

Hello *student's name*,

The following content is a sample of Writing question feedback that you will receive in 03 working days after sending us a question and your answer to that question.

Our experienced and qualified teachers will correct all your Writing answers. They all have:

- *TESOL, CELTA, or other teaching certificates,*
- *At least 03 years of teaching experience,*
- *At least a 135 Overall DET (76 PTE Overall).*

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In this feedback, we will evaluate your Writing answer based on the same grading elements that the Duolingo English Test uses to assess your skills, including **Content, Lexical Diversity, Lexical Sophistication, Coherence, Grammatical Complexity, Grammatical Accuracy** and **Spelling**.

- content: relevance, style, development, and effect on the reader
- discourse coherence: clarity, cohesion, progression of ideas, and structure (for writing questions only)
- lexis (vocabulary): lexical diversity, lexical sophistication, choice of words, formation of words, and spelling (for writing questions only)
- grammar: grammatical complexity, grammatical accuracy, and punctuation (for writing questions only)
- fluency (speaking questions only): speed; natural use of pauses; and reliance on filler words, repetition, and starting/ stopping
- pronunciation (speaking questions only): intelligibility, individual sounds, word stress, sentence stress, and intonation

Let's check our sample feedback and see what you can learn from it!

Your question: Writing Sample

What is one thing you like about your personality? How has this quality helped you succeed or be a good friend to others? Is this a quality that everyone should have?

Your answer:

When it comes to my personality, I love my integrity the most because it is one of the most intriguing characteristics a person can pursue in their lives. In detail being integrity has been me become a good friend to lots of people. To illustrate, there was a situation when I was a sophomore that I paid a visit to my friend, whose family is the richest in town. In the middle of the night, I saw a wallet but had not idea whose wallet belongs to. Thus, I kept it with me until the morning and lended over to my friend and asked for help to find the owner. It turned out that the wallet belonged to his mom, and he thanked me a lot for doing such a thing. As far as I can tell, I utterly reckon that everyone should possess this quality as it is a characteristic for a good person whoever wants to go after their dreams that, firstly, they need to be trusted and respected by others. It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need.

I. DETAILED FEEDBACK

1. Content

Feedback: The answer is somewhat relevant to the question and provides a thoughtful and detailed response to almost every part of the question. Specifically, your answer covers the personality that you like about and explains thoroughly how it helps you be a good friend to others. Nevertheless, when it comes to the final question *"Is this a quality that everyone should have?"*, your answer is not strong enough to convince others. In this case, we need to elaborate on your content and provide more information to prove why it's the quality that everyone should have.

Advice: Overall, you did a great job! To keep thriving, you should read English news on a wide range of topics in order to equip yourself with more knowledge, so you are able to answer other subjects confidently. Furthermore, you should learn how writers prove their ideas and perspectives with lots of arguments.

2. Lexical Diversity

Feedback: It's great that you didn't use too many words three times or more. There are some words that we can definitely use synonyms to make it more diverse such as and, integrity, friend, etc. Regarding the subject "I", even though you used it seven times, you made it very clear and easy to follow, so let's focus on other repeated words.

Words	Repeated	Level
My	4	A1
Me	3	A1
It	5	A1
Integrity	3	C1
I	7	A1
Friend	3	A1
For	3	A1
As	3	A1
And	4	A1

When **it** comes to **my** personality, **i** love **my integrity** the most because **it** is one of the most intriguing characteristics a person can pursue in their lives. In detail being **integrity** has been **me** become a good **friend** to lots of people. To illustrate, there was a situation when **i** was a sophomore that **i** paid a visit to **my friend**, whose family is the richest in town. In the middle of the night, **i** saw a wallet but had not idea whose wallet belongs to. Thus, **i** kept **it** with **me** until the morning **and** lended over to **my friend and** asked **for** help to find the owner. **it** turned out that the wallet belonged to his mom, **and** he thanked **me** a lot **for** doing such a thing. **as** far **as i** can tell, **i** utterly reckon that everyone should possess this quality **as it** is a characteristic **for** a good person whoever wants to go after their dreams that, firstly, they need to be trusted **and** respected by others. **it's** a well-known fact that having the **integrity** personality just gives you exactly what you need

Check the below table for the replacement of some words you spoke three times or more.

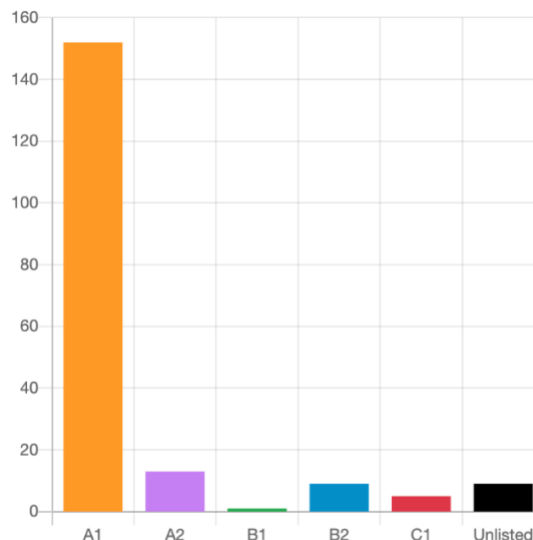
Word	Synonyms
And	Besides, Aside from, Moreover
Friend	Buddy, Mate

Advice: Try to use synonyms to avoid losing scores for repeated words used. For example, instead of using “friend”, we use “buddy”. Go search synonyms in [Thesaurus](#) and practice using different words.

3. Lexical Sophistication

Feedback: The chart below shows the level of words used in your answers. You have used over 80% A1 words, which decreases your score in this element.

Word list	Types
A1	152 (80.42%)
A2	13 (6.88%)
B1	1 (0.53%)
B2	9 (4.76%)
C1	5 (2.65%)
UNLISTED	9 (4.76%)



When it comes to my **personality**, I love my **integrity** the most because it is one of the most **intriguing characteristics** a person can **pursue** in their lives. In detail being **integrity** has been me become a good friend to lots of people. To **illustrate**, there was a situation when I was a **sophomore** that I paid a visit to my friend, **whose** family is the richest in town. In the **middle** of the night, I saw a **wallet** but had not idea **whose** wallet **belongs** to. **Thus**, I kept it with me until the morning and **lended** over to my friend and asked for help to find the **owner**. It turned out that the **wallet** **belonged** to his mom, and he thanked me a lot for doing **such** a thing. As far as I can tell, I **utterly reckon** that everyone should **possess** this **quality** as it is a **characteristic** for a good person **whoever** wants to go after their **dreams** that, **firstly**, they need to be **trusted** and **respected** by others. It's a well-known **fact** that having the **integrity** **personality** just gives you **exactly** what you need

Advice: To get a higher score in this grading aspect, you need to try using some idioms, collocations or higher-level words. However, it needs time to acquire new vocabulary so you can use it smoothly on your test day. There's no difference compared to Lexical Diversity in terms of obtaining high scores, and there is only one way to do so – a combination of practising Reading and Listening. Read the following instructions and start practising today.

- [Guide to improve your Reading and widen vocabulary bank](#)
- [Guide to improve your Listening and widen vocabulary bank](#)

4. Coherence

Feedback: The coherence of your answer is moderate but can be improved. You started by introducing the trait that you are proud of the most – integrity, which is a foundation for the rest of your response. Additionally, the structure (personal trait -> example -> broader reflection) is clear, and your example of the wallet was just wonderful in showing the value of Integrity. Nevertheless, there are several points where transitions between ideas are either missing or inappropriate, which makes your answer less convincing.

Advice: Try to use more Transition words to make your writing smoother. It's best to read English news and listen to English content frequently to help you learn how to transition from one idea to another. Some of the examples of using Transition words are as follows:

Example 1:

Original sentence: Thus, I kept it with me until the morning and lended over to my friend and asked for help to find the owner.

Recommended sentence: Thus, I kept it with me until the morning. **Later**, I handed it over to my friend and asked for help to find the owner.

Example 2:

Original sentence: It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need.

Recommended sentence: **Furthermore**, It's well-known that integrity provides exactly what you need.

5. Grammatical Complexity

Feedback: We noticed you tried to use varied sentence structures (complex sentences), the grammatical complexity is still less effective due to frequent verb form errors (used "*having integrity*" instead of "*being integrity*", and "*handed over*" instead of "*lended over*"). Besides, the lack of clear subordinate clauses, which are key elements in demonstrating grammatical complexity, made your writing unnatural and awkward (used "*In the middle of the night, I saw a wallet but had no idea to whom it belonged.*" Instead of "*In the middle of the night, I saw a wallet but had not idea whose wallet belongs to.*")

Advice: Aside from the above feedback, you can improve this aspect by firstly learning these grammatical structures: Passive Voice, and Reduced Relative Clauses and applying them to practice. Furthermore, reading is the best way to observe how grammatical structures are used in specific situations. We strongly recommend you spend your everyday time reading.

Go read this article to learn the top [05 Grammatical Structures](#) to get you higher scores.

6. Grammatical Accuracy (Spelling)

Feedback: Overall, your writing is pretty good with a few grammatical and spelling mistakes. Check our advice to fix your mistakes so you can get a higher score in the next try.

Advice: Read your answer again and pay attention to the yellow highlighted words/phrases.

When it comes to my personality, I love my integrity the most because it is one of the most intriguing characteristics a person can pursue in their lives. In detail **being integrity has been me become (1)** a good friend to lots of people. To illustrate, there was a situation when I was a sophomore that I paid a visit to my friend, whose family is the richest in town. In the middle of the night, I saw a wallet but **had not idea (2)** whose wallet belongs to. Thus, I kept it with me until the morning and **lended over (3)** to my friend and asked for help to find the owner. It turned out that the wallet belonged to his mom, and he thanked me a lot for doing such a thing. As far as I can tell, I **utterly reckon (4)** that everyone should possess this quality as it is a characteristic for a good person **whoever wants to go after their dreams that (5)**, firstly, they need to be trusted and respected by others. It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need.

- (1) **being integrity has been me become** should be "*having integrity has helped me become*" – wrong grammar and word used.
- (2) **had not idea** should be "*had no idea*" – wrong grammar.
- (3) **Lended over** should be "*handed over*" – wrong spelling/ word used.
- (4) **Utterly reckon** should be "*strongly believe*" – wrong grammar/ word used.
- (5) **whoever wants to go after their dreams that** should be "*who wants to pursue their dreams, as*" – a bit wordy, so we make it clearer.

II. SAMPLE ANSWER AND VOCABULARY

Read the following Sample answer and compare it to yours. There may be some ideas, phrases, idioms, etc. that you can learn from.

*I do not want to flatter myself, but **I'm held in high esteem by** my colleagues, family members, and friends because of my personality, including conscientiousness. It has helped me succeed in my professional career and be a valuable friend to others.*

***To commence with**, I'm currently working as a product development manager. **Hence**, I always **pay close attention to** all details, including minor things, **in order to** create the best product to serve our consumers. I have dedicated myself to being conscientious for the last several years, which has advanced my career significantly.*

***Additionally**, whenever my friends, colleagues, or family members need my help for any reason. I am often there to **lend a helping hand** with my conscientiousness. Even though the problem is relatively small, I still accept and solve it with everything I have gained so far in my life. **As a result**, it often ends up successfully, which ensures an important position in my friends' hearts.*

***To recapitulate**, I firmly reckon that everyone should have that quality because every task needs to be taken care of carefully and correctly.*

Here is a list of highlighted phrases with meanings for your study.

- **I'm held in high esteem by** – to say that your colleagues show great respect, they have a good opinion of you
- **To commence with** – used to share the first idea, opinion or key point. It's the same as Firstly, First of all, First and foremost
- **Hence** – has the same meaning as Thus, Therefore, As a result, Consequently, etc.
- **Pay close attention to** – to focus completely on something
- **In order to** – allowed according to the rules so you can do something
- **Additionally** – has the same meaning as Furthermore, Moreover, In addition, etc.
- **Lend a helping hand** – To help somebody to do something
- **As a result** – has the same meaning with Thus, Therefore, Hence, Consequently, etc.
- **To recapitulate** – has the same meaning as In conclusion, All in all, To end this, To encapsulate, etc.



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