

Example 4: magazine article

Written work

Standard level

MYP year: 5

Criterion	A	B	C	D	E
Level achieved	–	–	5	4	–

Background

The students were asked to write a 200-word article for an English-language magazine investigating the views of people in different countries on the question, “Should parents limit the amount of television their children watch?”

There was no specific preparation for the task.

The students had 45 minutes, under teacher supervision, to complete the task. They were not allowed to use dictionaries or notes.

There was no penalty for students who went over the 200-word limit.

Note: As the work was done under examination conditions, the student’s article was handwritten. It has been retyped here to facilitate reading. All orthographical and grammatical errors remain as per the original work.

Assessment

Criterion C: writing—message and organization

Maximum 8

Achievement level	Descriptor
5–6	<p>The student communicates information clearly, though there is some difficulty with more-complex ideas. The student’s ideas are relevant but not always supported; opinions are sometimes justified.</p> <p>The student structures the work appropriately, which adds to the clarity of the message; there is an appropriate use of cohesive devices.</p>

This work achieved level 5 because the student:

- communicates some relevant ideas even though he does not always do it clearly
- structures his text appropriately (introduction, development and conclusion) and uses some cohesive devices to help structure it.

The student would have achieved a higher level if he had:

- communicated the more-complex ideas clearly
- supported his ideas better.

Criterion D: writing—language

Maximum 8

Achievement level	Descriptor
3–4	<p>The student uses a basic range of vocabulary and structures, with occasional mistakes. Errors sometimes interfere.</p> <p>There are occasional mistakes in spelling/writing that sometimes interfere with communication.</p> <p>There is an attempt to use appropriate register, which shows some evidence of a sense of audience.</p>

This work achieved level 4 because the student:

- uses a basic range of grammatical structures; there are mistakes that sometimes interfere with the message
- uses a basic range of vocabulary; even though there are spelling mistakes, these do not interfere with communication
- attempts to use idiom and register that are not always appropriate (for example, “kid” and “box”).

The student would have achieved a higher level if he had:

- structured the sentences better
- paid more attention to the verb tenses and subject–verb agreement.

Student work

Should parents limit the amount of television their children watch?

In our generation a lot of children spend their free time in front of the T.V. And this is a big problem for children and a headache for their parents. So should parents limit the amount of television their children watch? The young one says that not and the parents just want their children to go out sometimes and maybe do his or her homework instead of watching.

As for me, I like to watch when I come home after school, for me it kind of relax, but not a drug as somebody can think. Television is a great invention of the XX century is for many of us it is educational. There are a lot of programs that can provide us with deep understanding of the planet that we live in, about different nationalities and many more interesting facts. By watching TV you can inreach your outlook.

On the other hand for someone TV is really a drug. Kid can spend all their time by watching TV and he watches everything. When it will happen of course parents should limit the amount of television their children watch. But when kid is watching programme that is interesting for him (not all) parents shouldn't limit him.

To sum it up I can say that if your children watch educational channel (as Discovery channel) parents should encourage his kid because it is good for his knowledge but when he is watching TV by listing channels first of all it's bad for his eyes and also it's a signal that your children is addicted to that box, so you must limit him.