

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Vivid imagery creates a powerful emotional impact
- Strong hook that immediately grabs attention

Weaknesses: Lack of balanced viewpoint → Your opening paragraph presents an extreme scenario without acknowledging any other perspectives. Your phrases like "forever tainted" and "horrid smell" focus solely on negative outcomes, making your argument seem one-sided.

Exemplar: ***While plastic pollution poses serious environmental threats, we must consider both its harmful effects and current uses in essential sectors like healthcare, before proposing a complete ban.***

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Clear topic sentence introduces main argument
- Good use of specific examples about marine life

Weaknesses: Limited solution development → Your paragraph focuses on stating problems but doesn't explore how a ban would be implemented. Phrases like "This clearly shows" need more depth about what actions could address these issues.

Exemplar: ***To protect marine life, we could start by banning single-use plastics in coastal areas while developing alternative materials for essential items.***

#3 (Final paragraph): Strengths:

- Attempts to provide a balanced view
- Includes a call to action

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped conclusion → Your conclusion suddenly shifts to a neutral stance with "advantages and disadvantages" without properly summarising your main arguments. The phrase "more programs should be implemented" is too vague.

Exemplar: ***Given plastic's severe environmental impact, we must take immediate action through specific measures such as banning single-use plastics and supporting alternative materials.***

■ Your piece shows promise in its passionate advocacy for environmental protection. You've created strong imagery that helps readers visualise the problem. However, you could strengthen your argument by providing specific examples of what items should be banned first. Also, you could improve your piece by discussing what materials could replace plastic in everyday items. Additionally, try adding more details about how a ban would affect different groups of people. Your middle paragraph needs more information about ways to solve the plastic problem. You could make your ending stronger by clearly stating what steps people should take next. Try to balance your emotional appeal with practical solutions throughout your writing. Your piece would benefit from showing both sides of the argument before explaining why a ban is the best choice.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

The Environment: Should Plastic Be Banned?

#1 ~~Envision a world where plastic is everywhere, polluting the land, the sea and the sky.~~ [Imagine a world where plastic pollutes the land, sea and sky.] Plastic bottles and containers bob up ~~in~~ [and] down in the sea as dead fish drift aimlessly, pulled by the current ~~into the sea~~, their rotting bodies emanating a horrid smell. Plastic bags float through the air, catching the ~~sing~~ [wings] of unsuspecting birds as they assault the cars and people. Plastic wrappers drift across the floor like tumbleweed, people unwilling to bend down and pick them up. The sea is a murky brown and the sky is covered in a thick haze of smoke, people coughing and wheezing from the smog, their lungs forever tainted. Landfills grow in size as people toss plastic relentlessly into bins, unaware of how much damage they are causing, these plastics still buried in the ground after many years. This is the result if we do not care for our world and use plastic carelessly. We should be taking care of our environment and ecosystem rather than damaging it further and polluting it. I believe plastic should be banned for the greater good of the environment.

#2 First and foremost, plastic should be banned because it causes detrimental damage to the environment. Plastic is a very flexible material that can become everything, from bags to containers. Fish are caught in plastic cans and bags while birds are dying ~~of~~ [from] eating small plastic parts. Land animals mistake plastic as food and die from eating it. Research shows that over 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone, as 12,000-14,000 tons of plastic are ingested by North Pacific fish yearly. This clearly shows the heavy impact of plastic on marine animals as 1 out of 3 marine animals die from plastic ingestion yearly. Plastic pollution also contributes to killing over 1 million seabirds each year as they scavenge for food, often mistaking plastic for food. As a result, plastic deals heavy impact on animals each year.

In addition, plastic should also be banned as it is very hard to break down. Plastic is a hard and durable material that can take 20-500 years to degrade. Research shows that 79% of landfills are accumulated with plastic, meaning there are less ~~plae~~ [places] to pile up rubbish. As plastic takes hundreds of years to degrade, it is a heavy blow on the earth and people are trying to reduce the damage by creating recycling programs. There is a program where you swap bottles for money, 1 bottle per 10 cents. This encourages people to bring their used bottles and exchange them. When they receive the bottles, they remelt them and remould them again, turning them into brand new items.

#3 ~~To wrap it all up~~ [In conclusion], plastic is a durable material that has many advantages and disadvantages. However, people cannot ignore the damage plastic bottles and bags are doing to the environment and its wellbeing. As a result, more programs should be implemented to control the use of plastic.