**Scoring the B1 writing test**

**Level B1 WRITING Task One**

The maximum score of the first writing task is 15 points. Examiners work with a mark scheme, which focuses on Task achievement (max. 5 points), Grammatical range and accuracy (max. 5 points) and Lexical range and accuracy (max. 5 points).

**Mark Scheme**

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| **5** Task well achieved at a high level | **Grammatical Structures**: Adequate  
**Spelling**: Adequate  
**Word order**: Correct with only occasional slips  
**Punctuation**: Used properly throughout  
**Errors**: Very few basic errors | Basic, but adequate range of lexis to complete the task, some original lexical solutions  
Lexis used fully appropriately with very few occasional misuse |
| **4** Task achieved, some gaps | **Grammatical structures**: Simple but mostly correct  
**Spelling**: Mistakes that do not impede comprehension  
**Word order**: Mostly correct  
**Punctuation**: Mostly effective  
**Errors**: Some, but do not significantly impede meaning. | Sufficient range of lexis to complete the task  
Lexis used mostly appropriately with some occasional misuse |
| **3** Task unachieved | **Grammatical Structures**: Very simple with frequent and serious mistakes  
**Spelling**: Very poor  
**Word order**: Often wrong  
**Punctuation**: Often wrong | Poor range of lexis to complete the task  
Lexis used inappropriately in most cases |
| **1** Task unattempted / partially attempted  
Not enough language to make an assessment (under 10 words). | **Little or no evidence of grammatical knowledge of simple structures, or under 10 words.** | No relevant lexis organized into sentences, or under 20 words. |