

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.5** score.

It is often said that is better to keep with familiar things than take a risk and try something new. People love traditions, they would feel incomplete if they had not got any tradition. Is it really good? Why people is affraid about taking risks trying something new.

Life continues, and changes, everything changes in a minute, why people's mind not?

I should not generalize but I am sure that every person in the world has something particular that he or she would never like to change, and it would be small things like a type of food, hairstyle, favourite brand of whatever, etc. It is not bad, familiar things will always make us feel good, like home. For example, if you are living in another country, you will always try to cook or eat the things you used to eat in your country just because you are affraid of wasting money in something new that you will propably enjoy but you are affraid to.

On the other hand, in despite of any fear, there are some people that keep changing and you can recognize them easily, they never seem quiet and they are really open minded to everything.

This kind of people is always trying to do something new and they are really interactive. Possibly, they are trying to enjoy life in a 100% which seems to work for their happiness.

In my opinion, traditions keep something good inside us, but there is a entire world and new things waiting for us, sometimes it is good to take some risks even in small things such as a new lip color. People should be more open to new things so as to get a rich mind and heart.

In conclusion, non-familiar things will always good, even if we didn't like them after had tried. They will let us get more knowledge and good experiences to tell. I am a foreigner student and I used to be affraid about going out of my country. Now, I want to keep moving all my life and keep meeting new people and their traditions.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate directly addresses the question of why people can be afraid of trying new things. Both sides of the question are explored and the candidate includes examples from their own experience to fully address it. Ideas are arranged coherently and there is clear overall progression. However, some cohesive devices are faulty [*things waiting for us, sometimes it is good*] and paragraphing is not adequate as there are three paragraphs that contain only one sentence.

The range of vocabulary is both adequate and appropriate, with some good use of collocation [*feel incomplete | take some risks | open to new things*] despite a few errors [*keep with / keep to | foreigner student / foreign student | affraid / afraid*]. Sentence structures are complex [*if | even if | used to be*] and longer sentences with multiple clauses are frequent. However, some errors remain in complex structures [*in despite of / in spite of*] and question forms [*Why people is affraid? | why people's mind not?*], but they do not tend to reduce communication.

To achieve a higher score, the candidate would need to use paragraphing more effectively and reduce the number of grammatical errors.