

STAGE 1&2 ESL

TEXT PRODUCTION: FORMAL LETTER



TASK:

After watching *Happy* and discussing key issues that arise from the film, you will write a **formal letter** using information from the film and the field of Positive Psychology. Your letter should be a letter to the editor responding to a specific article or advertisement which you have found. It is important to demonstrate your understanding of information in the film as well as your ability to follow the conventions of formal letter writing in English. You will also need to provide evidence to back up your claims.

EXAMPLES:

Possible letters you could write include:

- A letter complaining about a particular advertisement which promotes an unhelpful view of happiness
- A letter responding to an article about youth depression
- A letter in support of an article that demonstrates the value of healthy and happy living
- A letter requesting that Positive Psychology be taught in schools

REFLECTION:

You will also write brief commentary on the extent to which the purpose of the letter has influenced the organisation, the formality of the text and the language features used.

WEIGHTING: 10% of final grade

WORD LIMIT: 350 words (letter) 150 words (reflection)

DUE DATE: Wednesday 10th June

SACE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- Knowledge and understanding 1,3
- Application 2,
- Communication 1, 2, 3

PLEASE NOTE:

This should be a polished piece of writing with adequate planning, editing and redrafting. Because it is a relatively short writing task, it is an opportunity for you to demonstrate the best of your English writing ability.