

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: AcademicLevel: 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

Thank you for sharing the chat history and the assessment report. Based on this detailed record and your training session transcript, here is a concise summary and some guidance for next steps you may want to consider:

Summary of Student Engagement and Revision Progress

- **Thesis Statement Revision:** The student repeatedly avoids direct revision, often replying with “let’s pretend we have revised” rather than submitting a new, clearer thesis statement.
- **Topic Sentence Revision:** Similarly avoided; the student copies the original sentence and then asks to “move on” without genuine revision.
- **Body Paragraph Revision:** No full paragraph revision was produced despite prompts. Student requested to “revise the rest” but no actual revisions were submitted.

Interaction Quality

- The student followed procedural prompts but did not engage critically or reflectively.
- Responses suggest avoidance or simulation rather than active learning.
- Lack of critical evaluation of AI suggestions and failure to apply iterative improvement.
- No evidence of self-reflection or concrete strategy sharing.

Recommendations for Next Steps

1. Facilitated, Guided Writing Sessions:

- Provide supervised writing times where the student must revise in real time. - Encourage the student to write draft revisions, even if imperfect, rather than “pretending” or skipping steps.

2. Explicit Expectation Setting:

- Clearly explain why authentic revision matters for writing skill development. - Show how iterative rewriting leads to stronger essays and better course outcomes.

3. Motivational Support:

- Explore possible reasons for avoidance (e.g., lack of confidence, difficulty with writing skills). - Provide encouragement and small, manageable revision tasks to build momentum.

4. Scaffolded Feedback:

- Break down revision tasks into even smaller steps (e.g., rewriting just one sentence or phrase at a time). - Use specific, low-stakes prompts to increase comfort with writing.

5. Reflective Practice Integration:

- Require the student to briefly explain their revision rationale. - Ask questions like: “What did you change and why?” or “How does this sentence now relate to your thesis?”

Suggested Immediate Interventions

- **Follow-up Meeting:** Schedule a session to discuss the importance of genuine effort in revisions.
- **Set Minimum Revision Deliverables:** For example, submit one revised thesis statement, one new topic sentence, and one fully rewritten body paragraph.
- **Use Simple Revision Exercises:** Start with correcting common grammar or clarity issues before advancing to higher-level structuring tasks.
- **Monitor Progress Closely:** Ensure accountability each time the student submits work.

If you would like, I can also help draft a follow-up message or plan specific exercises to re-engage the student authentically. Just let me know!

Grading Result (Hidden from students)

not finished

STUDENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

Course: LANG 0036 - Enhancing English through Global Citizenship

Module: AI for Revising Essays

AI Revision Training Progress Report

Checklist of Required Revision Steps

- **Revised Thesis Statement:** Not completed.

• Evidence: Multiple exchanges show the student repeatedly requesting to “pretend” the thesis revision is done rather than actually attempting a new version. There is no new thesis statement submitted in chat or revised draft.
- **Revised Topic Sentence:** Not completed.

• Evidence: The same approach is applied; the student asks to “pretend we have revised the topic sentence,” but does not provide a revision beyond repeating the old sentence or proceeding without changes.
- **Revised One Body Paragraph:** Not completed.

• Evidence: The student “moves on” at each step, but does not supply an actual revision or rewrite of any paragraph. In the final essay, the first body paragraph is unchanged except for a partial insertion that is incomplete (“The most effective way for individuals...” and then “revise the rest of body paragraph #1 ...”).

Conclusion: The student has NOT finished the required revision tasks.

AI Collaboration Assessment

Chat History Overview

- **Interaction Pattern:** The student's exchanges focus on skipping genuine revisions ("let's pretend... move on... blabla...") at every step of the process. Although the assistant provides detailed guidance and prompts, the student does not attempt substantive engagement or revision.
- **Number of Exchanges:** 19 (mainly short, procedural, or avoidance statements).

Human-AI Interaction Scores

- **In-Depth Conversation: 2/5 – Basic**

Justification: While the chat includes multiple turns, the depth is low due to repeated simulated progression rather than any substantive question, reflection, or revision engagement. No insightful or relevant questions about essay writing were asked.

Critical Review of AI Suggestions: 1/5 – Limited

Justification: All suggestions from the AI are either skipped or acknowledged only superficially ("let's pretend..."). No critical evaluation or questioning is demonstrated; feedback is not considered, and suggestions are neither accepted nor rejected—just bypassed.

Refining Process: 1/5 – Limited

Justification: There is no iterative revision or actual editing witnessed. The student avoids the revision process entirely by pretending revisions occurred and immediately moving forward at each step.

Human-AI Interaction Total: 4/15

OVERALL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Strengths Demonstrated

- The student attended the training session and was present for all AI prompts.

- **Procedural understanding:** the student knows (at least at a superficial level) the steps required in the revision process, as evidenced by following the sequence of prompts (thesis, topic sentence, paragraph).

Areas for Improvement

- **Active Participation:** Student must actually revise statements and paragraphs, not simply simulate completion.
- **Engagement with Feedback:** There is a need to read, consider, and discuss AI feedback, rather than bypass it.
- **Critical Thinking:** The student should raise questions, debate suggestions, or reflect on the effectiveness of proposed changes.
- **Revision Skills:** Learning and practice come only from active writing and editing rather than procedural simulation.

AI Collaboration Skills Assessment

- **Context Provision: Needs Improvement**
 - *Evidence:* Student does not explicitly state learning goals, nor provide context for specific struggles or objectives.
- **Strategic Planning: Needs Improvement**
 - *Evidence:* No strategy is visible; the student continually skips steps rather than planning or sequencing any revision.
- **Critical Evaluation: Needs Improvement**
 - *Evidence:* No evidence of accepting/rejecting or discussing suggestions – all feedback is bypassed.
- **Independent Editing: Needs Improvement**
 - *Evidence:* No new sentences, ideas, or edits were provided in chat or essay.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

1. **Complete All Writing Steps:** Practically revise thesis, topic sentences, and body paragraphs in direct response to AI prompts.
2. **Engage Critically:** Ask questions, challenge suggestions, and discuss the rationale behind revision advice to improve learning.
3. **Be Reflective:** Articulate your learning goals and areas needing improvement when using AI tutoring systems.
4. **Practice Iteration:** Submit draft changes, receive further feedback, and refine through multiple cycles for the best results.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES

- **Non-engagement Issue:** The student did not engage with the revision tasks and only simulated step completion, which halts learning progress.
- **Recommended Intervention:** Instructor should follow up with the student to clarify expectations, encourage authentic participation, and possibly provide supervised writing sessions to build productive habits in both essay revision and AI collaboration.
- **Assessment Validity:** As no genuine revision occurred, this training session should be considered incomplete for course purposes; the student is not ready for summative assessment until authentic writing and interactive revision are demonstrated.

Summary: The student has not finished the required revision steps and demonstrated minimal engagement and collaboration. Action should focus on helping them participate actively and reflectively in the AI-assisted writing process.

■■■ Student Feedback

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

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. Although large-scale changes from governments and companies have the greatest impact, individuals make a difference by influencing political decisions and adopting sustainable lifestyle habits.

The most effective way for individuals to help combat climate change is by influencing government policies and political leaders. The most important way individuals can help fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians. When many citizens demand better environmental laws, revise the rest of body paragraph #1 ...

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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:

Step 1 — Thesis Statement Revision

Thank you for sharing your current thesis statement:

"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 Your Thesis Statement:

- **Clarity:** Your ideas are clear, but the sentence is a bit long and could be more direct.
- **Strength & Focus:** The language is somewhat tentative ("I partly agree"; "I also think"), which reduces the confidence. Try to use more assertive wording and remove phrases like "I think".
- **Preview Structure:** Your thesis touches on two points: (1) individuals influencing government, and (2) personal lifestyle choices. That's great! Consider summarizing these points more clearly in the thesis, so the reader knows what to expect.

Tips for Improvement:

- Directly answer the essay question.
- Use confident, academic language.
- Clearly preview your main arguments.

Prompt:

Would you like to try revising your thesis statement now, using my feedback? Aim for a clear, assertive sentence that briefly mentions the two main ways individuals can have an impact: influencing government and making personal choices. I am here if you want to share your revision or need more help!

You:

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

Assistant:

Great! Now that we have a revised thesis statement that is clear, confident, and previews your main points about individuals influencing government and making personal choices, let's move to Step 2.

Step 2 — Topic Sentence Revision

Please tell me which body paragraph you'd like to work on for this step:

- The first body paragraph (about individuals influencing government),
- or
- The second body paragraph (about personal green lifestyle choices)?

Once you let me know, please share the topic sentence for that paragraph—or just copy/paste the first sentence of your chosen body paragraph. I'll review it and guide you on connecting it strongly to your revised thesis.

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:

Thank you for sharing your revision! I see you have kept the original thesis statement, but let's make sure it fits all the requirements. Here is my focused feedback:

Feedback on Your Thesis Statement:

You directly address both sides: influencing the government and personal lifestyle choices, which is good!

The phrase "I partly agree" is a bit weak and less academic—try to use more assertive language.

The sentence is long and could be clearer if you divide or condense it.

"I also think" and "I believe" are informal—try to express your viewpoint more strongly.

Guiding Questions:

Can you combine your points into a statement that confidently shows your position?

Can you clearly preview the two main points (government influence, personal choices)?

Can you avoid "I think" and "I believe"?

Example structure (not a full rewrite):

Although large-scale changes from governments and companies have the greatest impact, individuals make a difference by (1) influencing political decisions and (2) adopting sustainable lifestyle habits.

Would you like to try revising your thesis now, based on this feedback?

Focus on being direct, confident, and previewing both main arguments. Share your attempt here, and I'll be happy to help you refine it!

You:

let's pretend we have revised the thesis statement blablabla

Assistant:

Excellent! Now that you've revised your thesis statement to be clear, confident, and to preview the main arguments (influencing government and adopting personal green habits), let's move to Step 2: Topic Sentence Revision.

Step 2 — Topic Sentence Revision

Which body paragraph would you like to work on?

- The first body paragraph (influencing government)
- The second body paragraph (personal green lifestyle choices)

Please let me know your choice, and then copy/paste the topic sentence (the first sentence) of that paragraph. Once you share it, I'll provide feedback and help you revise it so it clearly connects with your new thesis statement.

Which paragraph would you like to focus on?

You:

et's pretend we have revised the thesis statement blablabla

Assistant:

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You:

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

Assistant:

Perfect! We'll continue as if you've already crafted a clear, strong thesis statement that highlights both:

- the importance of individuals influencing government action, and
- the supporting—but smaller—role of personal lifestyle choices.

Step 2 — Topic Sentence Revision

Which body paragraph would you like to focus on?

Please reply with:

- "First body paragraph" (about influencing government),
- or**
- "Second body paragraph" (about personal green lifestyle choices)

Then, please copy or retype the topic sentence (the very first sentence) of your chosen paragraph. I'll give specific feedback to help you connect it effectively to your new thesis statement.

Which paragraph will we focus on? And what is the current topic sentence?

You:

let's pretend we have revised the topic sentences and move on :The most important way individuals can help fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians.

Assistant:

Great! You've chosen to work on the **first body paragraph**, and your current topic sentence is:

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

Step 2 — Topic Sentence Revision

Feedback on Your Topic Sentence

Connection to Thesis: Your topic sentence lines up with your thesis's first main idea: the significant influence individuals can have by affecting government decisions.

Clarity & Strength: The phrase "the most important way" is strong, but it might be even clearer if it echoes the language of your updated thesis for unity.

Specificity: Instead of "help fight climate change," can you clarify how individuals influence the government (for example, through advocacy, voting, or public pressure)? This will connect more directly to your upcoming examples and analysis.

Tone: The sentence is confident—excellent!

Guiding Questions

Could you restate the idea using language similar to your thesis to reinforce unity?

Can you mention a specific way individuals influence governments?

Is "the most important way" the best phrase, or could you make it more analytical (e.g., "One significant way...")?

Prompt

Would you like to try revising your topic sentence now, based on these suggestions?

Aim for a sentence that clearly signals that individual influence on government is a key focus, and possibly hints at how this can happen. You might use wording from your new thesis for extra consistency.

Once you've tried a revision, please share it with me! I'll review it and, if needed, help you polish it before we move on to revising the rest of the paragraph.

You:

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

Assistant:

Excellent! Now that you have a revised topic sentence for your first body paragraph (about individuals influencing government action), let's move on to **Step 3: Revising the Rest of Body Paragraph 1**.

Step 3 — Revising Supporting Sentences

Here is your revised topic sentence:

(E.g., “Individuals can have a strong impact on climate change by advocating for environmental policies and encouraging political leaders to take action.”)

Now, let’s look at the **supporting details and explanations** in the rest of this paragraph:

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.

Guiding Revision Questions:

Unity:

- Do all these sentences relate directly to the revised topic sentence about individuals influencing government?
- Are there any ideas that need to be removed or better linked?

Clarity:

- Are your examples of advocacy (protests, voting) clearly explained and relevant?
- Can you make the positive examples more specific or vivid?

Coherence:

- Does the order of your sentences have a logical flow (cause and effect, problem and solution)?
- Can you use transition words to improve the flow (for example, “However,” “For instance,” “Additionally”)?

Critical Analysis:

- Do you explain the **limitations** of individual influence clearly enough (e.g., when governments ignore the public or people don’t know how to advocate)?
- Can you add one sentence to comment on why public pressure can sometimes fail?

Language:

- Could you use more academic vocabulary (e.g., “advocacy,” “policy change,” “collective action”)?
- Are there any repetitive phrases (“sometimes... sometimes”)? Try to vary your word choice.

Prompt for Your Revision:

Would you like to try revising one or two sentences in this paragraph based on these hints?

If you’re unsure, you can ask me for an example of a revised sentence (but I won’t rewrite the whole paragraph for you).

After you have attempted your revision, share the new version of this paragraph here and I’ll give you feedback to strengthen it further!

Let’s focus on clear connections, logical flow, and precise language in every sentence. Take your time and let me know when you’re ready!