

Functional Skills English | Level 1

Diary Entry Learner Response and Examiner Comments

Response

11th September 2020

I visited Elland Road, home of Leeds United, today, the first time since my childhood. Although the ground looked and felt familiar, it was so quiet compared to the hustle and bustle that I remembered from my childhood. I wasn't allowed inside but I could still see the statue of Billy Bremner and the giant floodlights rising out of all four corners.

I have so many fond memories of the ground, where my Uncle Colin would take me to see Leeds play. It was my introduction to football and something I shared with my uncle. I remember the portacabin where you could buy the Leeds kit and matchday programmes, the smell of chips from the stalls and the roar of the crowd whenever Leeds scored. The portacabin is not there anymore. It is now a glossy superstore selling everything a Leeds fan could want. I bought a mug for old times' sake.

Comments

- **Composition**

This is a top band response. It communicates clearly, with some effective use of detail. It is of an appropriate length and fulfils its purpose well.

The use of the date shows understanding of the diary format and there is logical use of paragraphing, with the first paragraph focusing on that day's visit and the second paragraph on memories of previous visits. It uses a range of sentence structures accurately and includes a good range of appropriate vocabulary ('hustle and bustle', 'fond', 'glossy').

- **SPaG**

The response is accurately written and merits a top band mark. Grammar and spelling are consistently accurate. Punctuation is also correct, with effective use of the comma and apostrophe.