

Downloadable resource 16:

Your reaction to your report

This resource corresponds to **Chapter 20: Testing, exams and report writing**.

Content

The table below is a self-report form which can be given to students after they have received their mid-course grades, as discussed in **Chapter 20**.

Rationale

Being able to express our feelings, especially when it comes to ones of disappointment or frustration, is a very important part of leading an emotionally healthy lifestyle.

If a student is unhappy with their grades or report comments, giving them a channel such as this helps to reduce resentment because they have been able to voice those feelings (action reduces stress). It also opens up a dialogue between teacher and student about performance and, as you will know from having got this far through *Understanding teenagers in the ELT classroom*, it is my firm belief that the more of these dialogues that exist, the better. Letting their teacher know why they are disappointed with grades or comments is the first step to forming an action plan with that teacher in order to resolve the situation for the second semester, or third term when final scores are given.

In contrast, where a student is pleased with their scores, this form allows them to savour the moment once again. Knowing that a student is happy is also a nice thing for the teacher to take home with them, in a pile of collected feedback sheets like these, at the end of the day.

Your reaction to your report

Are there any scores on your report that you think are not an accurate reflection of your performance or ability? For example, did you look at any of the scores and think: "Only a?!" (If so, which areas were they and how can you show me that you should get a higher score next time?)

Are there any scores you think you can improve on for next time? (If so, what are they? What scores do you think you can get and how?)

Which area of English do you think is your strongest? Is this the area you got the highest score on?

Are there any scores that have made you happy on your report? Why?