Structure, vocabulary, critical analysis

Rubric:

Assessment Task: Writing (20%) Part 1: Point-of-view Essay (10%)

Criteria: Content and Ideas 1 (Limited): Ideas are irrelevant or minimally related to the topic. Lacks awareness of the issue concerned. No clear viewpoint. 2 (Basic): Ideas are somewhat related but vague. Minimal awareness of the issue concerned. Viewpoint unclear. 3 (Developing): Ideas are relevant but basic. Some awareness of the issue concerned. Viewpoint present but weakly developed. 4 (Proficient): Ideas are relevant and solid. Good awareness of the issue concerned. Clear viewpoint with some depth. 5 (Excellent): Ideas are insightful and highly relevant. Strong awareness of the issue concerned. Well-developed, compelling viewpoint.

Criteria: Organisation and Logical Progression 1 (Limited): No clear structure. Ideas are disjointed with no development or progression. 2 (Basic): Basic structure with unclear paragraphing. Ideas are listed with little development. 3 (Developing): Clear structure with some paragraphing. Ideas are developed but lack depth or logical flow. 4 (Proficient): Well-organized with clear paragraphs. Ideas are developed logically with good flow and support. 5 (Excellent): Highly organized with effective paragraphing. Ideas are thoroughly developed with seamless, logical progression.

Criteria: Vocabulary 1 (Limited): Vocabulary is limited, repetitive, or inaccurate. Lacks topic-specific terms. 2 (Basic): Basic vocabulary with some repetition. Minimal use of topic-specific terms. 3 (Developing): Adequate vocabulary with some variety. Includes some topic-specific terms but with occasional errors. 4 (Proficient): Varied and precise vocabulary. Effective use of topic-specific terms. Minor errors. 5 (Excellent): Rich, precise vocabulary. Masterful use of topic-specific terms. Almost error-free and sophisticated.

Criteria: Grammar and Sentence Structure 1 (Limited): Frequent grammatical and spelling errors. Sentences are incomplete or confusing. 2 (Basic): Several grammatical and spelling errors. Sentences are simple and often flawed. 3 (Developing): Some grammatical and spelling errors. Sentences are mostly correct but lack variety. 4 (Proficient): Minor grammatical and spelling errors. Sentences are varied and mostly accurate. 5 (Excellent): Virtually error-free grammar and spelling. Sentences are complex, varied, and accurately constructed.

Part 2: AI-Assisted Review Skills (10%) A. In-Depth Conversation with AI 1 (Limited): No exchanges or chat history; no questions asked. 2 (Basic): Sparse conversation; one or two simple questions. 3 (Developing): Adequate exchanges; some relevant questions. 4 (Proficient): Robust interaction; detailed, relevant questions across levels. 5 (Excellent): Extensive, well-documented chat history; insightful, multi-level questioning.

B. Critical Review of AI Suggestions 1 (Limited): All AI suggestions accepted blindly. 2 (Basic): Most accepted; little analysis. 3 (Developing): Some evaluated; partial justification. 4 (Proficient): Most critically reviewed with clear justification. 5 (Excellent): All evaluated thoroughly with strong, evidence-based reasoning.

C. Refining Process 1 (Limited): No revisions made. 2 (Basic): Minimal revisions; no iteration. 3 (Developing): Some revisions with limited iteration. 4 (Proficient): Clear iterative process with multiple revisions. 5 (Excellent): Extensive refinement with iterative improvements.

Contribution Analysis

Here is a substantive revision of that sentence with clearer meaning, formal tone, and academic style:

Revised sentence:

"However, governments sometimes respond only partially to public demands and fail to implement significant or effective actions to address climate change."

If you'd like, I can help you revise further or assist in rephrasing the entire paragraph to flow smoothly and clearly. Would you like to continue revising another sentence or expand on this one?

Grading Result (Hidden from students)

not finished

STUDENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

Course: LANG 0036 - Enhancing English through Global Citizenship

Module: AI for Revising Essays

STUDENT TRAINING PROGRESS REPORT (AI Collaboration Emphasis)

TASK COMPLETION CHECK

Required Revision Tasks: 1. **Revised the thesis statement** – ■ Not completed (Student only pretended to revise; no new thesis provided) 2. **Revised one topic sentence** – ■ Not completed (Student only pretended to revise; no new topic sentence provided) 3. **Revised one body paragraph** – ■ Not completed (No substantive revision provided; only surface engagement, no actual content rewriting)

Status:

Since none of the above tasks have been substantively completed, the student has not finished the revision requirements for this training module.

ESSAY WRITING ASSESSMENT

Original Essay Scores:

- **Content and Ideas:** 19/25 – The original essay demonstrates some awareness of climate change issues and the relevant debate but lacks depth and nuanced examples.
- **Organization:** 18/25 – The structure is mostly logical and paragraphs are present; however, some transitions and progressions are unclear.
- **Vocabulary:** 17/25 – Vocabulary is adequate for the task but there are awkward phrasings and minor inaccuracies.
- **Grammar:** 16/25 – Several grammatical errors limit clarity and fluency, though meaning is still generally understandable.
- **Original Essay Total:** 70/100

Revised Essay Scores:

No meaningful revisions were implemented; thus, the scores mirror the original essay. - **Content and Ideas:** 19/25 – No substantive changes. - **Organization:** 18/25 – No substantive changes. - **Vocabulary:** 17/25 – No substantive changes. - **Grammar:** 16/25 – No substantive changes. - **Revised Essay Total:** 70/100

Essay Improvement Analysis:

- **Overall Improvement:** +0 points
- **Key Improvements Made:** None. The student did not engage in genuine revision.

- **Missed Opportunities:**

- Thesis statement could have been made clearer and more concise.

- Topic sentence revision would have sharpened focus and connection to thesis.

- Body paragraph could have shown logical and linguistic improvement.

HUMAN-AI INTERACTION ASSESSMENT

Chat History Analysis:

- **Total Exchanges:** 12

- **Conversation Quality:** The chat shows moderate engagement, some willingness to proceed, but frequent avoidance of authentic revision ("let's pretend we have revised..."). The student did not attempt revisions when prompted but opted to skip steps.

Interaction Scores:

- **In-Depth Conversation:** 3/5 – The exchanges are of sufficient length, with some back-and-forth, though mostly procedural and lacking thoughtful content development or deep inquiry.

- **Critical Review of AI Suggestions:** 2/5 – The student acknowledged the assistant's ideas but did not critique, evaluate, or implement suggestions; no evidence-based acceptance or rejection.

- **Refining Process:** 2/5 – The process lacked authentic iteration; the student did not execute meaningful revisions or cycles of review; mostly procedural acknowledgment and movement to next steps.

- **Human-AI Interaction Total:** 7/15

OVERALL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Strengths Demonstrated:

- **Engagement with the AI assistant:** The student responded to most prompts and moved through the workflow.
- **Willingness to proceed:** The student kept the lesson moving despite hesitancy to revise.
- **Awareness of essay structure:** The student identified thesis and topic sentence, understanding assignment parts.

Areas for Improvement:

- **Actual Revision Practice:** Student must complete substantive revisions rather than “pretend.” This is essential to skill development.
- **Critical Engagement:** Student should show willingness to evaluate and discuss AI feedback, rather than simply accept or skip suggestions.
- **Iterative Process Participation:** Multiple drafts and improvements are needed for writing development—student should practice cycling through edit/feedback stages.

AI Collaboration Skills Assessment:

- **Context Provision:** Needs Improvement – Student did not supply new context or clarify academic aims in responses.
 - **Strategic Planning:** Needs Improvement – No clear plan for revision was set or followed.
 - **Critical Evaluation:** Needs Improvement – The student did not critically engage with AI comments or suggestions.
 - **Independent Editing:** Needs Improvement – No independent revisions or substantive edits were made.
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

1. **Essay Writing Skills:** Actively complete all revision steps and make real changes to your thesis, topic sentences, and body paragraphs to develop effective writing.
2. **AI Collaboration Skills:** Use the AI's suggestions as starting points and engage in genuine, critical discussion—talk about why suggestions work or don't, and edit accordingly.
3. **Overall Improvement:** Participate fully in each step of the process, demonstrating both writing skill and collaborative thinking; avoid skipping or simulating tasks.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES

Student is familiar with essay parts and process, but did not perform actual revision work. Consider meeting with the student to discuss the importance of engaged practice in revision, or to clarify assignment expectations regarding authentic participation.

Progress Status:
NOT FINISHED — Student must complete all required revision tasks through substantive engagement in both writing and collaborative revision with the AI.

■■■ Student Feedback ■ **Rating:** 0/5 ■ **Comment:** No additional comment provided.

Current Mode:training

Complete Conversation

Assistant:

Original:
Climate change is a very serious problem in the world today, and many people argue that the actions of individuals do not matter much compared to what governments and big companies can do. I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play.

The most important way individuals can help fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians. When many citizens demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to act. For example, if people protest or vote for leaders who care about the environment, it can push the government to ban pollution or invest in clean energy. In some countries, people have joined together and forced their leaders to make new rules about plastic or cutting carbon emissions. This shows that public opinion and pressure from normal people can have a big effect, even if individuals alone do not have much power. But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well. Also, sometimes people want change but they don't know how to tell the politicians, so nothing happen.

On the other hand, individuals can also make small changes in their own lives, like recycling, using less water, or choosing to walk instead of drive. These actions are not as powerful as government policies, but they still matter. If many people try to live in a greener way, it can create a good example for others and send a message to companies that customers want eco-friendly products. For instance, if lots of people buy from green companies, businesses will try to be more sustainable to make more profit. But also, sometimes people don't care and just want to do what is easy, so this is problem. Or maybe only a few people do green things but most people don't change, so it not really enough to help the climate problem.

In conclusion, while individual actions alone may not solve climate change, they are not completely useless. The most important thing is that citizens can influence governments to make strong decisions for the environment. At the same time, personal green habits can also help, even if they are less effective. In my opinion, everyone—governments, companies, and individuals—needs to work together to fight this problem.

Revised:

Climate change is a very serious problem in the world today, and many people argue that the actions of individuals do not matter much compared to what governments and big companies can do. I reckon that it is right because I believe citizens can still influence the government by pressuring governments to act, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, contribute to environmental improvement.

By influencing the government and politicians, it is one of two main way which individuals can help the government to fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians. When many citizens demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to act. For example, if people protest or vote for leaders who care about the environment, it can push the government to ban pollution or invest in clean energy. In some countries, people have joined together and forced their leaders to make new rules about plastic or cutting carbon emissions. This shows that public opinion and pressure from normal people can have a big effect, even if individuals alone do not have much power. But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well. Occasionally, even when citizens call for action, governments implement only minor policies instead of stronger solutions. Also, sometimes people want change but they don't know how to tell the politicians, so nothing happen.

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Assistant:

Welcome to the training mode of AI assistant. In this session, you are expected to revise the thesis statement to ensure it includes two main points that address the essay question.

Can you first locate the thesis statement in the draft?

You:

I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play

Assistant:

Great job sharing your thesis statement! Here it is again so we can focus together:

I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play.

Here's some feedback to help you revise:

Clarity & Focus:

Your meaning is quite clear, but the sentence is a bit long and could be more direct. Try to clearly state your position and mention your two main points.

Preview of Main Points:

You mention government influence and personal lifestyle, which is good. It may help to state this as the two main ways individuals can help with climate change.

Academic Tone:

Words like "I partly agree" are fine, but try to use a confident voice: avoid "I think"/"I also think." Expressions like "while less impactful, still have a role" could be sharper ("have a smaller, but significant, impact").

Precise Language:

Instead of "which is very important," specify "by pressuring governments to act"; instead of "have a role to play," you might say "contribute to environmental improvement."

Possible structure:

"Although individual actions may seem less important than those of governments and corporations, citizens can still make a meaningful difference by both influencing government policy and making greener personal lifestyle choices."

Task:

Would you like to try revising your thesis statement now, making it:

- Direct and confident
- Previewing both main ways individuals matter (government influence and personal habits)
- Answering the question about how much individuals' actions matter in climate change

Give it a try, and I'll help you polish it further if needed!

You:

Let's pretend we have revised the thesis statement and move on

Assistant:

Great! Now that your thesis statement is clear and focused, let's move to **Step 2: Topic Sentence Revision**.

First, please choose ONE body paragraph that you'd like to work on (either the first about influencing government/politicians, or the second about personal green lifestyle choices).

Which paragraph would you like us to revise?

Once you decide, please copy and paste the topic sentence from that paragraph here.

After you share, I'll give some quick feedback and guide you in strengthening its connection to your revised thesis!

You:

The most important way individuals can help fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians.

Assistant:

Great choice! Here's your topic sentence again:

The most important way individuals can help fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians.

Let's check how well it matches your revised thesis. Here are a few things to consider:

1. Connection to Thesis:

Your thesis mentions two ways individuals matter: influencing government policy and making greener personal lifestyle choices. This topic sentence should clearly introduce the idea of influencing government as **one main way** individuals can make a significant difference.

2. Precision and Academic Tone:

Phrases like "the most important way..." are strong but could be even clearer if you relate them directly to the thesis wording (e.g., specify that this is one of two main ways). "Influencing government and politicians" could be slightly more precise.

3. Clarity:

It might help to briefly show *how* individuals do this, to set up the paragraph's explanation.

Guiding questions:

- Does your topic sentence show that this is ONE of the key ways individuals can fight climate change (not the only way)?
- Does it echo the confident, academic tone of your new thesis?
- Could you mention that public pressure can shape government action on climate issues?

Want to try revising this topic sentence now?

Aim to:

- Connect clearly to your updated thesis wording.
- State that influencing government is one major way individuals have an impact.
- Use confident, academic language.

Once you try, I'll help you refine it!

You:

let's pretend we have revised topic sentence and move on

Assistant:

Perfect! We'll move to **Step 3: Improving the Rest of the Paragraph** (about individuals influencing government).

Here's the revised process:

Step 3: Revising the Supporting Sentences

Let's look at your paragraph and improve the supporting sentences so they:

- Clearly support your new topic sentence.
- Stay focused on HOW individuals influence government action on climate change.
- Flow logically, with enough explanation/examples, and avoid repetition.

Here's your draft paragraph (excluding the revised topic sentence):

When many citizens demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to act. For example, if people protest or vote for leaders who care about the environment, it can push the government to ban pollution or invest in clean energy. In some countries, people have joined together and forced their leaders to make new rules about plastic or cutting carbon emissions. This shows that public opinion and pressure from normal people can have a big effect, even if individuals alone do not have much power. But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well. Also, sometimes people want change but they don't know how to tell the politicians, so nothing happen.

Let's review together. Here are some guiding questions:

1. Do each of your supporting details clearly relate to how individuals can pressure governments on climate change?
2. Is the explanation/logical flow clear? Can your reader follow each point easily?
3. Are there any sentences that are off-topic, unclear, or could be combined for unity?
4. Is there any evidence/example that needs more detail?

To help you:

- Are you using clear transitions? (For example: "Another way citizens can have an impact is...")
- Is the limitation of personal influence explained logically? (Maybe clarify why sometimes governments don't act.)

Let's start by choosing one sentence that you think could be improved for clarity or unity.

Pick a sentence, and let's try revising it together! If you're not sure where to start, I can suggest some possibilities too.

Ready? Which sentence would you like to revise first, and why?

You:

ok let's revise the rest of the body paragraph #1

Assistant:

Great! Let's work together to revise the rest of body paragraph #1 to make it clearer, more logically organized, and strongly connected to your revised topic sentence.

First, let's break your paragraph into its main supporting sentences, so we can look at each one closely:

1. When many citizens demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to act.

2. For example, if people protest or vote for leaders who care about the environment, it can push the government to ban pollution or invest in clean energy.
3. In some countries, people have joined together and forced their leaders to make new rules about plastic or cutting carbon emissions.
4. This shows that public opinion and pressure from normal people can have a big effect, even if individuals alone do not have much power.
5. But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well.
6. Also, sometimes people want change but they don't know how to tell the politicians, so nothing happen.

Here are some guiding questions for your revision:

- Are there repetitive ideas that could be combined?
- Are all your examples specific and clear?
- Are the limitations of individual influence explained smoothly?
- Do you use transitions to help the ideas flow?

Let's try to revise, sentence by sentence.

Step 1: Revising for clarity and logical order

Which sentence would you like to start with?

(For example, maybe sentence 5 isn't very clear: "But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well.")

Would you like to try improving that sentence, or is there another one you'd like to start with?

Explain your thinking, and then try your revision! I'll help you polish it afterward.

You:

But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well.

Assistant:

Great choice! That sentence is important because it explains one of the limits of individual influence—but it could be clearer and more formal.

Feedback:

- The meaning is a bit hard to follow; "maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action" is vague.
- For academic tone, avoid words like "maybe" and phrases like "so is not always working well."
- Try to state directly: governments may respond only a little, or not take strong action, even when citizens pressure them.

Guiding prompts:

- You could say: "However, governments sometimes respond only partially to public demands and do not implement significant changes."
- Or: "Occasionally, even when citizens call for action, governments implement only minor policies instead of stronger solutions."

Your turn!

Would you like to try revising your sentence with a more direct, formal structure? Focus on:

- Clearly stating that governments may only make small changes or avoid strong action, despite citizen pressure.

Write your revised version, and I'll help you improve it further if needed!