

Writing practice — sample 1

Version 1: original text submitted by the student

“Mad Max” was absolutely fantastic!!

Last Sunday night, I went to watch a movie. It's "Mad Max: Fury Road". "Mad Max: Fury Road" is 3rd series. The first series was released in 1979 in Australia. I watched 1st series and 2nd series in Hulu, but 3rd film was the most interesting!

Director is George Miller. "Mad Max" is very violence and decadent film, however, he has made a happy movie for children such as "Babe" and "Happy Feet" so far. I was surprised at the gap, but "Mad Max" is also happy ending with the great hope. There were a lot of roles which are just beautiful for a lady by most action movies, but this film was different. I was afraid of black make-up around the eye in a shaven head of Charlize Theron, but she was very gentle and forceful lady. The action and the weapon were also fascinating, and I laughed, and it could be cheered up.

A movie is also big hit in Japan. When I went, there were a lot of people. In Japan, animated movie is super popular. And therefore foreign movie is released limited. I am very sorry that. When a foreign movie hits, so I'm happy.

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Version 2: basic corrections

“Mad Max” was absolutely fantastic!

Last Sunday night, I went to watch a movie. **It was** "Mad Max: Fury Road". "Mad Max: Fury Road" is ~~3rd~~ **the fourth movie in a** series. The first ~~series~~ was released in 1979 in Australia. I watched ~~1st series and 2nd series in~~ **the first and third movies on** Hulu, but ~~3rd film~~ **the fourth** was the most interesting!

The director is ~~is~~ **was** George Miller, **and** "Mad Max" is **a** very ~~violence~~ **violent** and decadent film. ~~however,~~ **Since** he has **previously** made **a** happy movies for children, such as "Babe" and "Happy Feet", ~~so far~~ I was surprised at the gap **between them**, but "Mad Max" ~~is~~ also

has a happy ending with the great hope for the future. There were are a lot of roles which are just beautiful for a lady by in most action movies, but this film was different. I was afraid of the black make-up around the eyes in a the shaven head of Charlize Theron. but She was a very gentle and but forceful lady. The action and the weapons were also fascinating, and I laughed and it could be cheered me up.

A This movie is also a big hit in Japan. When I went, there were a lot of people in the audience. In Japan animated movies is are super-popular, And therefore so the number of regular foreign movies is released is limited. I am very sorry sad about that. When a foreign movie hits, so becomes a big hit, I'm always very happy.

Version 3: suggested improvements

Mad Max was absolutely brilliant!

Last Sunday night, I went to see the movie Mad Max: Fury Road. This was the fourth movie in a series, the first of which was released in 1979 in Australia. I watched the first and third movies on Hulu, but this latest one was definitely the most interesting.

Mad Max: Fury Road is a very violent and decadent film directed by George Miller. Since he has previously made happy movies for children, such as Babe, and Happy Feet, I was surprised at the stark contrast, although Mad Max also has a happy ending, full of hope for the future. In most action movies there are lots of roles in which women are just meant to be beautiful, but this film was different. I was scared by the black make-up around the eyes in the shaven head of Charlize Theron, but she was a very gentle, albeit forceful lady. The action and the weapons were also fascinating. I laughed a lot too, and this cheered me up.

This movie is now a big hit in Japan. When I went to see it, the theater was packed. In this country, animated movies are so popular that the number of mainstream foreign movies released tends to be rather limited. That's a great pity, I think. When a foreign movie enjoys great success, I'm always very pleased about it.

Writing practice — sample 2

Version 1: original text submitted by the student

My daughter's longest bicycle ride

I have two kids. One is a daughter, her name is Akiko, eight years old. The other is a son his name is Makoto, five years old. Both love to ride a bicycle. Makoto is not enough to ride a bike alone, so he always rides my bike in child seat. Therefore, when the three of us go out by bike, we go with two bikes.

By the way, my kids love to swim in a pool and to go for swimming to the pool in the neighborhood. The pool we always go is about 10 minutes from my home.

Akiko got the information the pool which has a big slider and waving system. She says the pool is in Edogawa-ku, so that is in the neighborhood of my home. When I look, it is likely to take about 40 minutes to go to the pool. In addition, we must go over several hills along the way. I have to ride my bike with Makoto. He is small but heavy. I thought the journey to that pool was likely painful for me and even Akiko eight years old was the same.

I proposed Akiko to go the pool by bus and train, but she loved to ride a bike. She wanted to go the pool by bike, so I reluctantly determined to go by bike.

As I thought the journey was painful for me. When we arrived at the pool, I was not far from enjoying swimming in exhausted. On the other hand, Akiko was full of energy, and she enjoyed swimming and playing in the pool. Makoto was full of energy, too, because he was only just sitting in the child seat.

My kids love the pool. They often ask me to go the pool by bike, and I have to go with them reluctantly.

(311 words)

Version 2: basic corrections

My daughter's longest bicycle ride

I have two kids. One is a daughter ~~her~~ whose name is Akiko, eight years old. The other is a son ~~his name is~~ called Makoto, five years old. Both love to ride a bicycle. Makoto is not old enough to ride a bike alone, so he always rides on my bike in a child seat. Therefore, when the three of us go out by bike, we go with two bikes.

By the way, my kids love to swim, ~~in a pool and to~~ so they go for swimming to the pool in the neighborhood pool. The pool we ~~always~~ usually go to is about 10 minutes from our home.

Akiko got ~~the~~ some information ~~the~~ about / found out about a pool which has a big slide and a wave-making system. She said the pool ~~is~~ was in Edogawa-ku, ~~so that is in the neighborhood of my home~~ not too far from our home. When I looked more closely, I saw it is ~~was~~ likely to take about 40 minutes to go get to the pool. In addition, we ~~must~~ would have to go over several hills ~~along~~ on the way, and I would have to ride my bike with Makoto. He is small but heavy. I thought the journey to that pool was likely to be painful for me, and even Akiko, eight years old, ~~was~~ felt the same.

I proposed / suggested to Akiko ~~to~~ that we should go to the pool by bus and train, but she loves to ride a bike. She wanted to go to the pool by bike, so I reluctantly ~~determined to go by bike~~ agreed to it.

As I thought, the journey was painful for me. When we arrived at the pool, ~~I was not far from enjoying swimming in~~ feeling exhausted, I could not enjoy swimming. ~~in exhausted~~ On the other hand, Akiko was full of energy and she enjoyed swimming and playing in the pool. Makoto was full of energy, too, because he ~~was~~ had only just been sitting in the child seat.

My kids love the pool. They often ask me ~~to~~ if we can go the pool by bike and, reluctantly, I have to go ~~with~~ take them. ~~reluctantly~~.

Version 3: suggested improvements

We have two children: an eight-year-old daughter called Akiko, and a five-year-old son called Makoto. Both love to ride a bicycle. Makoto is not old enough to ride a bike alone, so he always rides on my bike in a child seat. So when the three of us go out cycling together, we always go on two bikes.

Our kids also love to go swimming in a local pool, and the one we usually go to is about 10 minutes from our home. Recently, however, Akiko found out about a pool which has a big slide and a wave-making system. She said the pool was in Edogawa-ku, also not too far from our home. When I looked more closely, however, I saw it was likely to take about 40 minutes to get there. Furthermore, we would have to cycle over several hills on the way, and I would have to ride my bike with Makoto, who is small but rather heavy. I thought the journey to that pool was likely to be hard work for me, and even Akiko, eight years old, felt the same way.

I suggested to Akiko that we should go to the pool by bus and train, but she loves to ride a bike. She insisted on cycling there, so reluctantly I agreed to it.

Just as I thought, the journey turned out to be painful for me. When we arrived at the pool, because I was feeling exhausted, I was unable to enjoy swimming. Akiko, on the other hand, was full of energy and she enjoyed both swimming and playing in the pool. Makoto, too, was full of energy, because on the way there he had just been sitting in the child seat.

My kids love the pool. They often ask me if we can go there by bike, and reluctantly I agree to take them.

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