

TEST 3, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.5** score.

Living close to where you were born or at the same place gives a felling of comfortable, due to the sort of life you are used to.

In addition, you have your family and friends nearby and also your job. What's more, you know the city and the people from where you grow up, the best places to go, such as restaurants, parks and where is safest.

However, living always at the same place don't show you how big the world is. Visit a new place can change who you are. For example, it opens your mind and gives you new opportunities as jobs.

In conclusion, moving to another city or country changes your vision of life, you know new new things, cultures, people and discover a new world that you were not used to.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This is a response of 135 words. As it should be a minimum of 250 words, this limited word count means that the candidate is not able to demonstrate their widest range of language resource. Overall, it is the lack of range, due the limited number of words, that means this response does not achieve a higher score.

There is a minimal response to the first question, with only one reason being given: feeling comfortable with what you are used to. The second question is answered with several advantages and disadvantages. This response could be improved by including more ideas overall. Ideas are organised into paragraphs, but the short sentences mean there are not many cohesive devices.

Vocabulary is adequate, with some effective examples [*used to* | *opens your mind* | *changes your vision of life*]. However, there are errors [*felling of comfortable* / feeling of comfort] and overall there is not enough evidence of range of vocabulary to score more highly. Complex structures are attempted but limited, and sentences are short. There are also basic errors in the use of past and present tenses.

Candidates must try to reach the minimum word count to give themselves the best chance of achieving a higher Band Score.