

## TASK 1:

**No.1** (Please count the number of times you send us your task. Also, cite uploading date & time. Task 1-No.1 >>04/06/2021 >> 03:30PM)

A friend has agreed to look after your house and pet while you are on holiday. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter:

- give contact details for when you are away
- give instructions about how to care for your pet
- describe other household duties

Dear Shahrooz,

/Thank/ much obliged to/ you for accepting my request to ~~taking~~ take care of the Jango for the holiday when I'm in the Bahamas. I've sent you this letter to give you some info you need to know about my /dog/ canine/ and my house.

Don't hesitate to contact me when you need to ask anything. You can call me anytime on my phone or through WhatsApp. I've written the number on a sticky note which I left on the fridge. If there ~~was~~ were something unpredicted, I ~~ll~~ would let you know.

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I look forward to seeing you on my return!

Warm wishes,

Payam

**Commented [S1]:** request /rɪ'kwest/ noun

1. [ C or U ] when you politely or officially ask for something  
*They received hundreds of requests for more information.*  
[ + to infinitive ] *The boss refused our request to leave work early.*

**Commented [S2]:** canine /'keɪ.naɪn/ noun [ C ] DOG  
2. SPECIALIZED a dog

**Commented [S3]:** Use of were in conditional 2

"I would change my position if I were you." In the second conditional, the verb form "were" is used for all persons, e.g., I, we, you, he, she, it, they, because it treats of things which are unreal (not true or not possible) in the present or in the future, i.e., things which don't, won't, or cannot happen.

**Commented [S4]:** Second conditional

The second conditional is used to imagine present or future situations that are impossible or unlikely in reality.

*If we had a garden, we could have a cat.*

*If I won a lot of money, I'd buy a big house in the country.*

*I wouldn't worry if I were you.*

The structure is usually: *if* + past simple >> *would* + infinitive.

When *if* is followed by the verb *be*, it is grammatically correct to say *if I were*, *if he were*, *if she were* and *if it were*. However, it is also common to hear these structures with *was*, especially in the *he/she* form.

*If I were you, I wouldn't mention it.*

*If she was prime minister, she would invest more money in schools.*

*He would travel more if he was younger.*

**Commented [S5]:** An unnecessary comma  
<http://www.butte.edu/departments/cas/tipsheets/punctuation/comma.html>

**Commented [S6]:** doors!

## Statistics

Items	Figures	Recommended
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Time:	<u>2</u>	20 minutes
Words:	<u>197</u>	180-220
Complex Word Count: (3 or more syllables):	<u>14</u>	—
Readability Grade:	<u>4.00 (Grade 3)</u>	Grade 7-10
General English Grade:	<u>72 C</u>	85 B- 95 A
Sentence fragments:	<u>1</u>	0
Simple sentences:	<u>9</u>	2-4
Compound sentences:	<u>0</u>	2-4
Complex sentences:	<u>3</u>	7
Compound-complex sentences:	<u>3</u>	1
Long sentences:	<u>0</u>	<u>Avoid writing long sentences</u>

Task 1	Task Achievement	Coherence and Cohesion	Lexical Resources	Grammatical Range and Accuracy
Band	<u>8.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>

**Estimated Band Score: 7.0**

### Comments:

Dear candidate: You cover all the requirements of the task sufficiently. A range of cohesive devices was appropriately used, although there were some under-use. A sufficient range vocabulary with some awareness of style and collocation can be seen. A mix of simple and complex structures are used, but the limited linguistic range and weak control prevent it from reaching Band 8.0

### Suggestions:

1. Read some letters on the same topic before attempting to write in order to get to know more specific vocabularies about the subject.
2. Make a special attempt to use a wide range of grammatical constructions, such as: inversion and reduction.
3. You need to work on your choice of words, to make your writing clearer and easier to understand.
4. Learn more about compound-complex sentences. This will help you in presenting your ideas more clearly.
5. Write at least 180 words and a maximum of 220 words for task 1.

### Sample Answers:

**NOTE:** Sample answers are presented just to let you know how other candidates have done on the same topic. There might be errors in the cases of grammar and vocabulary choice, and they have not been corrected regarding the very cases. Just enjoy reading more! Readers are Leaders!

#### (1)

Thank you so much for honoring my request, and accepting to take care of my place during my vacation. I trust that the house will be in good hands. I am writing this letter to provide you with some information that you will need.

First and foremost, if you are unsure about anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. I will be reachable through my local mobile number. Alternatively, you can call the hotel,

and leave me a message if I am not in. I have posted the complete details about them on the fridge.

I would also like to inform you that my cat, Lucy, is very much used to a certain routine. You will need to feed it at 8 am every morning. Also, you don't have to worry about keeping the door open. Lucy has its own way of coming back into the house.

There is not much to do concerning the house chores. All you need to do is water the plants twice a day. As for the bins, the blue one is for recyclable items, and the green one is for other wastes.

Again, I really appreciate your help.

Regards,

Ahmed

(2)

Dear Scarlet,

First, I would like to thank you for agreeing to look after my house and my dog Chi Chi. On my entire holiday, I will be staying with my sister in our ancestral house in Vigan. Feel free to give me a ring on my mobile number if you need anything or for some urgent matters. I wrote my address in Vigan and my mobile numbers in the sticky note posted on my fridge.

My dog, Chi Chi, needs to be fed twice daily morning and evening. His dog food is inside the drawer beside my coffee maker. You just mix a cup of dog food and a cup of milk, his bowl is located under the dining table. Apparently an hour after eating you need to bring him out on a leash, for a walk for him to defecate. During bedtime, kindly lock him up in his cage in the front yard and make sure that he has a bowl of fresh water. Don't bother to wash him up I will be the one to do it once I return.

Moreover, regards the house kindly water the plants that are located in the kitchen and the living room at least twice a day. Kindly unplugged all the appliances and turn off my water source. Lastly, for security purpose kindly make sure that the doors and windows were properly locked and please turn on the lights outside at night.

Thank you so much! I'm looking forward to seeing you when I come back. I'll make

sure to pick up some souvenirs for you.

Yours,

Arlyn

### More Statistics on Your Task:

Items	Figures	Recommended
Passive Voice:	<u>126.90</u>	<b>20&gt;X&lt;100.00</b>
Prepositional Phrase:	<u>86.29</u>	<b>30&gt;X&lt;100.00</b>
Unique words:	<u>125</u>	—
Repeated words:	<u>72</u>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total words</b>
Function words:	<u>96</u>	—
Sentences:	<u>16</u>	<b>10-12</b>
Average sentence length:	<u>12.31</u>	<b>18.00 words</b>

### Detailed Explanations on Statistical Information:

#### General English Grade:

This grade takes into account spelling, grammar, word choice, style, vocabulary, and more; but it does NOT examine the *meaning* of your words, how your ideas are structured, or how well your arguments are supported.

#### Function words:

Function words carry little meaning but serve as the glue for sentence. We recommend that you use this detector by itself, since function words are so common.

More information>> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Function\\_word](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Function_word)

#### Adverbs:

They aren't bad in small quantities, but consider revising your document if more than 5.5% of its words are adverbs.

#### Passive voice:

This is a measure of how frequently the passive voice is used. Consider revising the document if it scores over 100.

#### Prepositional phrase index:

This is a measure of how frequently the prepositional phrases are used. Consider revising the document if it scores over 100.

#### Automated Readability Index:

This is an estimate of the minimum grade level required to understand the text. For more comfortable reading and better comprehension, aim three to five levels below the target audience's expected level of education. Popular novels aimed at American adults tend to be written fall in the 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade range, which is in line with 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading capability of the American adult.

More information>> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automated\\_readability\\_index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automated_readability_index)

Score	Age	Grade Level
1	5-6	Kindergarten
2	6-7	First Grade
3	7-8	Second Grade
4	8-9	Third Grade
5	9-10	Fourth Grade
6	10-11	Fifth Grade

7	11-12	Sixth Grade
8	12-13	Seventh Grade
9	13-14	Eighth Grade
10	14-15	Ninth Grade
11	15-16	Tenth Grade
12	16-17	Eleventh grade
13	17-18	Twelfth grade
14	18-22	College

#### **Sentence fragments:**

A sentence must have at least one noun and one verb. Anything that does not is a fragment, and if it occurs outside of dialog, it should probably be rewritten.

#### **Simple sentences:**

A simple sentence has one independent clause, and no dependent clauses.

Independent clause>> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independent\\_clause](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independent_clause)

Dependent clause>> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dependent\\_clause](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dependent_clause)

More information>> <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/573/2/>

#### **Compound sentence:**

A compound sentence has more than one independent clause, and no dependent clause.

More information>> <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/573/2/>

#### **Complex sentences:**

A complex sentence has one independent clause, and one or more dependent clauses.

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#### **Compound-complex sentence:**

A compound-complex sentence has more than one independent clause, and one or more dependent clauses.

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### Long sentence:

Long sentences tend to be more difficult to read, making them good candidates for trimming and splitting. Alternatively, parallelism may be used to improve their readability, though this will not decrease the Automated Readability Index score.

CEFR Level Color Code >>



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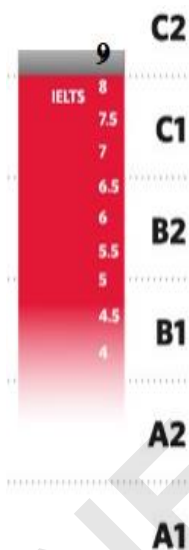
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CEFR level	Number of words	% of total
A1	167	85 %
A2	14	7 %
B1	5	3 %
B2	3	2 %
C1	0	0 %
Unclassified	8	4 %



## Parts of Speech

Part of Speech	Percentage
Nouns	18.27%
Adjectives	3.55%
Verbs	17.77%
Adverbs	4.57%
Prepositions	11.17%
Pronouns	11.17%
Auxiliary Verbs	6.6%

### Repeated words:

Dear Candidate: The following table shows the repetitive words found in your essay. I hope you pay a bit more attention to the most frequent ones and avoid repeating them in your next attempt.

Best of Luck!

**Word Count**

the	12
you	11
to	11
my	7
for	4
be	4
on	4
when	3
dog	3
a	3
i	3
need	3
but	2
know	2
me	2
water	2
if	2
which	2
them	2
i've	2
in	2
can	2
house	2
is	2
of	2
his	2
he	2
and	2