

FCE WRITING CORRECTIONS

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Hi there!

Thanks for sending me your essay to correct. The FCE is such a difficult exam and I am glad you are taking the time to practise!

In the next few pages, you will see:

- Your original essay
- Corrections with feedback
- Marking scheme feedback (did you do what the examiner is looking for?)
- General tips to improve

For corrections, make sure you refer to my key below to understand what my corrections are.

WC = word choice: the word you have chosen is not appropriate for the context

SP = spelling: the word is incorrectly spelled

? = meaning unclear: please rephrase if possible

Green text = good job!

I hope you find my corrections useful. If you have any questions, please do let me know!

To book another correction, you can directly do so on my website.

I hope to hear from you again soon!

Kind regards,

Anu

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Original Essay

WORDS: 128

Designed by ABC company, the bluetooth speaker ABC 4 is by far one of the best middle class speakers.

Not only can you enjoy your music everywhere now but you can also buy it at reasonable price. One of the best thing on this speaker is that it is waterproof so you do not have to worry about taking it with you in the shower.

In spite of that fact that ABC is quite small device, the options of the speaker are just remarkable. Moreover, the sound itself is very solid, compact and is able to fill whole room with ease.

To conclude, I would say if you are interested in listening music in good quality for relatively low price, this bluetooth speaker will be well worth considering.

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Corrections and Feedback

Designed by **the** ABC company, the bluetooth speaker ABC 4 is **by far one of the best** **middle class** speakers **in the market**.

Not only can you enjoy your music everywhere now **but** you can **also** buy it at **a** reasonable price. One of the best **things about** ~~on~~ this speaker is that it is waterproof so you do not have to worry about taking it with you in the shower.

In spite of **that** **fact** that ABC is quite **a** small device, the **options** of the speaker are **just remarkable**. Moreover, the **sound** itself is very solid, **compact** and is able to fill **the** whole room **with ease**.

To conclude, I would say if you are **interested in listening** music in good quality for **a** relatively low price, this Bluetooth speaker will be **well worth considering**.

Commented [Aw1]: WC
'middle class' is used to talk about people
'mid-range' might be a better word

Commented [Aw2]: It is more natural to use this superlative structure with a specific group.
For example:
He is one of the best students in the school.
It is one of the best hotels in the city.

Commented [Aw3]: One of the + superlative + plural nounS

Commented [Aw4]: In spite of THE fact that...

Commented [Aw5]: WC
'features' is a better word to describe all the things a gadget can do

Commented [Aw6]: You should probably explain what features you specifically liked – does it link to your phone quickly? Does it shuffle songs?

Commented [Aw7]: ? / WC
Sounds cannot be 'solid' and 'compact'.

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MARKING SCHEME FEEDBACK

CRITERIA	COMMENTS	SCORE
CONTENT	<p>The three main parts of the question were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe the device - explain how to use it - say whether it is good value for money. <p>You did not answer the question completely as you did not explain how to use it.</p> <p>All other content was relevant to this task.</p>	3/5
COMMUNICATIVE ACHIEVEMENT	<p>You explain some straightforward and complex ideas well.</p> <p>You wrote in a semi-formal register which is appropriate for this task.</p> <p>You used the conventional structure of a review which is appropriate for the task.</p>	4/5
ORGANISATION	<p>The text is well-organised with paragraphs – you have a clear introduction and conclusion as well ('to conclude'). It is all very easy to understand.</p> <p>You use some linking words ('moreover', 'in spite of', 'so') and you generally use them correctly.</p>	4/5

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LANGUAGE	<p>You use a range of vocabulary, including some less common words ('waterproof', 'relatively low price', 'reasonable', 'remarkable').</p> <p>At times, you use unsuitable vocabulary ('solid' and 'compact' to describe sounds, 'middle-class' for gadgets).</p> <p>You use a range of grammatical structures (superlatives, negative inversion, conditionals) with a few minor mistakes. The mistakes do not make it difficult to understand.</p>	<h1>4/5</h1>
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Final score: 15/20

Well done! I think this would certainly pass the exam (B2).

Read the tips on the next page to improve next time.

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GENERAL TIPS TO IMPROVE

For your next writing task, you should try to do the following things.

1. Make sure that you have answered the question fully. This is an easy place to lose marks. It will also ensure that you write more. I suggest writing around 160-170 words.
2. Revise the use of articles (a, an, the) in your writing. I will send you some exercises to do so as well. When you are checking your writing at the end, pay close attention to this.
3. Every time you finish a writing task, it is helpful to see natural examples by native speakers to broaden your grammar and vocabulary. Here are some that I think will be useful for you.

<http://www.trustedreviews.com/guide/best-bluetooth-speakers>

<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/wireless-and-bluetooth-speakers/article/how-to-buy-the-best-wireless-or-bluetooth-speaker>

<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/wireless-and-bluetooth-speakers/article/which-wireless-and-bluetooth-speaker-brand/most-reliable-wireless-and-bluetooth-speaker-brands>