

Title	Read and understand a moderately complex English language academic written text		
Level	4	Credits	5

Purpose	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able to read and understand a moderately complex English language academic written text.</p> <p>This unit standard is for learners for whom English is an additional language.</p> <p>It is intended for learners with independence in English.</p>
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Classification	Languages > English Language
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard may contribute to the New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4) [Ref: 1883]. Assessment of outcomes must clearly reflect the academic context being studied.
- 2 It is recommended that:
 - i the outcomes are assessed as part of an integrated unit of work, relevant to the learning context of the learner;
 - ii assessment be conducted in conjunction with assessment against other English Language and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) unit standards at this level.
- 3 This unit standard is at a level informed by the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). A structured overview of all CEFR related scales can be found at: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/portfolio/overview-of-cefr-related-scales>.
- 4 The requirements of this standard are consistent with the *supporting documents*. They include guidelines relating to appropriate texts, task specifications, and assessment conditions and can be found at: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-and-standards/english-language/>.
- 5 All assessment activities must be conducted in English, which must not be the learners first language.
- 6 Learners may use a bilingual and/or an English dictionary.

- 7 Learner responses may be oral, or written, as relevant and appropriate. Responses may contain some minor textual or linguistic inaccuracies, but these must not impede meaning or interfere with fluency. This standard assesses reading skills, not spoken or written skills.
- 8 A range of assessment tasks must be used for assessment against this unit standard, and may include, but is not limited to short answer questions, multiple-choice, true/false/not given, sorting, matching, gap-fill, open-ended questions requiring explanation and interpretation.
- 9 For this unit standard, a written text:
- i must be at least 1000 words.
 - ii must be of an academic nature
 - iii may have complementary illustrations or diagrams;
 - iv must be related to contexts that are relevant to the learner;
 - v must not have been seen by the learner prior to the assessment;
 - vi may be abridged versions designed for language learners;
 - vii must be guided by the *New Academic WordList (NAWL)*
<https://www.newgeneralservicelist.com/new-general-service-list-1>.
- 10 Guidelines for preparing submissions for moderation can be found at:
<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/external-moderation-application/>.
- 11 Definitions
- Analysed* refers to examining, breaking down, or thinking critically about information in order to draw conclusions.
- Evaluated* refers to an evaluation of a text. It establishes context with background information, describes the text, and concludes with an opinion or judgment.
- Grammatical cohesive devices* refer to the use of language to relate ideas and information and make links between different parts of a text. Examples of grammatical cohesive devices are reference, substitution and ellipsis, and text connectives.
- Lexical cohesive devices* refer to the use of word associations or semantic relationships between vocabulary items which enable readers to make links between items in a text and track how meaning is developed. Examples of lexical cohesive devices are the use of synonyms, antonyms, repetition of keywords, collocation, class/sub-class relationships, and whole/part relationships.
- Main ideas* refer to the most important or central thought of a paragraph or larger section of text.
- Moderately complex text* refers to a text which includes inter-related facts and/or ideas which are communicated, some academic and/or specialised vocabulary and complex sentence structures.
- Supporting details* refer to additional information that explains, develops, or illustrates the speaker/writer's main idea, for example, reasons, causes, and examples.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Read and understand a moderately complex English language academic written text.

Range texts may include but are not limited to journal articles, book reviews, textbook chapters, internet articles.

Performance criteria

1.1 Purpose or viewpoint of the writer is identified.

1.2 Main ideas and supporting details relevant to the purpose or viewpoint of the writer are identified, analysed and evaluated.

Range three main ideas and six supporting details.

1.3 Connections within and across sections of the text are made.

Range connections may include but are not limited to causal, sequential, comparative, additive, and exemplification through lexical and grammatical cohesive devices.

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This CMR can be accessed at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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