

Chapter 10

Task 2: Grammatical Range & Accuracy

In this unit, you will:

- develop a better understanding of the various requirements related to the domain “Grammatical Range & Accuracy”,
- read and discuss writing exemplars using the assessment standards of “Grammatical Range & Accuracy”,
- evaluate and improve writing exemplars following the assessment standards of “Grammatical Range & Accuracy”.

NOTE: *Exemplars included in this chapter are written by university students and teachers. These exemplars are sometimes edited for the purpose of illustrating certain aspects of the IELTS writing assessment standards. Nevertheless, these exemplars are not edited to be error-free.*

Activity 1 Understanding the assessment standards of “Grammatical Range & Accuracy”

Since the assessment standards of this domain in Task 2 are identical to those in Task 1, refer to Activity 1 in Chapter 6 for definitions of keywords of the assessment standards.

Activity 2 Structure variety

- Read the following question (T2-19) and read Exemplars 10.1 to 10.3.
- Evaluate how well the exemplars are written in terms of using a variety of sentence structures by referring to the definitions and examples of the related terms.

T2-19

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

It seems that people over forty are difficult to find a satisfactory job. What are the causes behind? Are there any possible solutions to this problem?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Exemplar 10.1

Firstly, (1) people over forty generally work for a long time. (2) Most of them have ample experience. They have a great CV. Therefore, (3) they always aim high when they are looking for a new employment. (4) They cannot accept the position or they find the salary too low. (5) They may have many job requests but there are few of those job can satisfy them. It is why they are difficult to find a satisfactory job.

Categorize the underlined sentences into three types: (1) simple sentences, (2) compound sentences, and (3) complex sentences.

Sentence pattern	Sentence number
Simple sentence	
Compound sentence	
Complex sentence	

Exemplar 10.2

Firstly, (1) people who are more than 40-year-olds have been working in the workplace for a long time. It is depressing to be a job for a long time. (2) They lost the power to work when they were young. When they were young, (3) they had the incentive to work, they wanted to get promotion, or the boss recognized their effort. However, when the age is getting bigger and did not get promoted, people get lost in front of work. Also, (4) people will be dissatisfied with their work.

Categorize the underlined sentences into three types: (1) simple sentences, (2) compound sentences, and (3) complex sentences.

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Exemplar 10.3

Secondly, (1) people feel dissatisfied with their job. People think that busy working can affect health, family and life. In some cases, some people choose to divorce because one of them is busy working. From the above, it is shown that long working hours can make people dissatisfied with their work. (2) Long hours can affect your health. They lack time to rest. In some serious cases, (3) people spend all their time on work. They lose the chance to meet their friends.

Sentence number	Instruction	Rewritten sentence
1	Combine the two sentences with a subordinating conjunction “which” to form a complex sentence	
2	Combine the two sentences with a subordinating conjunction to form a complex sentence	
3	Combine the two sentences with a coordinating conjunction to form a compound sentence	

Activity 3 Sentence accuracy

- Read the following question (T2-20) and read Exemplars 10.4 to 10.5.
- Evaluate how well the exemplars are written in terms of using a variety of sentence structures accurately by referring to the definitions and examples of the related terms.

T2-20

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

When it comes to children’s leisure activities, they prefer to stay indoors for computer games rather than go outside for sports.

Discuss the view and give your opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Exemplar 10.4

(1) Being more comfortable, the first reason why children love playing computers and stay indoor is because it is too hot outside. (2) Because of the influence of global warming, the scorching sun and suffocating air lead to the fact that city dwellers would like to escape to indoor with air conditioners, (3) only few, if any, people would like to stay outdoor and enjoy playing sports. (4) Therefore it is not difficult to understand why children these day enjoy playing computer games more. Who would opt to suffering and sweating under the sun but giving up playing computer games with comfortable air conditioners operating 24 hours? A similar circumstance is noted in physical education lesson. (5) Most of the girls chooses to sit aside under the shade of building to wait until the end of the lesson instead of going to play sports and games even they are bored and dull. (6) The major reason they would like to sit aside is because of they hate sweat and being hot.

Match sentences (1) to (6) with the six types of errors described in Chapter 6. These error types include: comma splice, run-on sentence, sentence fragment, faulty parallelism, subject-verb disagreement, and misplaced modifiers. Rewrite a grammatically correct sentence for each.

Sentence number	Error type	Rewritten sentence
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Exemplar 10.5

Firstly, (1) doing outdoor sports are good for the children's health. The majority of the students have packed schedules. Other than the normal school time, (2) many of them may need to attend various tutorial lessons and participating in extra-curricular activities after school. Therefore, they spend most of their time doing indoor activities without sunlight. (3) However, it is reported that suitable sunlight is good for health, especially for the kids who enter puberty, their bodies are growing every day. It is believed that absorbing enough sunlight and sweating can foster children's physical growth. Therefore, doing outdoor sports is better than playing computer games from the health perspective.

Secondly, much money is spent on computer games than sports. It is believed that money is involved in purchasing electronic games. (4) Other than the games themselves money is also paid to buy the extra tools which help play the games. (5) The specialized chairs and joysticks. Also, the higher levels you get to in the game,

there is a higher chance for you to pay more. It is reported that thousands of dollars can be lavished on playing one single video game. In contrast, doing sports is completely free of charge. (6) Being free of charge, people who can afford the time do common sports like running and swimming. Therefore, doing outdoor sports is better than playing computer games.

Match sentences (1) to (6) with the six types of errors described in Chapter 6. These error types include: comma splice, run-on sentence, sentence fragment, faulty parallelism, subject-verb disagreement, and misplaced modifiers. Rewrite a grammatically correct sentence for each.

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Activity 4 Peer evaluation

Based on your understanding of the assessment standards of “Grammatical Range & Accuracy”, complete the evaluation form for Exemplar 10.6 written by a university student.

In the evaluation, identify problematic aspects of sentence use in relation to (1) **variety** and (2) **accuracy** by responding to the guiding questions.

T2-21

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

Women’s status has improved dramatically both in the society and in the family as a result of the development of the society. However, they still face the problem of inequalities. What are some of the inequalities? What measures should be adopted to solve the problems?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Exemplar 10.6

Women has long been underestimated with their capacities which caused gender

inequality in the past decades. They were unreasonably treated in the society and also in the family. (1) This situation has been improving with liberal education and social movements, yet, there are still room for improvement.

In the social aspect, take Hong Kong as an example, ladies enjoy equal job opportunities as gentlemen. (2) Both genders could have fair competitions they could take legal action if they have evidence showing the recruitment is unfair. Sex discrimination is less serious comparing to the past because of improvement in legislations. However, there are still discriminations in job applications (3) if the employer knows the applicant is pregnant or birth to baby. This could hardly collect concrete clues demonstrating there are sexually unfair treatments as the employer could find many other excuses, such as there is physical workload or overtime work is often. Women applicant might not be treated fairly in this sense. This could be solved with a clear job advertisement with listed duties which prevents any arguments about the eligibility.

(4) Another social point of view, people treat divorced men and women differently. People usually believe women should only marry a man once in a life. (5) If the women is divorced, people would still have the traditional thoughts, saying that the women are “unwanted” and no one would think the men are “unwanted”. Unfortunately, this faulty belief could hardly be changed. This concept how others perceive divorced women who are pursuing a second marriage, especially the parents and relatives of the men. These ridiculous thoughts create a burden for divorced women and put them under stress and pressure which affects their personal and social life. (6) This problem could hardly be solved by media or education, it takes time to improve.

Wives are still facing inequalities in family as they are often labelled as the housewife and they are relying on their husbands. (7) Having an unscientific belief, the wives are perceived as merely helping with the housework and children’s work, which barely have any economic contribution to the family. According to a Japanese study, if we calculate a housewife’s workload in the family, they could earn a fortune. Wives’ contributions are usually minimized when compared to those of husbands’. This biased interpretation reveals the unbalanced family role and expectations of the spouses. Similar to the previous problem, it could hardly be solved.

To conclude, the society is changing and is becoming a better place for men and women. (8) An equal treatment regarding to sexes. This requires the effort of the entire society with the willingness to change which might take a few decades.

Q1. Match sentences (1) to (8) with one of the six types of errors described in Chapter 6. These error types include: comma splice, run-on sentence, sentence fragment, faulty parallelism, subject-verb disagreement, and misplaced modifiers. Rewrite a grammatically correct sentence for each.

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Q2. Give one example of compound sentence used in the exemplar.

Q3. Give one example of complex sentences used in the exemplar.

Activity 5 Exercise

Based on your understanding of “grammatical range & accuracy”, try to rewrite the paragraph of T2-33 with complex sentence structures and correct punctuation.

T2-33

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

As traffic accidents still remain high, some people argue that enacting strict regulations on traffic rules is the only way to improve road safety.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

On the other hand, we need a fair and just law enforcement. There are varieties of law in this world. Lacking law enforcement to act on these regulations, the social order of the community may become a disaster. As a result, enacting new rules requires the cooperation of the law enforcement utmost. So we can ensure these orders are followed. Citizens get away with any charges when they are wealthy. They can bribe the law enforcement officers in China, hence, we need tough legislation and an

honorable law enforcement, it can help make a difference on lowering the traffic accidents.

Answer:

On the other hand, a fair and just law enforcement is needed. Although there are varieties of law in this world, the social order of the community may become a disaster if there is a lack in law enforcement to act on these regulations. As a result, enacting new rules requires the cooperation of the law enforcement utmost to ensure these orders are being followed. Citizens get away with any charges when they are wealthy enough to bribe the law enforcement officers in China. Hence, besides tough legislation, an honorable law enforcement is also needed to help make a difference on lowering the traffic accidents.