Practice for A2 Cambridge Key Writing — Part 6: Culture

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Writing — Part 6: Short Message

Read the email from your English friend Sam.
Write an email to Sam and answer all the questions.
Write 25 words or more.

Hi!

I'm so excited about the International Food Festival at the weekend! What food from your country will you bring? What time shall we meet? What should I bring?

Sam

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Write your email below. You must answer all three questions:

• What food from your country will you bring?

• What time shall we meet?

• What should Sam bring?

MARKING CRITERIA

Award marks for:

Content (5 marks)

• All three content points addressed clearly

• Food from student's country named

• Meeting time given

• What Sam should bring stated

Language (5 marks)

• Simple grammatical structures used correctly

• Basic vocabulary appropriate to task

• Spelling generally accurate

• Register informal and appropriate for a friend

Minimum 25 words required. Under 25 words loses marks even if all points covered.

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MODEL ANSWER

Hi Sam,

I'm going to bring traditional rice cakes from my country. They're really delicious! Let's meet at 11 o'clock in the morning at the park gate. Can you bring some plates and cups? See you on Saturday!

[Your name]

(38 words)

Teacher Notes

Timing: 15 minutes for task completion, 5 minutes for review

Pre-teaching:

- Elicit types of traditional food from students' countries (dumplings, bread, sweets, cakes, salads)
- Review time expressions: at 10 o'clock, in the morning/afternoon, on Saturday
- Practise informal email openings and closings: Hi, See you soon, Bye

Common errors to address:

- Forgetting to answer all three questions
- Writing under 25 words
- Using overly formal language (Dear Sir, Yours faithfully)
- Missing greeting or closing

Extension:

- Students exchange emails and check if all three points are answered
- Peer counting of words to ensure minimum met
- Class vote on most interesting traditional food mentioned

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