WORK SAMPLE PORTFOLIO

Annotated work sample portfolios are provided to support implementation of the Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum.

Each portfolio is an example of evidence of student learning in relation to the achievement standard. Three portfolios are available for each achievement standard, illustrating satisfactory, above satisfactory and below satisfactory student achievement. The set of portfolios assists teachers to make on-balance judgements about the quality of their students’ achievement.

Each portfolio comprises a collection of students’ work drawn from a range of assessment tasks. There is no pre-determined number of student work samples in a portfolio, nor are they sequenced in any particular order. Each work sample in the portfolio may vary in terms of how much student time was involved in undertaking the task or the degree of support provided by the teacher. The portfolios comprise authentic samples of student work and may contain errors such as spelling mistakes and other inaccuracies. Opinions expressed in student work are those of the student.

The portfolios have been selected, annotated and reviewed by classroom teachers and other curriculum experts. The portfolios will be reviewed over time.

ACARA acknowledges the contribution of Australian teachers in the development of these work sample portfolios.

THIS PORTFOLIO: YEAR 1 ENGLISH

This portfolio provides the following student work samples:

Sample 1  Character reflection: *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley*
Sample 2  Information text: Koalas
Sample 3  Reading aloud: *Dogs Don’t Do Ballet*
Sample 4  Personal connection to text: Reflecting on learning
Sample 5  Responding to text: Character clues
Sample 6  Story map: *Tiddalik*

This portfolio of student work includes responses to a variety of texts and the development of a range of written and oral texts. Informative writing shows evidence of recalled information (WS2), with characters and events created for imaginative writing (WS1). The student uses familiar and new vocabulary including modelled words and groups/phrases (WS1, WS2, WS4, WS5, WS6) and a range of sentence structures (WS1, WS2, WS4). The portfolio demonstrates attention to spelling and punctuation and, with teacher assistance, the ability to make editing changes and publish final drafts (WS2). The student is confident when reading aloud to peers and familiar adults (WS3) and when making presentations (WS6).
Character reflection: *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley*

**Year 1 English achievement standard**

The parts of the achievement standard targeted in the assessment task are highlighted.

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**Summary of task**

Students listened to and discussed the text *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley* by Aaron Blabey. They were asked to reflect on what a character might be thinking and feeling at selected points in the story. Students were asked to draw their chosen character and write what that character might be thinking or feeling. They also completed a diary entry as if they were that character.
Character reflection: Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley

Annotations

- Writes a short text to describe a character’s thoughts and feelings, giving details about a character’s personal preferences.
- Responds from the character’s point of view using first person, for example, ‘I like…’, ‘I don’t like…’
- Writes legibly, forming some unjoined upper- and lower-case letters correctly.
- Spells some words with regular spelling patterns correctly, for example, ‘like’, ‘play’, ‘bake’, ‘flip’; and uses sound and letter knowledge to attempt unfamiliar words, for example, ‘dowing’ (doing), ‘vere’ (very).
- Writes accurate elaborated sentences that provide details.

Uses capital letters and full stops for sentence boundary punctuation.
Character reflection: **Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley**

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**Annotations**

- Writes a diary entry from a character’s perspective using first person.
- Gives logical reasons for character’s actions, for example, ‘I forgot my mittens because…’.
- Writes using a logical sequence of ideas, connecting ideas with conjunctions.
- Creates an image to support the text.
Information text: Koalas

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Students read and viewed a collection of informative texts about koalas. In pairs they read and listed facts about koalas. Students compared koalas in informative and imaginative texts. Students were asked to write an informative text about koalas and to include a labelled illustration.
Information text: Koalas

Koalas are marsupials.
They have sharp teeth and
sharp claws. They have sharp
teeth because they need
to eat gum leaves. They
live in gum trees. Gum trees
are only in Australia.

Annotations

Uses some technical vocabulary, for example, ‘marsupial’, ‘gum leaves’.

Includes title and begins with a statement that classifies: ‘Koalas are marsupials’.

Structures information in a logical sequence using simple and complex sentences which provide relevant detail.

Spells high-frequency words and words with regular spelling patterns accurately.

Uses capital letters and full stops for sentence boundary punctuation.

Forms unlinked upper- and lower-case letters correctly.
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Provides additional information in labelled diagram.
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Students were asked to select a favourite book and to prepare a poster using words and illustrations to say why they liked the book. They were asked to make a short presentation to the class, using their poster, to explain their reasons for their choice and to read aloud a part of the book.
Reading aloud: *Dogs Don’t Do Ballet*

Annotations

Acknowledgement
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**Summary of task**

Students participated in a sequence of lessons where they explored texts related to brolgas and to Aboriginal dance associated with brolgas. Students viewed a split screen video showing a simultaneous performance of a brolga dance and that of Aboriginal dancers. After discussing how the dancers learnt to dance, students were asked to reflect on their personal experience of learning to do something.
Personal connection to text: Reflecting on learning

This reminds me of...  

Draw your thoughts.

This reminds me of when I watched how to do origami. I did not need to practice as I had to copy their hands. It was hard then but eseyer (easier) took a very long time I need to make three of them.

Annotations

Creates a short text in response to a text viewed in class.

Makes a personal connection to a main idea from a text viewed, giving some detail.

Creates a relevant illustration that supports the text.

Uses a sequence of simple and complex sentences to provide details about an idea, for example, ‘It was hard then [it] got eseyer (easier)’.

Uses capital letters and full stops for sentence boundary punctuation.

Spells high-frequency words correctly and uses sound and letter knowledge to attempt unfamiliar words, for example, ‘eseyer’ (easier), ‘verey’ (very).

Writes legibly using unjoined lower-case letters correctly.
Responding to text: Character clues

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Summary of task

In class students discussed their favourite characters in a series of books that were read to the class. They were asked to construct a series of clues that would enable the reader to guess their favourite character. This work sample is the student’s first draft.
Responding to text: Character clues

Annotations

Expresses personal preference for a character by choosing to create character clues about a particular character.

Provides details about ideas using a series of elaborated simple sentences.

Rereads own writing to check spelling.

Uses full stops and capital letters for sentence boundary punctuation.

Spells words with regular spelling patterns accurately, for example, ‘green’, ‘seat’.
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**Summary of task**

In class, students listened to a reading of *Tiddalik*, an Aboriginal Dreaming story. The students were asked to create a story map detailing the main events of the story they had listened to and read. They were asked to structure and sequence the story map using illustrations and writing. The students worked against a class-generated set of criteria and they were encouraged to check their spelling by using a ‘have-a-go-pad’: a rough-work notepad. The students completed this activity over two lessons.

After completing their story maps, the students then presented an oral retelling of the text. During the oral presentation, the students could refer to their story map but were encouraged to not re-read the information on the story map.
Story map: *Tiddalik*

Annotations

Annotations (Overview)

Makes a presentation for a familiar audience using an introduction and a series of well-connected and sequenced sentences.