

## **BHCC SAMPLES with REEP Scores from the same prompt**

### PROMPT

Write a letter to your friend in your country. Tell your friend what you enjoy doing in your free time here in Boston when you are not studying or working. Explain what you like to do and why. Give reasons and examples.

### **BSL Level 1**

Dear N.

Hello Nizta. I movind in Somerville, may addrees – 5 Autumn St. Apt H 3 – Somerville, MA - 02145 You Call mi Any Time day I missiu

Thang B. O.

**REEP SCORES = C/V = 1 O/D = 1 S = 1 M = 1 V = 2 = 1.2**

**Student does not address the question and has weak organization of ideas. Uses sentence fragments only and has poor mechanics. Addresses audience**

### **BSL Level 2**

Dear Y,

I already arrive USA seven monthes. My English is very poor. Can't talking with someone I want to improve my English speak and listen. Then when I wasn't working. I has enjoyed whatch T.V.

Another I has seen snow, it's wonderful after snow I enjoy go to skitting too. What have you happened. Write to me. Happy new year.

Yours V.

**REEP SCORES = C/V = 2 O/D = 2 S = 2 M = 2 V = 3 = 2.2**

**Student addresses part of the question. Organization is present but weak. Frequent grammatical errors and inconsistent use of punctuation: Emerging voice**

### **BSL Level 3**

Dear C,

HOW ARE YOU? THANK A GOD, I FINE.

HOW ARE YOU FAMILY?.. YOU KNOW OF OUR FRIENDS? YOU KNOW, HOW I MISS YOU.....A LOT

HERE, IN BOSTON, I WILL START TO STADY IN BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I EAR THAT IS GOOD COLLEGE. BUT I NEED STUDY FOR A FUTURE MORE BETTER.

YOU KNOW, I LIKE STUDY, WORKING AND TO BE ALWAYS BUSY, BUT I'M NOT IN MY COUNTRY, AND HAVE BEGINER ALL AGAIN. THE LIFE IS LIKE THAT.

BOSTON IS A PLACE BEUTIFUL, HAVE VERY TURIST PLACE, BUT SAME DAY, YOU AND ME WILL ARE TOGEDER AND TOCKER MORE.

MY DAUGHTER IS VERY TALL, INTELLIGENT, AND CARE. (THANKS TO GOD). SHE IS ONE YEARS AND EIGHTH MONTHS... SHE IS BEUTIFUL.

OK!! MY VERY FRIENDS.

SEE YOU SOON.

I LOVE YOU.

YOUR FRIENDS. S.

**REEP SCORE = C/V=3 O/D= 3 S= 2 M=2 V=3 = 2.6**

**Student doesn't address the question directly and misuses vocabulary but has a basic sense of organization. Demonstrates rudimentary sentence structure and punctuation with frequent errors: Written all in capital letters, so difficult to assess mechanics: Addresses audience and personalizes content:**

## **ESL 1**

Dear E.

I'am going to write a letter to my friend from my country. I went to school last year, I learned English in school, I studied grammar and vocabulary a lot from in school. Saturday and Sunday. They had a free time to go to the party and shopping. I didn't worked on Sunday because I went to church, and vided my family. I liked to go to school, because I want to speak English very well, and I want to be a nurse.

I like to finish college, because I like to help people. I went get a good job. I like this country because, they had good place here. My friend I missed you so much. When I have a vacation in school. I am going to visit you I missed you.

**REEP Score = C/V = 3 O/D = 3 S = 3 M= 3 V = 4 = 3.2**

**Student addresses the question in part and has few vocabulary errors. Paragraphs arc not clearly indicated. Uses simple present and simple past with adverbials (because clause) with errors: Has some spelling and punctuation errors: Personalized with opinions:**

## ESL 2

Dear C.

How are you?

I have been Boston about 10 months. Do you miss me? Today is holiday, so I write a letter to you and tell you what I enjoy doing in my free time in the Boston when I am not studying or working.

In my free time, I will go to shopping, Boston have a lot of big shopping center. It is bigger than Hong Kong's shopping center. Then I will go to see a movie with my friend and then go out have dinner. Boston have a lot of good place to have a dinner and the meal are very taste. Boston have a lot of park. In the winter, I will use the snow to make the snowman, it is very interesting. This winter was my first time to saw the snow. It is very beautiful. But it is too cold. I need to wear a lot of cloths. I like the spring in Boston, because the wear is very nice, and the flowers are beautiful. Sometime I will sleep on the grass. This is very nice. Actually, I don't really know Boston. So I will spent the free time to know the Boston and find the interesting thing for you.

Take care!

**REEP Score = C/V = 4 O/D= 4 S= 3 M= 4 V = 4 = 3.8**

**Student addresses the topic, uses details for support, and indicates paragraphs. Some vocabulary errors but doesn't obscure the meaning. Uses several verb tenses, with some errors. Letter is personalized.**

## ESL 3

Dear N.,

I do not want to begin my note from sad note, but I really miss you. Time goes very fast and I have been here for half of year. I enjoy my free time; and have made many new friends.

The house where I live, is very big and beautiful. The owner of this house, her name is Sandie, is very friendly. In effect hardly ever do I have my free time, because here are so many interesting things and places. A couple of months ago we went to ocean, it was unbelievable you know I had never seen the real ocean. There was piercing wind, and at the same time was bright sunshine.

I still play hockey and we have already had 12 games, 11 of them we won. It is really hard play hockey if you do not have practice. In addition, we did not have last practice because lack of participation and coach canceled it. However, I hope we are going to set up on the next weekend.

The other my friend Juli who is paramedic took me to her work. You can't imagine how I was surprised . I saw two accidents middle on the highway, and I saw how paramedics work right on the extreme situations.

Therefore how you can see I am very busy and I like to be in this only, where everybody is in the hurry and this repeat every day. One more good thing, I am getting used to being in USA, and around American people. My English is getting better everyday, so I am on right way. I am going to be done with letter.  
I miss you, I will see you soon.

Sincerely, L.

**REEP Score = C/V = 5 O/D = 5 S = 5 M = 4 V = 4 = 4.6**