

TASK INSTRUCTIONS

This week, you must read two personal statements. These statements were genuinely written by international students applying for university in the UK. To apply to university in the UK, you must submit your application along with a personal statement through the UCAS system. This only allows you to write 4000 characters which translates to approximately 660 words.

Your task is to become an employee at UCAS and assess each student's personal statement.

When reading the statements, ask yourself these questions:

- Does it satisfy the word limit?
- Does the student have a good command of English?
- Does the student demonstrate the skills required for this course?
- Will the student be capable of completing this course?
- Is the student committed enough to this topic area?
- Does the student know exactly what this course requires of them?
- Does this student deserve a place in this university?

These are questions to guide your analysis of the statements. As they are international students and this was their first draft, grammatical errors do exist.

Overall, you should note down the strengths and weaknesses in this statement with regards to the writing style, structure and language.

Strengths include:

Weaknesses include:

We will discuss these statements in this week's webinar.