






## 11+ English Continuous Writing: Sample Mark Scheme

Category	Band 4 (Excellent)	Band 3 (Good)	Band 2 (Developing)	Band 1 (Needs Improvement)
<b>Ideas</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Clear and original writing</li> <li>✓ May include abstract ideas &amp; metaphors</li> <li>✓ Ideas are deeply explored</li> <li>✓ Strong focus on task &amp; style</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Clear and effective writing</li> <li>✓ Ideas are appropriately explained</li> <li>✓ Maintains focus on the task</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚠ Ideas relate to the task but lack depth</li> <li>⚠ No clear purpose in writing</li> <li>⚠ Ideas are listed rather than explored</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Incoherent or irrelevant ideas</li> <li>✗ Writing unrelated to the task</li> <li>✗ No clear focus or structure</li> </ul>
<b>Vocabulary &amp; Spelling</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Uses ambitious vocabulary appropriately</li> <li>✓ Enhances communication effectively</li> <li>✓ Spelling is accurate for all basic words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Some ambitious vocabulary used effectively</li> <li>✓ Avoids overly complex words</li> <li>✓ Spelling mostly accurate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚠ Uses only basic vocabulary</li> <li>⚠ Ambitious words misapplied</li> <li>⚠ Spelling errors in simple words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Limited clarity in vocabulary</li> <li>✗ Frequent spelling mistakes</li> <li>✗ Lacks variety in word choice</li> </ul>
<b>Grammar</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Secure tenses throughout</li> <li>✓ Consistent sentence structure</li> <li>✓ Grammar errors are minimal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mostly accurate tenses</li> <li>✓ Minor grammar errors</li> <li>✓ Readable sentence flow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚠ Inconsistent tenses</li> <li>⚠ Sentence structure may be weak</li> <li>⚠ Grammar errors impact clarity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Tenses are unclear or incorrect</li> <li>✗ Sentence structure is not clear</li> <li>✗ Significant grammar issues</li> </ul>
<b>Structure</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Well-structured response</li> <li>✓ Paragraphs used accurately</li> <li>✓ Varied and effective sentence structure</li> <li>✓ Logical flow between ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Communicates clearly</li> <li>✓ Paragraphs are present</li> <li>✓ Some sentence variety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚠ No clear paragraphing</li> <li>⚠ Sentence structure may be incorrect</li> <li>⚠ Lacks logical progression</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ No paragraphs</li> <li>✗ No clear sentence structure</li> <li>✗ Writing feels disorganized</li> </ul>
<b>Punctuation</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Uses varied punctuation effectively</li> <li>✓ Creative use of punctuation</li> <li>✓ Accurate use of commas, full stops, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Limited punctuation used correctly</li> <li>✓ Mostly just full stops and commas</li> <li>✓ Some variety in punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚠ Basic punctuation only</li> <li>⚠ Errors in sentence demarcation</li> <li>⚠ Commas, apostrophes, etc., often missing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Very limited punctuation</li> <li>✗ Writing may lack full stops</li> <li>✗ Sentence clarity is affected</li> </ul>

