

Reading statements

A typical band 4 response shows understanding of the themes, character or topic, awareness of how language is used and provides several pieces of evidence to support their ideas.

A typical band 5 response shows a good overall understanding of themes, characters and topics, applies evidence to support their ideas and is able to make connections between words and ideas.

A typical band 6 response shows good, thoughtful understanding and is able to analyse a writer's choice of language and structure effectively. They use a range of appropriate evidence from across the text.

A typical band 7 response is able to explore a writer's choices and intentions from several different viewpoints, and reach an individual opinion. They use a wide range of evidence from the text and embed quotations.

A typical band 8 response is fabulous, original and makes me fall of my chair! Your ideas are independent and creative, and you make detailed analytical comments.

Writing statements

A typical band 4 response shows understanding of why you are writing a text, who will read it and what effect you want it to have. It will use appropriate language and a variety of sentence lengths.

A typical band 5 response is able to use the conventions and features of a text, and begins to make conscious choices about their language, imagery and punctuation.

A typical band 6 response explores and experiments with a variety of different techniques to create their desired effect on the reader.

A typical band 7 response shows that the writer is thoughtfully selecting language and coherently structuring to effectively match audience and purpose.

A typical band 8 response is original, sophisticated and ambitious. Congratulations, you've made it as an author!