

## Writing Task Sample

### Unit 19 Reporting a bullying incident at school (p.153)

#### Your thoughts on bullying

Every year, lots of teenagers experience bullying. What are your thoughts on the possible causes and solutions? Write an article of about 180 words to share your thoughts.

I was bullied at school last year. However, I was lucky that our principal, Mrs Wong, **intervened on my behalf**. She **summoned** my bullies and got us all in a room together. There, she made the **perpetrators** aware of how **terrible** their actions made me feel.

Often, bullies are **ignorant of** the lasting damage they **inflict** on their victims, through verbal or physical violence. I sometimes still hear the names they called me **echo in my head**, even years after the **incidents**. However, my case goes to show that once a bully becomes **aware of the human impact** of negative behaviour, it often **ceases**.

Furthermore, social media is **contributing enormously** to incidents of bullying. Often, attacks are now **staged** just to **garner** social media **notoriety**. The more **upsetting** the posted content, the bigger the attention it attracts on platforms and apps.

So, should the conclusion be that you have to hurt someone now to be famous? What does that say about **humanity**? I don't want to **paint too bleak a picture**, but I do think that such trends **speak volumes** of the **negative potential of social media**.

As humans it is our job to look out for one another, and to **let our positive sides shine**.

~207 words