



## WRITING SAMPLE

Write a food review:

The city's hottest restaurant

**Have you heard of Tea Tea House? Chances are, you have.** Endorsed by the renowned food critic Choi Lan, the opening of the daring dim sum fusion restaurant has become the talk of the town. Speaking of why I decided to book our family a table for Mother's Day, I blamed all my friends who kept on posting mouth-watering photos of their food on social media - we were all fed up with drooling on our phones! So, did Tea Tea House live up to its high expectations of meshing Eastern and Western culinary conventions? **Read on to find out more!**



What I enjoyed

Indeed, the dishes offered at Tea Tea House rivalled the signature dishes of Michelin three-star restaurants. Apart from offering traditional dim sum ranging from shrimp dumplings to siu mai, innovative fusion dim sum dishes are also on their menu. **A flawless illustration** of how different ingredients from diverse cultures around the world come together beautifully was their bean curd sheet roll with lemongrass, seafood and Mexican hot sauce. No sooner had the steaming hot roll been cut open than the enticing aroma of lemongrass fill the air. The seafood was fresh, and the hot sauce added a hint of spice to the savoury dish. **Try it, or you'll regret!**

If asked use 2 words to describe it, it would be 'Hong Kong', exactly like our city which is a melting pot of Eastern and Western cultures. I bet other chefs all wish they could be as talented as those working at Tea Tea House!



What I hated

The thing I hated the most was the overall environment of the restaurant. Not that it was filthy and teeming with vermin - I would've run out of the place faster than Usain Bolt if that had been the case, **just joking!** If you have ever walked past Tea Tea House, you might have noticed their emphasis on extravagant ingredients such as saffron and caviar. **I'll let you on a secret.** Due to the violation of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, the caviar scallion pancake does not contain the slightest trace of caviar. To their merit, the black pearls sitting on top of it did look like the real deal, but the moment I bit into it, it was crystal clear that it was just seaweed extract and salmon roe "cosplaying" as caviar with the help of molecular gastronomy techniques. **Disgraceful, huh?** Why taint a perfectly scrumptious dish with the bitter aftertaste of dishonesty while you can simply brag about how you can make cheap ingredients taste heavenly? **That's incredibly short-sighted, right?**

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Would I recommend this restaurant?

Tea Tea House's unprecedented fusion dim sum dishes are hands down the best I've ever tasted. As someone who has participated in our school's Home Economics Club for years, blending various dishes without one overwhelming another is easier said than done. However, no matter how innovative or unconventional Tea Tea House's dishes are, they still retain a uniquely Hong Kong taste. Hong Kong has always been diverse and accepting of different cultures. Still, some things never change, such as how Hong Kong people can be stoic one moment then helpful the next when someone is in need and how we will use the indomitable Lion Rock spirit flowing in our blood to fight for our dreams. **Just take a bite of Tea Tea House's food, and you will understand that the essence of Hong Kong is captured in every bite.** Try it! It is the Hong Kong spirit which captures our minds.



## 5\*\* VOCABULARY BUMPING

### 配合 ECHO

- **jibes with**
- **be in accordance with**

1. This suggestion is in accordance with the “all-round development” principle.
2. Her account of the accident jibes with mine.

### 停止 TO PUT A HALT TO

- **(formal writing)**
- **to put the brakes on**
- **to act as a brake on**

1. The school should put the brakes on the drug addiction problem.
2. With a view to putting a halt to the poverty problem, financial assistance is essential.
3. Social instability acts as a brake on the development of the country.



### 跟風 FOLLOW SUIT

- conform to others
- swim with the tide

1. Many a teenager follows suit since they are easily influenced.
2. I thought I'd just swim with the tide and leave when everyone else did.

### IS/ARE IMBUED WITH 充滿

- instilled with
- inculcated with
- infused with

1. Our class 6C is imbued with peace and merriment.
2. Students are inculcated with a keen interest in getting excellent results in exams.

### UBIQUITOUS 常見

- Omnipresent
- pervading
- prevalent
- rampant
- widespread

1. Seeing youngsters clinging to computer games is an omnipresent phenomenon.
2. These diseases are more prevalent in young children.
3. The campaign has received widespread support.



### OPT FOR 選擇

- **choose**
- **single out**
- **resort to**

1. We should opt for taking more action.
2. Many teenagers resort to suicide when facing adversities.

### 衝突 BICKER (VERB)

- **quarrel (verb)/(noun)**
- **friction (noun)**
- **wrangle (noun)**

1. The wrangle makes me feel very annoyed and frustrated.
2. I often bicker about sleeping with my annoying sister.



### 惡化 WORSEN

- **exacerbate**
- **deteriorate**
- **go from bad to worse**

1. Without enough homework, my health goes from bad to worse.
2. These issues will deteriorate if no concrete action is taken.

### 收窄分歧 REDUCE THE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS

1. The government is responsible for reducing the divergence of views on the poverty issue and reaching a consensus.



## 5\*\* 句式

### FOR FEAR OF NOUN

for fear that 句子

1. Many HK people migrate to other countries for fear of the political instability.
2. They fled to North Korea for fear that the police would arrest them.

### LEST 句子

1. We worked till very late lest our boss should scold us.
2. Mary and Spencer are very aware of their belongings lest the valuables (should) be taken.

### NOUN IS/ARE SUCH THAT 句子

1. The new icon is such that many netizens hate its design.
2. The government's policy is such that many a citizen are not satisfied



## 5\*\* GOLDEN IDEAS

### SLASH

#### EMAN LAM (林二汶)

- In her book, she regarded herself as a slash and the boss of herself. Apart from being an independent singer, she started expanding her slash career path to other sectors, such as advertisement narrating and writing for newspaper columns.
- She believes that slash is not used to differentiate experts and generalists but how you manage your own life.

#### VINCCI CHEUK (卓韻芝)

- Cheuk worked as a DJ when she was still 13 years old. She was well-known for the radio program Gee See Goo Bi. Since then, she has worked as a director, a program host, a screenwriter, a voiceover actress, a lyricist, and an advertisement endorser. Besides, she creates comics and stand-up comedy. Along with her grandma, the two of them wrote books together and produced a TV travelling program.



### CAT NG (吳天麗)

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- Ng was a former beach volleyball player in the Hong Kong Beach Volleyball Team which represented Hong Kong to join the Incheon Asian Games. She is also a tattoo artist who made herself a tattoo of a Golden Bauhinia on her foot. She hosted a sports program on VIU TV before.

### ERICA YUEN (袁彌明)

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- After leaving the entertainment industry, Yuen worked for the newspaper media as a columnist and a video-maker to teach make-up skills and share her political views.
- She set up a grocery store Mi Ming Mart to sell skincare products. She is also a chairperson of a political party and ran for the Legislative Council campaign.



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**OTHER NOTABLE SLASHERS OVERSEAS:**

- Benjamin Franklin (Publisher/ Politician/ Technologist)
- Leonardo da Vinci (Artist/ Inventor)
- Jessica Alba (Entrepreneur/ Author/ Actress)
- Sanjay Gupta (Neurosurgeon/ CNN Correspondent)
- Dan Milstein (Computer Programmer/ Theatre Director)
- Robert Childs (Psychotherapist/ Violinmaker)



## SHARED ECONOMY

### LEARNING THROUGH SOCIAL ISSUES

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#### CO-WORKING OFFICE

- Several companies share an office including their photocopies and meeting rooms in order to cut costs and have more opportunities to collaborate with others
- Examples include the Hive and the Work Project