

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

- 2 Write a composition of at least 150 words about **gaining confidence**.

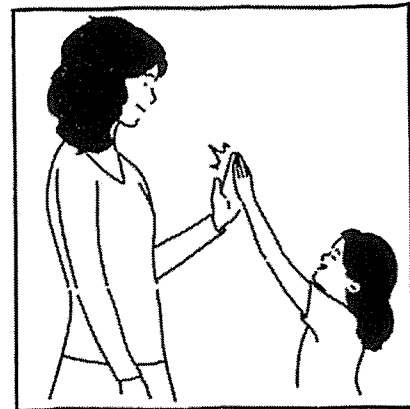
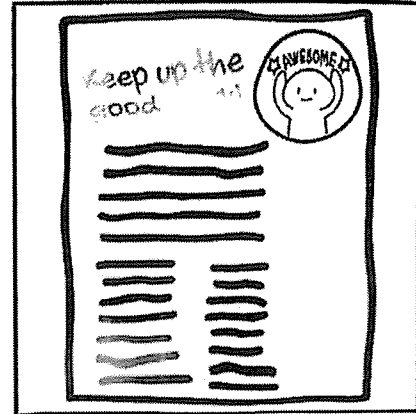
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What caused the gain in confidence?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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Gaining Confidence

Ryan had always been afraid of speaking in front of people. Whenever his teacher asked him to read aloud, his hands would shake, and his voice would tremble. The thought of giving a speech made him feel sick.

One day, his school announced a speech contest. Ryan wanted to join, but he was too scared. His best friend, Lucas, encouraged him. “You have great ideas, Ryan! Just practice, and you’ll do fine.” With Lucas’s support, Ryan started practicing every day in front of a mirror. His parents and teachers also helped by listening to his speeches.

On the day of the contest, Ryan’s heart pounded as he stepped onto the stage. He took a deep breath and spoke with all his might. To his surprise, the audience clapped loudly when he finished. The next day, he received notes from classmates saying, “Keep up the good work!”

Ryan’s confidence grew. He realized that practice and encouragement made him stronger. From then on, he no longer feared public speaking. Instead, he looked forward to sharing his thoughts. He learned that confidence isn’t something you’re born with—it’s something you build, one step at a time.