

Year 12 Second Language Learners (Malay Background)

Oral — Average (1)

Commentary

Learner Background/Course of Study: Second Language Learner/Continuers

Features of Achievement in this Sample

The student discusses her living arrangements, including foods and her family. She describes her situation and offers opinions about the quality of food and facilities where she is living. She describes her family members and a special occasion for them. She goes beyond minimal responses, with several sentences in which she gives an elaborated response with further description (e.g. *kurang bergizi*), opinions (e.g. *merasa sangat gembira; saya sangat rindu akan makanan Asia*), and comparisons using *lebih enak daripada makanan Barat*.

The student has a wide range of vocabulary (e.g. adjectives such as *susah, bergizi, rumit, gembira, rindu, lapar*) and structures that create rich descriptions (e.g. *mengundang, menunggu-nunggu*), and contrasts (e.g. *walaupun saya tahu bahwa makanannya kurang bergizi...*). She creates variety in basic descriptions (e.g. *saya selalunya lapar*) and in sentences by using object focus construction appropriately (e.g. *dia dikenali sebagai...*). Overall, the student has good range and control of language with effective pronunciation and intonation that emphasise the important aspects of meaning.