The student
Year Level: Year 1
Background: born in China
Language: Chinese
Schooling: Age equivalent schooling before attending an English language school

The task
The student was asked to write about herself. The student wrote the text independently.

The text shows that the student:

- writes a simple personal text
- spells unknown words using letters to represent sounds heard
- knows that words are separated by spaces
- writes own name
- writes some common words correctly
- forms most letters correctly
- writes using mostly lower case letters, uses capital for ‘I’

My name is S...(correctly writes name in the original text).
I like cake
I like blue
I can run

This text is an example of a student at A1 Standard. The student writes a simple text about herself. The student writes from left to right and leaves spaces between the words. The student uses a repetitive structure. Some commonly used words are spelt correctly and she writes ‘like’ as ‘ilke’, using the correct letters but incorrect order. The student makes some attempts at unknown words which show an awareness of representing words using sound-letter relationships.