

FOOD & HEALTH

- ▶ The aim of the lesson is to write an assessment report

LANGUAGE AND TONE IS USED TO EXPRESS POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE COMMENTS?

(A) "This restaurant is extremely popular and advance booking is essential."

(B) "The service is professional and the waiters are extremely helpful."

(C) "I think this is a great place for vegetarians."

(D) "The food was tasteless, the service was poor and the tables were dirty."

(E) "It took ages for the waiters to bring our food. I was starving!"

AN ASSESSMENT REPORT

Reports always begin with who the report is for and from, the purpose of the report and the date. They include:

- **an introduction** containing the purpose and content of the report
- **a main body** presenting the positive and negative aspects of the place/event etc., with each point presented under a separate subheading
- **a conclusion** summarizing the content of the report and giving the writer's general opinion and/or recommendation.

Reports are usually written in a formal, impersonal style, using factual language. Present tenses, passive verbs and full verb forms are also commonly used.

What is the aim of the report?

Who is going to read it?

Which of the following must you include in your report?

a size of area

b date it opened

c quality/type of food

d number of staff

e comments on atmosphere

f prices

g location of indoor area/food hall

h opening hours

i type of furniture

4 What style of writing should you use?

MR DAVID JOYCE, EDITOR

TO: REBECCA KARL, FOOD CRITIC

FROM: ORIENTAL CITY, 399 EDGWARE ROAD, LONDON NW9 0JJ

DATE: 1ST MARCH

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to assess the good and bad points of *Oriental City*, a food court in north London.

2) Food and prices

Oriental City offers a wide range of Asian food, in particular Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese dishes, most of which are very tasty. It has reasonable prices and the different dishes are beautifully presented. However, some dishes can be rather expensive.

service

staff at Oriental City are very friendly. The self-service nature greatly adds to the eating experience as customers can order food from any of the stalls and taste food from various countries. However, as some stalls are more popular than others, customers have to queue and wait for particular dishes.

4) Atmosphere

The beauty of Oriental City is its informal and relaxed atmosphere. Although it can get somewhat busy at times this is unavoidable for such a popular place.

5) Conclusion

Despite the fact that London has a number of ethnic food courts. Oriental City is by far the best in terms of taste, cost and service. Therefore, I would certainly recommend it to anyone who enjoys Asian food.

Match adjectives from box A to nouns in box B

The graphic consists of two light blue rounded rectangular boxes, labeled 'A' and 'B' in large blue letters. Box A is on the left and contains two columns of adjectives. Box B is on the right and contains a single column of nouns. A vertical line separates the two columns of adjectives in box A.

A		B
cosy	slow	atmosphere
relaxed	popular	prices
tasty	efficient	staff
helpful	friendly	service
warm	expensive	presentation
varied	tasteless	menu
high	international	food/dishes
inexperienced	unusual	
informal	reasonable	
beautiful		

INCLUDING

AND THE CONCLUSIONS FROM THREE REPORTS. WHICH IS ABOUT:
SCHOOL CANTEEN? A SPORTS CENTRE CAFÉ?, A ROADSIDE CAFÉ?
DO THEY CONTAIN: A JUDGEMENT? A RECOMMENDATION? BOTH?

- ① Overall, in spite of several weaknesses, it is run in a professional manner and both students and their parents are happy with the meals provided.
- ② *In conclusion, facilities at Joe's Diner are adequate but could be improved. The owners should make their prices more reasonable and more consideration should be given to cleanliness.*
- ③ On the whole, the menu was considered unhealthy and unacceptable by most members. I would strongly recommend that greater effort should be made to improve the general quality and variety of the food on offer.

A

To: Mike Johnson, Food Editor
From: Steve Brooks
Subject: Amirit Restaurant
Date: 22nd April

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to assess standards at *Amirit* restaurant.

Food

Amirit offers a wide range of Indian cuisine, all of which is beautifully cooked and presented. Furthermore, it is served in style.

Service

The staff at *Amirit* are efficient, professional and polite. The service, however, can sometimes be a little slow. This can be a problem at busy times.

Prices

While prices at *Amirit* are on average higher than at other Indian restaurants, the quality of the dishes is far superior. The food merits the prices.

Recommendation

All in all, despite a few minor faults, *Amirit* provides excellent value for the standard of food which is served. I would highly recommend it for anyone who enjoys Indian food.

B

To: Mike Johnson, Food Editor
From: Steve Brooks
Subject: Amirit Restaurant
Date: 22nd April

Introduction

Hi! This report is to let you know how good *Amirit* restaurant is.

Food

There's so much food to choose from at *Amirit*! It's all cooked really well too and it looks really nice on the plates.

Service

The waiters at *Amirit* are really cool. They can take ages to bring your food, though, especially when it's busy.

Prices

Amirit will cost you a fortune, so it's much cheaper to go to another Indian restaurant down the road! I have to say though, it's hard to beat the curry at *Amirit*!

Recommendation

There are a few things that aren't that great about *Amirit*, but I guess I would say **the food is well worth the money**. Book a table there; you won't regret it!



Which model from (A or B) contains:

- 1 short forms?
- 2 a variety of adjectives?
- 3 everyday vocabulary?
- 4 formal linking words/phrases?
- 5 passive voice?
- 6 phrasal verbs/ idioms

- 7 longer sentences?
- 8 advanced vocabulary?
- 9 colloquial expressions?
- 10 a polite, impersonal tone?

DISCUSS & WRITE

You work as a journalist for “Nice 'n' Tasty” magazine. Your editor has asked you to write a report on DonMak, a new fast food restaurant, assessing its general quality and saying whether you would recommend it to the readers of your magazine.



Plan

To: Who are you writing to?

From: Who are you?

Subject: What are you going to write about?

Date: What is the date?

Introduction

Why are you writing the report?

Main Body

How many paragraphs will you include?

What will the headings be?


What are the good and bad points of each aspect?

What adjectives/clauses of concession are appropriate?

Conclusion

What is your overall impression/judgement?

What are your recommendations?



Your home work is to
write your report (120 – 180 words).

