

# 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

The training assessment report and chat history clearly show that the student has engaged minimally with the revision process. They followed the assistant's prompting mostly by issuing brief commands ("Revise thesis statement," etc.) but did not paste new text or engage in iterative drafting as requested. The revised essay reflects only a small change—from "I partly agree" to "I agree"—without deeper rewrites to thesis clarity, paragraphs, evidence, or grammar.

For the instructor and the student going forward, here are clear next steps to help finish the assignment and improve collaboration in AI-assisted writing:

### **Paste Text Revisions Into Chat:**

To move beyond simple commands, please paste your revised thesis sentence here so I can give clear, line-level feedback. This will ensure each revision is precise and targeted for improvement.

### **Select Body Paragraph to Revise:**

After the thesis, choose which body paragraph you want to work on next. Please paste its current topic sentence here so I can help you strengthen it for clarity and focus.

### **Implement Iterative Edits:**

After revising the topic sentence, paste the full paragraph text in chat. I will help you with grammar fixes, sentence clarity, and adding specific examples or vocabulary to strengthen your arguments.

### **Address Grammar and Word Choice Systematically:**

We can devote a focused revision cycle to correcting persistent errors (e.g., "maybe just listen a little," "so is not always working well") to improve readability.

### **Add Concrete Evidence and Vocabulary:**

We should work on incorporating one or two concrete examples, statistics, or policy names per paragraph, as well as introducing relevant ecological or policy terms like "carbon emissions," "renewable energy," or "policy instruments."

If you follow this process—sharing your text in the chat for feedback step-by-step—you will finish the assignment fully and develop stronger revision skills while making the best use of the AI assistant.

Please paste your revised thesis sentence here when you're ready, and tell me which body paragraph you'd like to improve first.

# Grading Result (Hidden from students)

not finished

## 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: 18/25 - The position is clear and two reasons are presented (influence on government; personal lifestyle choices). Ideas are relevant but underdeveloped and lack concrete evidence or examples beyond general statements (e.g., "people have joined together and forced their leaders to make new rules about plastic").
- Organization: 18/25 - Clear paragraphing and basic logical progression (thesis → government influence → individual actions → conclusion), but transitions and topic development are mechanical and sometimes repetitive.
- Vocabulary: 17/25 - Vocabulary is adequate and mostly accurate but simple and repetitive; limited use of topic-specific terms (e.g., "emissions," "policy instruments," "carbon pricing" are absent).
- Grammar and Sentence Structure: 15/25 - Frequent errors and non-native phrasing reduce clarity in places (examples: "But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action," "so is not always working well," "so this is problem").
- Original Essay Total: 68/100

Evidence (original thesis): "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."

Revised Essay Scores:

- Content and Ideas: 19/25 - Minimal change to content; thesis strength slightly increased by wording change ("I agree" vs. "I partly agree"), giving a clearer stance, but main arguments remain underdeveloped and evidence remains general.

- Organization: 18/25 - Structure unchanged; still clear but with limited development and weak transitions.

- Vocabulary: 18/25 - Slight improvement in tone from the stronger thesis wording; overall lexical range remains limited and repetitive.

- Grammar and Sentence Structure: 15/25 - Errors and awkward constructions persist unchanged; no substantive corrections to sentence-level issues.

- **Revised Essay Total: 70/100**

Evidence (revised thesis): "I 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."

#### **Essay Improvement Analysis:**

- **Overall Improvement: +2 points**

- **Key Improvements Made:**

- Thesis stance made slightly stronger by changing "I partly agree" to "I agree," improving clarity of position.

- Minor uplift in tone from the stronger thesis wording.

- The student appears to have engaged with the assistant's instruction to revise the thesis (as reflected in the revised essay).

- **Missed Opportunities:**

- Topic sentences and body paragraphs were not meaningfully revised; paragraphs remain unchanged in content and phrasing.

- Persistent grammar and phrasing errors were not corrected (e.g., "maybe just listen a little," "so is not always working well").

- Lack of concrete evidence, statistics, or specific policy examples that would strengthen arguments.

## HUMAN-AI INTERACTION ASSESSMENT

### Chat History Analysis:

- **Total Exchanges: 7** (assistant: 4 messages; student/user: 3 messages)
- **Conversation Quality:** Task-focused prompts from the student and detailed guidance from the assistant. The student gave short, repeated commands ("Revise thesis statement", "Revise topic sentences", "Revise body paragraphs") but did not paste revised text into the chat or engage in iterative feedback as requested. The assistant provided stepwise instructions and requested the student paste revisions, but the student did not supply them in chat.

Evidence: - Student messages: "Revise thesis statement" / "Revise topic sentences" / "Revise body paragraphs". - Assistant requested the student paste a revised thesis and asked which paragraph to work on but the student did not paste revisions into the chat (assistant: "Please copy your current thesis here..."; assistant later: "Please paste your revised thesis here. When you're happy with it, tell me and then choose which body paragraph...").

### Interaction Scores:

- **In-Depth Conversation:** 3/5 - Developing - There are multiple exchanges (7 messages) and the assistant provided structured, stepwise guidance. However, the conversation lacked extended back-and-forth from the student (no detailed questions, clarifications, or pasted revisions), so depth and multi-level questioning are limited.
- **Critical Review of AI Suggestions:** 2/5 - Basic - The student did not demonstrate critical evaluation of suggestions in the chat. Commands indicate acceptance of help but there is no evidence of the student assessing or rejecting AI recommendations with reasons.
- **Example:** user repeatedly issued brief revision commands rather than responding to prompts that asked for a revised thesis or to choose a paragraph.
- **Refining Process:** 2/5 - Basic - The assistant prompted a revision cycle (revise thesis → revise topic sentence → revise body paragraph) but the student did not complete iterative cycles in chat. The essay shows a small change in the thesis, suggesting some revision occurred, but the chat lacks documented iterative drafts or responses to feedback.
- **Human-AI Interaction Total: 7/15**

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

### Strengths Demonstrated:

- The student has a clear central idea and two coherent lines of argument: citizen influence on policy and individual lifestyle changes. (Evidence: both essays present these two themes.)
- The assistant provided clear, scaffolded instructions and a helpful checklist for revising thesis and topic sentences (evidence: assistant messages with stepwise advice and a thesis checklist).
- The student implemented at least one requested change (thesis wording changed from "I partly agree" to "I agree"), showing willingness to act on feedback.

#### Areas for Improvement:

- Engage more actively in the chat: paste revised sentences, ask clarifying questions, and respond to AI prompts to enable iterative improvement.
- Address persistent grammar and sentence-level errors; apply assistant's micro-feedback to individual sentences.
- Strengthen arguments with specific evidence, examples, or data (cite a policy, case, or statistic) and vary vocabulary with topic-specific terms (e.g., "carbon emissions," "policy instruments," "renewable energy").

#### AI Collaboration Skills Assessment:

- Context Provision: Needs Improvement - The student did not provide course-specific goals or paste revised text when prompted; minimal contextual detail in chat.
- Strategic Planning: Needs Improvement - No clear revision plan articulated by the student; requests were piecemeal rather than a staged plan.
- Critical Evaluation: Needs Improvement - No evidence of evaluating or rejecting AI suggestions; student issued brief commands rather than reasoned choices.
- Independent Editing: Developing - Some independent editing occurred (thesis wording change in revised essay), but broader paragraph- and sentence-level edits were not implemented.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

1. When working with an AI assistant, paste proposed revisions directly into the chat so the assistant can give targeted, line-level feedback. For example, paste a new thesis sentence when asked.

2. Focus one revision cycle on grammar and clarity: accept an assistant's structural suggestions, then request a second pass specifically for sentence-level corrections (e.g., "Please fix grammar in paragraph 2; keep meaning the same").
3. Strengthen arguments by adding one concrete example or statistic per body paragraph and vary vocabulary with topic-specific terms; ask the assistant for concise sources or suggested phrasing.

## INSTRUCTOR NOTES

- The student completed a minimal revision (thesis wording) but did not follow through with the iterative, evidence-based revision process requested by the assistant. The three required tasks for this assignment were: 1) revise the thesis statement — partially completed (thesis wording changed); 2) revise one topic sentence — not completed; 3) revise one body paragraph — not completed. Because not all three tasks are completed, the overall assignment status is "not finished."
- Recommend requesting the student to return to the chat, paste the intended revised thesis, select a body paragraph to revise, and provide at least one round of edits that address grammar and evidence.

■■■ 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:

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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:**

Revise thesis statement

**Assistant:**

Great — let's start with Step 1: the thesis statement.

Please copy your current thesis here (or confirm the sentence you intend to use). I see this one in your draft:

"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."

Feedback on this thesis (clear, specific, and useful points):

- Clarity: The position is clear (you "partly agree"), and you do preview two reasons (influencing government; personal lifestyle choices). Good start.
- Strength and confidence: The phrasing is a little wordy and hedged. "I partly agree" is fine, but avoid repeating "I" and phrases like "also think" or "while less impactful" in a way that weakens the claim. A stronger thesis uses confident verbs (influence, shape, pressure, drive) and tighter phrasing.
- Focus and preview: You do preview main points, but the thesis could be more concise and explicit about how each point matters (for example, how influencing government leads to systemic change; how lifestyle choices shape consumer markets and reduce emissions).



- Language/grammar: Small repetition and wordiness — tighten to improve academic tone.

Checklist for a stronger revised thesis (use these to guide your rewrite):

- Directly answer the question (state extent of agreement).
- Preview 2–3 clear reasons that match your essay structure (e.g., influence on policy; market/consumer pressure; direct emissions reductions through personal habits).
- Use confident, precise verbs and avoid filler (“I think,” “maybe,” “also”).
- Keep it concise (one clear sentence).

Would you like to try revising the thesis now? Try a single concise sentence that follows the checklist above and paste it here. I'll give focused feedback and we'll only move on after you're satisfied with the revision.

**You:**

Revise topic sentences

**Assistant:**

Great — thanks for sharing your thesis. I'll respond step by step. First, here is the thesis you gave:

"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."

Quick feedback (clear, focused points)

- Position: Your stance is clear (you partly agree) and you preview two reasons. Good.
- Tone/strength: The wording is a little wordy and hedged. Aim for more concise, confident language.
- Focus: Make explicit how each reason matters (e.g., influence on policy = systemic change; lifestyle choices = direct emissions reductions and market signals).
- Economy: Remove repeated “I” phrases and tighten phrases like “at the same time” and “while less impactful.”

Checklist to use when you rewrite (keep this in mind)

- Directly answer the prompt (state the extent of agreement).
- Preview the two main reasons that match your essay (policy influence; individual behavior/market effect).
- Use confident verbs (influence, pressure, drive, reduce).
- Keep it concise (one sentence).

Would you like to try revising the thesis now? If it helps, structure your sentence like this in your head (do not copy verbatim): start with “I partly agree that...” then follow with two short clauses: one about citizens influencing policy, one about individuals' lifestyle/market effects. Paste your new version here and I'll give targeted feedback.

**You:**

Revise body paragraphs

**Assistant:**

Nice work so far — your original thesis already names a clear position and previews two reasons. Before we move to paragraph revision, please revise the thesis now.

Quick reminders to use while you rewrite:

- State your extent of agreement clearly (e.g., "I partly agree that...").
- Preview two concise reasons that match your essay (e.g., influence on policy; individual behavior/market effects).
- Use confident, precise verbs and avoid hedges or repeated "I" phrases.
- Keep it one clear, concise sentence.

If it helps, use this skeleton (not a full sentence):

"I partly agree that [short reason 1: how citizens influence policy/systemic change] because [short reason 2: how individual choices reduce emissions or create market pressure]."

Please paste your revised thesis here. When you're happy with it, tell me and then choose which body paragraph you want to work on (paragraph 1, 2, or 3) and paste that paragraph's current topic sentence. I'll give targeted feedback on the topic sentence next.