

DES Writing: Someone I admire

Look at the description and do the exercises to practise and improve your writing skills.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write **a-g** next to the number 1-7.

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| 1..... kind | a. having a positive feeling of pleasure and satisfaction |
| 2..... shy | b. behaving in a pleasant way to other people |
| 3..... friendly | c. having a lot of belief in yourself |
| 4..... happy | d. being generous to others / thinking about other people's feelings |
| 5..... hard-working | e. being nervous or uncomfortable with other people |
| 6..... serious | f. thinking a lot and not joking or laughing very much |
| 7..... confident | g. doing a lot of work all the time and keeping busy |

Someone I admire

My cousin Laura



Someone I admire is my cousin Laura. She's five years older than me, so she's 19 now and she lives in Bristol. She's very friendly and confident and she's got long, wavy, brown hair and greeny-brown eyes. She's medium height, slim and very fit because she's a dancer.

She's been dancing since she was six years old and trains every day at her dance school. She wants to be a professional dancer, but it's a very difficult profession because it's so competitive. She often dances in shows and I've been to watch her several times. Her favourite type of dance is modern, which is sometimes a bit strange, but I love watching her dance.

Laura is very busy because she also studies photography at university. She's a really good photographer and has taken lots of amazing photos of me and my family. Her photos have won a few prizes and last year one of her photos was in an exhibition at an art gallery in London.

Laura doesn't have a lot of free time and she's also trying to learn German because she wants to go to Germany next year to do a photography course. I think Laura is very hard-working and she deserves to become a professional dancer one day.

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1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best word or phrase to complete these sentences.

1. Laura currently lives in London / Bristol / Germany .
2. Laura started dancing when she was 5 / 6 / 19 .
3. Laura goes to university and studies German / dance / photography .
4. Laura has won prizes for her photography / dancing / language skills .
5. Laura's dream is to be a German teacher / dancer / photographer .
6. Laura is very busy and hard-working / beautiful and kind / fit and strong .

2. Check your writing: grouping - vocabulary about appearance

Write the words in the correct group. Some words can be added to more than one group.

long	tall	brown	blue	wavy	green
overweight	average build	grey	short	straight	
slim	curly	blond	shoulder-length	medium height	

eyes	hair	height	build

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3. Check your writing: gap fill – completing a description

Complete the description with words from the box.

hard-working	sad	brother	creative	young	successful
fit	dream	better	patient	blond	in London

Someone I admire is my 1_____ David. He is seven years older than me so he is 23 now. He has recently moved to 2_____ for his new job. He is very friendly, 3_____ and he has a good sense of humour. He is tall and has short 4_____ hair.

David has loved computer games since he was a child. Now he designs new computer games so he is very 5_____. He can also speak Chinese very well and his 6_____ is to work in China in the future.

David is also very 7_____ because he loves to play sports, especially football. When I visit him in London he often takes me to watch live football! It's great.

When we were 8_____ we used to play football in the garden, but he was much 9_____ than me!

David doesn't have a lot of free time these days because he works so hard. I really admire how 10_____ he is and how 11_____ he has been in his career. I always look forward to visiting him but I will be 12_____ if he moves to China.