

## Writing Task Sample

### Unit 8 What is the truth? (p.69)

#### How do you deal with a misunderstanding?

*Misunderstandings are unavoidable in our life and it may lead to serious consequence. Write an article of about 180 words to discuss how we can deal with them.*

Misunderstandings can feel painful because nobody likes to **feel wronged**. In such situations, I find it helpful to keep in mind that as humans we often **jump to conclusions** even without **knowing the full story**. Consequently, misunderstandings are a **very human shortcoming**.

Once, I was at the Dojo and my Ju-Jitsu Sensei asked me onto the mat to demonstrate a throw. Yet he looked at my feet and told me I should wash before entering the Dojo. He said that it was disrespectful to come in with dirty feet. The students kneeling around the mat **laughed out loud**.

As a result of the misunderstanding, I choked and **fought back tears**. My Sensei had ignored the fact that I had just come back from a summer holiday. What he mistook for dirty feet, was in fact merely a suntan.

Yet it is disrespectful to talk back to our Sensei. Through this experience, I learned the lesson that life isn't always about fairness. It also means to accept the messiness arising from our **flawed** points of view.

Generally speaking, my advice is to not always insist on your beliefs. Sometimes it is best to let it go and accept people's different views.

~200 words