

You recently spent a weekend with your friend in her/his new house. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter, you should,

- explain what you like about his new house
 - tell him/her what you enjoyed most during your staying
 - suggest when and where you could meet next time with her/him.
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Hi Ben,

Thank you for inviting me to your new house last week. I'd a wonderful time at your place.

It was very nice of you to invite me to your new house last weekend. I was very glad that we could spend some time together.

Your home **was(1)** decorated with different stylish paintings and green plants. These made me **felt feel** (generally, we use **make + object + bare infinitive (infinitive without a to)**) calm and comfortable all the time. Also, it was awesome that you had prepared a large guest room for me so that I was able to do yoga in the morning.

(1) Try to use broadly the same tense that is used in the corresponding bullet point. For instance, the first bullet point says **explain what you like about his new house**. That means, you should discuss **what you like**, not **what you liked**. In other words, use the simple present tense for the general expressions in this paragraph.

Let's bring some changes in this paragraph:

Your home is decorated with different stylish paintings and green plants which made me feel calm and comfortable all the time. Also, the interior is spacious enough, which will be great for throwing parties later. One special arrangement I must remember, the guestroom that you prepared for my yoga in the morning was just incredible.

During the visit, I enjoyed the movie time the most. We spent the whole night watching several movies. This not only **was** (the other clause is in active form (not passive), do the same here.) allowed us to kill time, but also **made me think** (generally, we use make + object + bare infinitive (infinitive without a to)) of our good old days.

Let's revise a bit:

My favourite part, however, was obviously the movie time, I enjoyed it to the fullest. In fact, I got some movie collections there which I had been looking for long time. We spent the whole night watching them. This not only allowed us to kill time, but also made me think of our good old days.

Although I enjoyed my stay very much, I hope that I could spend a few more days at your place. Shall we meet again next month at your home? I enjoy visiting London and hope that you could show me around next time. Please let me know whether you're available or not. I look forward to seeing you in the not-too-distant future.

All the best,

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A Complete Response

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Score and Comment

Task Response – Band 6 (You have stated the objective clearly and answered all the bullet points properly. Your language was mostly informal, as you needed to write to a friend. Good work. However, you could respond the bullet points in a bit more detail. Look, you are writing to a friend, do not panic about the formalities, just keep sharing you thought on the points. In fact, the examiner asked this question to judge your informal written communication skill.)

Coherence and Cohesion – Band 7 (The sentences, ideas and paragraphs are well connected. I appreciate it. Just be careful about the appropriate use of discourse markers, such as *furthermore, in addition, moreover, however, on the other hand etc.* Using these markers too frequently or too rarely, both ways they can damage your score. Therefore, make sure you are using only when you really need them.)

Vocabulary – Band 7 (Overall good contextual vocabulary. However, I suggest you spend five minutes for planning at first, then start writing. Think and write the keyword that you might need in the letter. Make a list of some alternative words of those keywords. This strategy will help you to apply diverse stock of vocabulary in the main discussion.)

Grammar – Band 6 (You made some silly grammar mistakes with subject-verb agreement. You used multiple tense forms in the same sentence, which is never a good idea. In fact, I recommend for writing a paragraph broadly using the same tense that was used in the corresponding bullet point. This is important to make the response more logical. Also, remember the rule *make + object + bare infinitive.*)

Overall Band Score: 6.5

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