

TEST 3, WRITING TASK 1

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

Dear Madam Smith, I am so excited to share my opinion on one of the most important topics for me with public. I have read lots of books and some of them influenced me much but the book of Deil Karnegi wich is called "how to interest public" not only influenced me but also changed my life. I must say that I am not interested in motivational books but this one is not just motivational. It teaches special techniques of having a speech in front of a large public. A reader can learn how to get rid of fears to speak as well as how to erose interest of people.

Before reading this book I was very shy to talk in front of even a small public. It was terrible for me to have a speech in front of my group in the university. Having read examples and stories of D Karnegi from such great orators lifes as Abraham Lincoln I become confident and now I know different methods for having a sucessful speech.

I declare that this book will influence your readers. It will be not only interesting but also useful for them.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response covers all three points in the task. It outlines what the book is about and gives a clear example of how it changed the writer's attitude to speaking in front of other people. There could be more on the third point, the influence on other people, to improve the overall score. Ideas are organised into one paragraph per bullet point and the progress of ideas is logical. Some good cohesive devices are used [*some of them* | *this one*], but there are errors [*Dear Madam Smith*, / *Dear Sir* or *Madam*, | *wich* / *which*].

The range of vocabulary is both adequate and appropriate, with some good use of collocation [*changed my life* | *get rid of fears* | *great orators*], but there are errors [*erose* / *arouse* | *sucsessful* / *successful*]. There are some complex structures, but the number of grammatical and punctuation errors prevent a higher score.