

# HKBU LANG 0036 Learning Session Report

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## Course Information and Student Background

Course Information: LANG0036 Enhancing English through Global Citizenship Course: LANG0036 section 26 Level: Focus: Assessment:

Student Background: HKBU Academic Level: Language: Goals: Challenges:

Rubric:

## Contribution Analysis

Your conclusion has a good foundation: it clearly wants to restate your position and end with a positive, community-minded message. Here are some specific recommendations to improve it:

1. Grammar and wording:

2. Change “advantage of either the local or migrant workers” → “benefit both local and migrant workers.”

3. Replace “fair treat” with “fair treatment.”

The sentence “Not only by the government’s effort of promoting the fair treat to the migrant workers, but we should also be nice to them as one of the Hong Kong communities” is awkward and ungrammatical. Consider:

**“Not only must the government promote fair treatment for migrant workers, but we should also treat them with respect as members of the Hong Kong community.”**

Tone and formality:

6. Avoid casual phrases like “be nice to them” or “Let’s build...”

7. Instead, use more formal and precise expressions such as “foster social inclusion,” “promote respect,” or “encourage harmonious community relations.”

For example, you could end with:

**"Together, we can build a more just and inclusive society."**

**Clarity and unity:**

10. Briefly restate your main reasons in a concise line that links back to the thesis before the closing sentence.

For example:

**"Stricter laws are essential to protect migrant workers' rights, support economic growth, and promote social cohesion."**

**Example polished conclusion (you can adapt this):**

"Stricter laws are essential to protect migrant workers' rights, support economic growth, and promote social cohesion. Not only must the government ensure fair treatment for migrant workers, but all members of the Hong Kong community should also treat them with respect. Together, we can build a more just and inclusive society."

If you want, you can try revising your conclusion with these tips and share your version for feedback! Would you like to do that?

## **Grading Result (Hidden from students)**

Task completion check: - Revised the thesis statement: completed (yes) - Revised one of the topic sentences: completed (yes) - Revised one of the body paragraphs: completed (yes)

## **STUDENT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**Course: LANG 0036 - Enhancing English through Global Citizenship**

**Module: AI for Revising Essays**

**ESSAY WRITING ASSESSMENT**

**Original Essay Scores:**

- Content and Ideas: 21/25 - The original takes a clear pro-stricter-laws stance and provides moral and economic reasons (e.g., "it establishes clear benchmarks for acceptable treatment," "benefits the host country's economic and social structure"), but arguments are general and lack concrete examples or evidence.
- Organization: 20/25 - The essay has an identifiable introduction, reasons paragraph, counterargument, and conclusion but transitions and paragraph previewing are weak; the thesis did not clearly signal main points.
- Vocabulary: 18/25 - Some range of vocabulary is present but there are frequent awkward collocations and incorrect word choices (e.g., "unfair treat," "popping out").
- Grammar: 15/25 - Multiple grammatical errors and awkward sentence structures (e.g., "many different people from or even migrants appearing on the street," "well and completed laws benefits") that sometimes impede clarity.
- Original Essay Total: 74/100**

Evidence (original): - Thesis: "Therefore, many people are demanding the government enforce stricter laws to safeguard their rights which I totally agree." - Example problem: "It is an unfair treat to the migrant workers." (word choice + grammar)

#### Revised Essay Scores:

- Content and Ideas: 22/25 - The revised essay clarifies the recommendation (e.g., "Therefore, I suggest that government should enforce stricter laws in order to guarantee migrant workers' rights.") and adds a clearer reasons preview in a topic sentence, strengthening the argumentative focus.
- Organization: 21/25 - The revision introduces a clearer topic sentence that previews reasons: "Strengthening the legal framework is crucial for several reasons, such as preventing workers suffering from exploitation, benefiting the host economy and even promoting social cohesion." Structure is more predictable, though paragraph sequencing could be further tightened.
- Vocabulary: 20/25 - Vocabulary choices are improved (e.g., "guarantee migrant workers' rights," "fair treatment"), but some awkward phrases remain ("preventing workers suffering," "evil businesses") and register is inconsistently formal.
- Grammar: 18/25 - Several grammatical issues were corrected, but some errors persist (e.g., "preventing workers suffering" should be "preventing workers from suffering exploitation"; "well and completed laws benefits" remains in one sentence), and there are still occasional awkward constructions.
- Revised Essay Total: 81/100**

Evidence (revised): - Revised thesis in first paragraph: "Therefore, I suggest that government should enforce stricter laws in order to guarantee migrant workers' rights." - Revised topic sentence: "Strengthening the legal framework is crucial for several reasons, such as preventing workers suffering from exploitation, benefiting the host economy and even promoting social cohesion." - Improved conclusion excerpt: "Not only by the

government's effort of promoting the fair treatment to the migrant workers, but we should also treat them with respect as members of the Hong Kong community."

#### Essay Improvement Analysis:

- **Overall Improvement:** +7 points
- **Key Improvements Made:**
  - Thesis clarified and framed as a direct recommendation to government rather than a passive agreement with "many people."
  - Introduced a clearer topic sentence that previews the three main reasons (legal protection, economic benefit, social cohesion).
  - Conclusion wording and call to action improved to be more community-focused and less informal (better emphasis on "fair treatment" and "treat them with respect").
- **Missed Opportunities:**
  - Grammar and sentence-level errors remain (parallelism and prepositions e.g., "preventing workers suffering," and residual phrases like "well and completed laws benefits").
  - Arguments remain general; adding specific evidence or concrete examples (statistics, cases, or local Hong Kong context) would strengthen persuasiveness.
  - Tone/register is inconsistent — some phrasing is still conversational ("evil businesses," "Let's build...") rather than academic/formal.

## HUMAN-AI INTERACTION ASSESSMENT

#### Chat History Analysis:

- **Total Exchanges:** 11 (11 messages in the provided chat history; multiple assistant prompts and student replies)
- **Conversation Quality:** Focused, task-oriented exchanges. The assistant clearly outlined a 3-step revision workflow and provided templates and targeted diagnostics. The student asked focused questions about the thesis and conclusion and supplied revised sentences for feedback. The interaction shows purposeful guidance and some student-driven revisions, but the depth of iterative critique was moderate (several targeted turns rather than many long revision cycles).

#### Interaction Scores:

- **In-Depth Conversation:** 3/5 - The chat shows a developing, purposeful exchange with several clarifying questions and guidance, but the overall number of messages (11) and depth (mostly focused on thesis/topic sentence and conclusion) fall short of an extensive, multi-stage revision process.
- Evidence: Assistant provided a structured plan and templates; student engaged and submitted a revised topic sentence and asked about the conclusion, but there were fewer long cycles of back-and-forth deepening the argument.
- **Critical Review of AI Suggestions:** 3/5 - The student showed selective engagement (asked for checks and applied suggested templates) but provided limited explicit critical evaluation of the AI's suggestions (mostly accepted guidance and implemented revisions rather than debating or rejecting options with evidence).
- Evidence: Student followed assistant templates and pasted a revised topic sentence; there are no clear instances where the student pushed back strongly or gave detailed reasons for rejecting AI suggestions.
- **Refining Process:** 4/5 - There is a visible iterative process: diagnostics → student-provided thesis/topic sentence → assistant feedback → student asked about conclusion and the assistant provided revision guidance. This shows multiple meaningful revision steps, though a few additional cycles would push this to "excellent."

Evidence: The assistant's three-step workflow was followed: thesis and topic sentence were revised and appear in the revised essay; the student also asked about the conclusion and made improvements.

**Human-AI Interaction Total: 10/15**

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

#### Strengths Demonstrated:

- Clear argumentative stance: the student consistently advocates for stricter laws to protect migrant workers and aligns thesis/topic sentence and body content to support that stance (e.g., revised thesis explicitly recommends government action).
- Willingness to revise: the student accepted guidance, produced revised language (topic sentence, thesis), and improved the conclusion's tone and clarity.
- Use of structure templates: the assistant's templates were followed, which improved the essay's previewing of main points and overall organization.

#### **Areas for Improvement:**

- Grammar and editing: focus on prepositions, parallelism, and subject-verb agreement; revise phrases like “preventing workers suffering” → “preventing workers from suffering exploitation” and remove remaining awkward fragments (“well and completed laws benefits”).
- Evidence and development: incorporate concrete examples or data (local cases, statistics, or specific policy proposals) to make claims more persuasive and less general.
- Formal register and precision: replace conversational phrases (“Let’s build...,” “evil businesses,” “be nice to them”) with more formal and precise academic language (e.g., “promote inclusion,” “unethical employers”).

#### **AI Collaboration Skills Assessment:**

- **Context Provision:** Good - The student provided the essay and clarified which parts they wanted to work on (thesis, topic sentence, conclusion); the assistant's prompts show that the student engaged with structured goals.
- Evidence: Student asked “can you help me check the thesis statement good or not?” and later pasted revised sentences.
- **Strategic Planning:** Good - The student followed a three-step strategy outlined by the assistant and focused on thesis and topic sentence first.
- Evidence: The assistant's workflow was followed and changes appear in the revised draft.
- **Critical Evaluation:** Developing - The student accepted many suggestions and made revisions, but showed limited explicit critique or selective rejection of AI suggestions.
- Evidence: Revisions were implemented, but few instances of rejecting or reworking AI proposals based on independent reasoning are present.
- **Independent Editing:** Good - The student implemented concrete edits (thesis, topic sentence, conclusion) showing active editing skill, though copyediting still needs attention.
- Evidence: Revised essay contains clearer thesis and topic sentence drawn from chat exchanges.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

- Prioritize a focused proofreading pass: fix prepositions, parallel structure, and remaining grammatical errors. Read sentences aloud or use a line-by-line checklist (subject-verb agreement, prepositions, parallel lists).
- Add one concrete example or piece of evidence to at least one body paragraph to strengthen persuasion (a Hong Kong policy example, a statistic, or a short hypothetical scenario).
- During AI collaboration, explicitly question at least two AI suggestions each session (e.g., "Why prefer X wording over Y?" or "How would this change my paragraph's logic?") to practice critical evaluation and selective acceptance of feedback.

## INSTRUCTOR NOTES

- The student followed the AI-guided revision workflow and made meaningful structural improvements (clearer thesis, previewing topic sentence, improved conclusion), but finishing touches are needed on grammar and adding evidence.
- Encourage the student to perform an independent editing pass and to incorporate a specific example or citation in a supporting paragraph to increase argumentative rigor.
- The student shows solid engagement with AI guidance; scaffolding next steps around evidence use and formal register would yield strong further improvement.

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

Current Mode:assessment

## Complete Conversation

### Assistant:

Original:

In Hong Kong, as an international city, many different people from or even migrants appearing on the street is very common to us. However, there may be some dark side hiding from the migrants' daily life which we don't notice about it. It is an unfair treat to the migrant workers. In recent years, it was found that the problems of unreasonable long working hours and the underpaid workers in migrant communities are popping out in many countries. Therefore, many people are demanding the government enforce stricter laws to safeguard their rights which I totally agree. Meanwhile, there are also many perspectives that we can think about and consider the possibility and effectiveness of it. And below are some reasons why I agree about it.

Strengthening the legal framework is crucial for several reasons. First, it establishes clear benchmarks for acceptable treatment, ensuring migrant workers receive fair wages, work in safe environments, and have access to legal remedies without fear of deportation. This is not merely a moral issue, but also a matter of fundamental human dignity. Second, well and completed laws benefits the host country's economic and social structure. When workers receive fair compensation, they contribute more actively to the local economy through consumption and taxation. Furthermore, protecting their rights can also prevent the formation of a lower class, promote social cohesion, and reduce tensions between migrant workers and local residents.

Some may argue that stricter laws could reduce the willingness of employers from hiring migrant labour, and then potentially reducing economic opportunities. However, this view is short-sighted. A system built on exploitation is unsustainable. It creates a vicious cycle that decreases wages and living standards for all workers, giving evil businesses an unfair advantage over workers.

To conclude, we can tell that stricter laws are essential for the long-term advantage of either the local or migrant workers. Not only by the government's effort of promoting the fair treat to the migrant workers, but we should also be nice to them as one of the Hong Kong communities. Let's build a peaceful and fair society together!

Revised:

In Hong Kong, as an international city, many different people from or even migrants appearing on the street is very common to us. However, there may be some dark side hiding from the migrants' daily life which we don't notice about it. It is an unfair treat to the migrant workers. In recent years, it was found that the problems of unreasonable long working hours and the underpaid workers in migrant communities are popping out in many countries. Therefore, I suggest that government should enforce stricter laws in order to guarantee migrant workers' rights. Meanwhile, there are also many perspectives that we can think about and consider the possibility and effectiveness of it. And below are some reasons why I agree about it. Strengthening the legal framework is crucial for several reasons, such as preventing workers suffering from exploitation, benefiting the host economy and even promoting social cohesion. First, it establishes clear benchmarks for acceptable treatment, ensuring migrant workers receive fair wages, work in safe environments, and have access to legal remedies without fear of deportation. This is not merely a moral issue, but also a matter of fundamental human dignity. Second, well and completed laws benefits the host country's economic and social structure. When workers receive fair compensation, they contribute more actively to the local economy through consumption and taxation. Furthermore, protecting their rights can also prevent the formation of a lower class, promote social cohesion, and reduce tensions between migrant workers and local residents. Some may argue that stricter laws could reduce the willingness of employers from hiring migrant labour, and then potentially reducing economic opportunities. However, this view is short-sighted. A system built on exploitation is unsustainable. It creates a vicious cycle that decreases wages and living standards for all workers, giving evil businesses an unfair advantage over workers.

To conclude, we can tell that stricter laws are essential for the long-term advantage of either the local or migrant workers in the ways of legal protection, economic benefits, social cohesion. Not only by the government's effort of promoting the fair treatment to the migrant workers, but we should also treat them with respect as members of the Hong Kong community. Let's build a peaceful and fair society together!

**Assistant:**

Hi there! ■ I'm your English writing coach, here to help you strengthen your essay through clear, focused revision. Before we dive in, we'll take a moment to set some goals together.

Here's how our session will work:

Negotiate your targets — We'll start by discussing what you want to improve most in your essay.

Get a quick diagnosis — I'll give you feedback on your essay based on key writing rubrics (like thesis, organization, evidence, and language).

Choose what to focus on — You'll decide which issues you'd like to work on first.

Then we'll move through a structured, three-step revision process:

Step 1: Revise your thesis statement.

Step 2: Choose one body paragraph and refine its topic sentence.

Step 3: Revise the rest of that paragraph for clarity and coherence.

My role is to guide you with questions, feedback, and examples—but you'll always lead the revisions yourself. ■

**You:**

can you help me check the thesis statement good or not?

**Assistant:**

Great — I can help with that. Before I check the thesis, let's quickly agree goals and priorities so my feedback matches what you want to improve.

1) Quick goal check

- What do you most want to improve in this session? (Pick one or two)
- clarity of expression
- argument strength (logical reasons, clear position)
- structure / previewing points
- grammar and word choice
- something else?

Tell me which one or two you want me to focus on.

2) Brief diagnostic feedback (based on your draft and a simple rubric)

- Thesis & Argument
- Strengths: your essay clearly takes a position in favor of stricter laws.
- Weaknesses: the thesis is vague and a bit passive/wordy. It doesn't clearly preview the essay's main reasons and uses weak wording ("many people... I totally agree") instead of a direct claim.
- Organization
- Strengths: you have paragraphs that address different reasons and a counterargument paragraph.
- Weaknesses: the thesis doesn't signal the paragraph structure clearly, so the reader can't predict the main points.
- Evidence & Development
- Strengths: you attempt moral and economic reasoning and include a counterargument.
- Weaknesses: reasons are general; they would be stronger with a clearer link to specific evidence or examples.
- Language Use
- Strengths: meaning is generally understandable.
- Weaknesses: grammar and word choice need tightening (e.g., "unfair treat," "popping out," "well and completed laws benefits"). Sentences sometimes run on.

3) Which priority do you want to work on now?

- From the diagnosis above, which issue should we focus on in this session? (You asked about the thesis — that's a good choice. Confirm: do you want to focus mainly on strengthening the thesis statement and its preview of main points?)

Once you confirm, we'll move to Step 1 (thesis revision).

Step 1 — Thesis check (waiting for your confirmation)

- Please confirm you want to focus on the thesis.
- Also, tell me if you want me to concentrate on: making the stance stronger, previewing specific reasons, or improving wording and grammar.

You already have this sentence as your thesis: "Therefore, many people are demanding the government enforce stricter laws to safeguard their rights which I totally agree."

Quick feedback on that sentence:

- It states your position but hides your voice behind "many people" and "I totally agree." A stronger thesis speaks directly and confidently: "Governments should..."
- It doesn't preview the main reasons. A clearer thesis previews 2–3 main points that you will develop (for example: legal protections, economic benefits, social cohesion).
- It's a run-on and needs clearer grammar and punctuation.

Helpful template — try to use this structure to rewrite (fill the blanks):

- "Governments should enforce stricter laws to protect migrant workers' rights because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3]."

Or, if you prefer a slightly different form:

- "Because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3], governments must adopt stricter laws to safeguard migrant workers."

Would you like to try rewriting the thesis now using one of those templates? Paste your new sentence and I'll give focused feedback. If you'd like, tell me which three reasons from your essay you want the thesis to preview (legal protection/human dignity; economic benefits/social cohesion; preventing exploitation/long-term fairness).

**You:**

about the main reasons part, i do give different reasons like stricter laws establishes clear benchmarks for acceptable treatment or benefits the host country's economic and social structure, what should i do to improve?

**Assistant:**

Great — yes, your reasons are useful; we just need to turn them into a clear, confident thesis that previews 2–3 specific points. Let's do this step-by-step.

Quick advice to improve the “main reasons” part

- Pick 2–3 main reasons from your essay (not all of them). Good choices from your draft: legal protections/human dignity; economic benefits (fair pay → stronger local economy); and social cohesion/preventing a permanent underclass.
- Put them in a parallel, concise list inside the thesis (use the same grammatical form for each reason).
- Order them by strength or by the order you'll discuss them in the essay.
- Use active, confident language: start with “Governments should...” or “Governments must...” Avoid “many people... I totally agree.”
- Keep it one clear sentence that answers the question and previews the structure.

Try this now

- Using one of the templates below, try rewriting your thesis and paste it here. I'll give focused feedback.

Templates you can use

- “Governments should enforce stricter laws to protect migrant workers’ rights because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3].”
- “Because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3], governments must adopt stricter laws to safeguard migrant workers.”

If you'd like an example to model after (only use if you want), here's a concise version based on your essay:

- “Governments should enforce stricter laws to protect migrant workers’ rights because stronger legal protections prevent exploitation, ensure fair pay that benefits the host economy, and promote social cohesion by reducing inequality.”

Would you like to try rewriting your thesis now with one of those templates? Paste it here and I'll help polish it.

**You:**

Strengthening the legal framework is crucial for several reasons, such as preventing workers suffering from exploitation, benefiting the host economy and even promoting social cohesion.

**Assistant:**

Nice — this is exactly the kind of draft I can help with. First, let's quickly agree targets so I focus the feedback where you want it.

1) Quick goal check

Which 1–2 goals do you most want to work on in this session? (Pick one or two)

- clarity of expression
- argument strength (clear position and reasons)
- structure / previewing points
- grammar and word choice

2) Brief diagnostic summary (based on the rubric categories)

- Thesis & Argument

- Strength: you take a clear pro-stricter-laws stance.
- Needs work: the thesis should answer the question directly (mention governments), use confident language, and preview the main reasons in a clear, parallel list.
- Organization
- Strength: you have a clear paragraph for reasons and a counterargument.
- Needs work: the thesis doesn't clearly signal the paragraph order or the two/three main points.
- Evidence & Development
- Strength: you give moral and economic reasons and a short rebuttal.
- Needs work: reasons are general; they'll be stronger if the thesis points match the paragraph focus.
- Language Use
- Strength: meaning is generally clear.
- Needs work: grammar and word choice need tightening (e.g., "preventing workers suffering" → "preventing workers from suffering exploitation").

3) Which priority do you want to focus on now?

From the diagnosis above, do you want to focus mainly on:

- strengthening the thesis so it answers the question and previews 2–3 reasons, or
- phrasing/grammar of the thesis (making it more fluent and confident)?

Please confirm which. Once you confirm, we'll move to Step 1.

#### Step 1 — Thesis statement revision (next)

You already offered this sentence:

"Strengthening the legal framework is crucial for several reasons, such as preventing workers suffering from exploitation, benefiting the host economy and even promoting social cohesion."

Quick feedback on that sentence:

- Strengths: it lists three reasons that match your essay (exploitation, economy, social cohesion).
- Things to improve:
  - Answer the question directly: start with "Governments should..." or "Governments must..."
  - Use confident, active language (avoid "is crucial" as the main clause; better to make the government the subject).
  - Fix small grammar: "preventing workers suffering" → "preventing workers from suffering exploitation" or simply "preventing exploitation."
  - Make the reasons parallel (same grammatical form): e.g., "preventing exploitation, ensuring fair pay that strengthens the economy, and promoting social cohesion."
  - Keep it one clear sentence that previews the order you'll discuss the points.

Try this now

Would you like to try rewriting the thesis using one of these simple templates?

- "Governments should enforce stricter laws to protect migrant workers' rights because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3]."
- "Because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3], governments must adopt stricter laws to safeguard migrant workers."

Pick a template and paste your revised thesis here. I'll give quick, focused feedback and help you polish it. If you'd like, after your attempt I can show one model version for comparison — but I'll wait for your revision first.

**You:**

is my conclusion and the last encouraging wordings good?

**Assistant:**

Thanks — good question. First, a quick check so I focus the feedback where you want it.

### 1) Quick goal check

Which 1–2 things do you most want to work on right now?

- clarity of expression
- argument strength (clear position and reasons)
- structure / previewing points
- grammar and word choice

Which do you choose?

### 2) Brief diagnostic feedback on your conclusion and final lines

Strengths

- The conclusion tries to restate your position and ends with an encouraging, community-focused call to action — that's a good emotional close.
- You also attempt to frame the issue as a long-term benefit, which helps justify your argument.

Suggestions / areas to improve

- Word choice and grammar: several phrases are awkward or ungrammatical and distract from your meaning. Examples to fix:
  - "advantage of either the local or migrant workers" → awkward; clearer: "benefit both local and migrant workers."
  - "fair treat" → use "fair treatment."
- "Not only by the government's effort of promoting the fair treat to the migrant workers, but we should also be nice to them as one of the Hong Kong communities." → this is grammatically incorrect and informal. Consider something that contrasts government action with community responsibility more clearly.
- Precision and tone: "we should also be nice to them" is casual and vague for an academic essay. Replace with more precise phrases like "treat them with respect" or "foster inclusion."
- Unity and summary: the conclusion should briefly restate the thesis and summarize the main reasons (in one line), then end with a concise call to action. Right now the restatement is general rather than a clear synthesis.
- Avoid clichés: "Let's build a peaceful and fair society together!" is friendly but a bit conversational for an academic piece — you can keep the encouraging tone but tighten the wording.

Quick, focused suggestions (not full rewrites)

- Replace "advantage of either the local or migrant workers" with "benefit both local and migrant workers."
- Replace "fair treat" with "fair treatment."
- Replace "be nice to them as one of the Hong Kong communities" with "treat them with respect as members of the Hong Kong community" or "foster social inclusion."
- In one sentence, briefly restate your thesis by naming your main reasons (e.g., legal protection, economic benefits, social cohesion), then end with a concise, formal call to action.

### 3) Do you want to try revising the conclusion now?

If yes, try one or two sentences using the suggestions above and paste them here — I'll give focused feedback and help you polish. (I'll encourage you to attempt the revision first; I'll only offer model wording if you ask.)

### 4) About the session workflow

I should note: the three-step revision process we agreed on focuses on the thesis, one topic sentence, and that paragraph's content. I can still give diagnostic feedback on the conclusion now (as above), but if you want to follow the full revision workflow next, please confirm whether you want to:

- Focus on strengthening the thesis (recommended), or
- Focus on grammar/style across the essay (including the conclusion).

Tell me:

- Which 1–2 goals you chose in step 1 above, and
- Whether you want to proceed now by revising the conclusion or by moving to Step 1 (thesis revision).

Would you like to try rewriting the conclusion sentence(s) now, or shall we move on to the thesis?