


**TODAY: OET Writing**

- 1 Review
- 2 Grading your work
- 3 Assignment



Patient: Mr Robert Smithson

Age: 22

Condition: burns from a house fire

UNDERSTAND	CHOOSE	ORGANISE				
<p>Critical questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who is Reader? Task?</li> <li>2. Patient <u>known</u> to Reader?</li> <li>3. Who is <b>Writer</b>? Task?</li> <li>4. Urgent?</li> <li>5. Why am I writing today?</li> <li>6. <b>Where is everyone?</b></li> </ol>	<p>We choose <b>relevant</b> case notes</p> <p>OET tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Appropriate</b>: might be useful, might be helpful – <b>SOME CASE NOTE</b></li> <li>2. <b>Needed</b>: very important – <b>ALL CASE NOTES</b></li> </ol> <p>Directly connected to TASK</p> <p><b>Not relevant</b></p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>Introduction:</b> TASK (Purpose)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Timeline: <i>story</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Medication</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>Requests:</b> details of the TASK</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Introduction:</b> TASK (Purpose)	Timeline: <i>story</i>	Medication	<b>Requests:</b> details of the TASK
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## OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES  
WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

### Notes

Assume that today's date is 10 April 2018

You are a ward nurse working in the burns unit of Berkeley General Hospital. A patient, Robert Smithson, has been admitted to your unit from the Emergency Department, after being in a house fire.

**Patient:** Robert Smithson  
**Marital status:** Single  
**Age:** 22  
**Address:** 23 Main Street, Berkeley  
**Next of kin:** Mary Smithson (mother), lives nearby, close relationship with son.  
**Admission date:** 06 Apr 2018  
**Discharge date:** 10 Apr 2018 (pending consultant's report)  
**Diagnosis:** Partial-thickness burns on 18% TBSA (neck and chest). Respiratory distress.  
**Medical history:** Infectious mononucleosis (16yo). No current medications. Tonsillectomy (age 8 yo). Appendectomy (age 15 yo). Varicocele (age 19 yo) percutaneous embolization. NIL allergies.  
**Medical background:** Partial-thickness burns on neck and chest (18% TBSA). Respiratory distress. Soot in oral cavity.  
**Social background:** Part-time medical student. Lives alone. Enjoys swimming, amateur dramatics. Active, eats a healthy diet.



### Nursing management and progress:

- Irrigation with running cool tap water.
- IV fluids.
- High-flow Oxygen.
- Blood: FBC, type and crossmatch, carboxyhaemoglobin, serum glucose, electrolytes. Arterial blood gases (normal range).
- Fiberoptic laryngoscopy – intubation deemed unnecessary.
- Chest X-ray
- Cardiac monitoring (normal ranges).
- Circulation monitoring to rule out hypovolaemic shock.
- BP (130/80).
- Pt closely monitored for development of stridor, hoarseness, coughing, wheezing. (None present).
- Hourly monitoring urinary output – indwelling urinary catheter inserted.
- Elevation of the head and torso.

### Medications:

Naproxen 500 mg 1 tab orally b.i.d.  
 Tramadol HCL 50mg 1 tab orally b.i.d. p.r.n.  
 Gabapentin 300 mg by mouth daily before bed.  
 Tetanus prophylaxis.

### Assessment (09 Apr 2018):

Patient stabilised, breathing normally  
 No infection.  
 Afebrile.  
 Bloods normal.

### Discharge plan:

Wound cleansing and topical dressings (Dr, community nurse, or Burns Outpatients).  
 Daily auscultation by Dr or community nurse.  
 Pt given instructions on how to:
 

- apply high factor sunscreen when out.
- moisturise and massage area to reduce dryness.
- do deep breathing exercises → lung expansion, drainage secretions.

 Follow nutritious, light, high-protein diet, plenty of fluids. Light activity, no contact sports.  
 Follow-up appointment 17 Apr 2018 (Burns Unit Outpatients).

### Writing task:

Using the information given in the case notes, write a discharge letter to Robert Smithson's doctor, Dr Martins, 29 Cowslip Avenue, Berkeley.

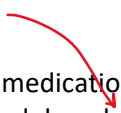
### In your answer:

- expand the relevant notes into complete sentences
- do not use note form
- use letter format

The body of the letter should be approximately 180-200 words.

<p><b>Introduction:</b> TASK (Purpose)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Care and management ...due to <u>burns</u>... = general</li> </ul>
<p><b>Timeline:</b> telling hospital <i>story</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date: 6<sup>th</sup> Partial-thickness burns on neck and chest (18% TBSA). Respiratory distress. Soot in oral cavity.</li> <li>Treated <b>accordingly</b> (in the normal way for burns)</li> </ul> <p> <small>           Patient stabilized, breathing normally            No infection            Afebrile            Bloods Normal         </small> </p>
<p><b>Medication:</b></p>	<p>           Naproxen            Tramadol I            Gabapentin            Tetanus prophylaxis.         </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunscreen</li> </ul>
<p><b>Requests:</b> details of the TASK</p> <p>Write this: <a href="mailto:alain@set-english.com">alain@set-english.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discharge date depends on...</li> <li>Care and management: Auscultation Wound care Wound cleansing <b>Appointment</b></li> </ul>

ORIGINAL	CORRECTIONS
<p>In terms of Mr Smithson's medications, naproxen, tramadol, and gabapentin were prescribed and tetanus prophylaxis was administered. Please note that Mr Smithson has been advised to apply a high factor sunscreen when outdoors.</p> <p><b>In terms of medication, Mr. Smithson is currently taking naproxen 500 mg, one tablet orally, twice a day, and tramadol HCL 50 mg, one tablet orally, as needed. Additionally, he takes gabapentin 300 mg orally once daily at bedtime. Tetanus prophylaxis has also been administered.</b></p> <p>Regarding Mr. Smithson's medications, he was administered Naproxen, Tramadol HCl, and Gabapentin, along with tetanus prophylaxis. Please note, he has been advised to apply high factor sunscreen when going outside.</p>	<p>In terms of Mr Smithson's medications, naproxen, tramadol, and gabapentin were prescribed and tetanus prophylaxis was administered. Please <b>also</b> note that <del>Mr</del> Smithson has been advised to apply a high factor sunscreen when outdoors.</p> <p>Relative pronoun used for <b>Relative Clauses</b></p> <p><b>Adverbs/adverb phrases:</b></p> <p>Currently, she is... Recently, she is First,</p> <p><b>Preposition:</b> Due to that, = preposition (more on this later)</p> <p><b>listing</b></p> <p>In terms of medication, Mr. Smithson <b>is taking</b> naproxen, <u>tramadol</u> and <u>gabapentin</u>. Tetanus <b>prophylaxis</b> <u>has</u> also <u>been</u> <u>administered</u>.</p> <p>Present Perfect Passive:</p> <p>Finished past action with <i>consequences</i> in the present</p> <p>Consequence above = immune</p> <p>Generic? <u>paracetamol</u> Brand names? <u>Tylenol</u></p> <p>Regarding Mr Smithson's medications, <i>please be aware that</i> he is taking <u>naproxen</u>, <u>tramadol</u>, and gabapentin. <i>It is also important to note</i> that <i>he has been administered</i> tetanus prophylaxis. <i>In addition</i>, he has been advised to apply high factor sunscreen when outside.</p>

<p>Regarding his new medications, he is currently on Naproxen, Tramadol, and Gabapentin and has taken tetanus prophylaxis as well. Please note that he has been instructed on how to apply high-factor sunscreen when out.</p>	<p>Lower case </p> <p>Regarding his new medications, he is currently on naproxen, tramadol, and gabapentin and has been administered tetanus prophylaxis. Please note that he has been instructed on how to apply high-factor sunscreen when outside.</p> <p><i>When out = informal</i>  <i>When outside = formal / professional</i></p>
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<p><b>Original</b></p> <p>On 6 April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted to our hospital due to partial-thickness burns on his neck and chest 18% TBSA and respiratory distress. In addition, Mr Smithson's investigations and vital signs are in normal range. He is being monitored closely for the development of hoarseness, coughing, and wheezing and none is present. He is monitored for urinary output with an indwelling urinary catheter inserted. His head is being elevated and torso.</p> <p>As you are aware, on 6th April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted with the aforementioned injury, and diagnosed with partial thickness burns and respiratory distress. After being treated accordingly with wound, pain and infection management, he has made good progress, and his vital signs are now within normal range.</p>	<p>On 6 April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted to our hospital due to partial-thickness burns on his neck and chest 18% TBSA and respiratory distress. In addition, Mr Smithson's investigations and vital signs are in normal range. He is being monitored closely for the development of hoarseness, coughing, and wheezing and none is present. He is monitored for urinary output with an indwelling urinary catheter inserted. His head is being elevated and torso.</p> <p>As you are aware, on 6th April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted with the aforementioned injury, and diagnosed with partial thickness burns and respiratory distress. After being treated accordingly with wound, pain and infection management, he has made good progress, and his vital signs are now within normal range.</p>
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<p>10 April 2018</p> <p>Dr. Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Robert Smithson, aged 22</p> <p>Dear Dr. Martins,</p> <p>I am writing to provide you with an update on Mr. Robert Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn injury. He is scheduled to be discharged today and will require monitoring and ongoing care.</p>	<p>10 April 2018</p> <p>Dr. Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Robert Smithson, aged 22</p> <p>Dear Dr Martins,</p> <p>I am writing to provide you with an update on Mr Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn injury. He is scheduled to be discharged today and will require monitoring and ongoing care.</p> <p>These in the UK we don't put the . for Mr</p>
<p>10th April 2018</p> <p>Dr Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Mr Robert Smithson, 22 years old</p> <p>Dear Dr Martins</p> <p>I am writing regarding your patient, Mr Smithson, who was admitted to our hospital following a house fire. He is ready to be discharged today and now requires your care and management.</p>	<p>10th April 2018</p> <p>Dr Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Mr Robert Smithson, 22 years old</p> <p>Dear Dr Martins</p> <p>I am writing regarding <i>your</i> patient, Mr <b>Smithson</b>, who was admitted to our hospital following a house fire. He is ready to be discharged today and now requires your care and management.</p>



99% of time don't us 'patient' but this is okay

REAL possibility

1<sup>st</sup>: If I go running, I will be healthy

2<sup>nd</sup>: If I won the lottery, I would buy a new car

UNREAL possibility

I am writing regarding Robert Smithson, who was admitted recently to our unit due to burns. He is scheduled to be discharged on 10th April 2018 pending consultants report and would require your further care and management.

I am writing regarding Mr Robert Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn

Usually we are not allowed to say 'patient'

NMC say it cold, unfriendly and uncaring language. It makes them **sound not like a person**

**Using the name makes them sound more human / like a person**

modal verb mistake: would (unreal possibility) / will (real possibility)

I am writing regarding Robert Smithson, who was admitted recently to our unit due to burns. He is scheduled to be discharged on 10th April 2018 pending consultant's report and **will** require your further care and management.

Alain's opinion is no dates

I am writing regarding Mr Smithson, who was admitted to our hospital due to burns following a house fire. He is due to be discharged today and now requires your further care and support.

I'm not sure? Probably okay because 'support' is very **general** (help)

Support = help

Management a type of help

I am writing regarding Mr Robert Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn

following a house fire. He requires continued care and management upon discharge today.

10th April

Dr Martins  
29 Cowslips Avenue  
Berkeley

Re: Mr Robert Smithson, aged 22

Dear Dr Martins

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10th April YEAR?

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**This is not exactly true**

