

### #1: Introduction a. Strengths:

- Clear stance on the benefits of exchange schools
- Introduces the main idea of cultural immersion

b. Weaknesses: Redundancy Your introduction repeats itself, using nearly identical wording in the first and last paragraphs. This redundancy weakens the impact of your opening and may confuse readers. For instance, you write "Despite the arguments and debates" in the first paragraph and "Despite the arguments" in the last, followed by almost identical sentences.

c. Exemplar: "Exchange programmes offer students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in new cultures, expanding their worldview and knowledge in ways traditional schooling cannot match."

### #2: Body Paragraph on Geography a. Strengths:

- Highlights the practical benefits of firsthand experience
- Links geographical knowledge to future career opportunities

b. Weaknesses: Lack of Specificity Your paragraph on geography lacks concrete examples to support your claims. You mention "new cities, places, languages and food" without providing specific instances that would make your argument more compelling. For example, when you state "Exchange schools can show you the amazing facts about the country", you don't offer any examples of these facts.

c. Exemplar: "By living in Japan, for instance, students can explore ancient temples in Kyoto, practice Japanese in daily interactions, and experience the unique flavours of regional cuisines like Osaka's takoyaki."

### #3: Conclusion a. Strengths:

- Reiterates the main benefits discussed
- Ends with a call to action

b. Weaknesses: Over-generalisation Your conclusion makes broad claims without acknowledging potential counterarguments or limitations. For example, you state "going to an exchange program is obviously better than a normal school" without considering that this might not be true for all students in all circumstances.

c. Exemplar: "While exchange programmes offer unique benefits in cultural immersion and personal growth, they may not suit every student. However, for those seeking to

broaden their horizons and challenge themselves, these programmes can be an invaluable educational experience."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your introduction and conclusion, ensuring they are distinct from each other. In your introduction, present a clear thesis statement outlining the main benefits of exchange programmes you'll discuss. In your conclusion, summarise these benefits without simply restating your introduction, and consider acknowledging that while exchange programmes offer significant advantages, they may not be the best choice for everyone.

Overall Score: 43/50