

□ WRITING PIECE 1 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Clear thesis statement introducing the main argument
- Good balance of acknowledging both benefits and concerns

Weakness: Underdeveloped opening → Your opening paragraph makes broad claims without specific examples to engage readers. The phrase "maintain a healthy balance" needs concrete details about what this balance looks like in practice.

Exemplar: *Screen time limits are essential for children's wellbeing, as unrestricted device use can lead to missed opportunities for physical play, face-to-face socialising, and crucial developmental activities.*

#2 (Second paragraph) Strengths:

- Well-organised presentation of technology benefits
- Good connection to future skill development

Weakness: Limited depth in examples → Your discussion of educational benefits remains surface-level. The phrase "improved education via interactive applications" needs specific examples of how these applications enhance learning.

Exemplar: *Educational apps help children master maths concepts through engaging games, whilst virtual science simulations allow them to explore complex topics in an interactive way.*

#3 (Fourth paragraph) Strengths:

- Strong presentation of counter-arguments
- Clear cause-and-effect relationships

Weakness: Vague solutions → Your discussion of screen time's negative effects lacks specific solutions. The phrase "can subject children to unsuitable material" needs concrete examples of how parents can prevent these issues.

Exemplar: *Parents should set clear boundaries by using parental controls and creating designated tech-free zones in bedrooms to promote better sleep habits.*

■ Your persuasive piece shows promise but needs more specific examples to strengthen your arguments. The introduction could grab attention better by starting with a striking fact about children's current screen time habits. Also, your second paragraph would benefit from real-world examples of how technology helps in education. Additionally, when discussing drawbacks, include specific daily activities children miss out on due to excessive screen use. Your conclusion could be stronger by suggesting practical screen time limits for different age groups. You could improve the fourth paragraph by adding clear steps parents can take to monitor online activities. The middle section needs better flow between ideas about benefits and drawbacks. Your piece would be more convincing if you included children's own views about screen time limits.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

#1 ~~Technology & Screen Time: How Much is Too Much?~~ [Technology and Screen Time: How Much Is Too Much?]

~~Limits should be placed on children's screen time to maintain a healthy balance between digital activities and other essential pursuits.~~ [Clear limits must be established for children's screen time to ensure a healthy balance between digital activities and other essential pursuits.] Although our devices provide many advantages, including access to educational materials, creative tools, and chances for social interaction, too much screen time can adversely impact children.

#2 ~~Advantages of technology comprise improved education via interactive applications and web-based classes~~ [The advantages of technology include enhanced education through interactive applications and web-based classes], access to worldwide concepts and cultures, and the acquisition of digital skills essential for upcoming professions. Technology can assist children in maintaining connections with friends and family, particularly when face-to-face interactions are restricted.

#3 Nonetheless, the disadvantages of unlimited screen time provide substantial evidence that it tends to have significantly more harmful effects than beneficial ones. Extended time spent in front of screens has been associated with problems such as sleep disturbances, eye fatigue, and reduced physical activity, potentially resulting in health issues. ~~It can also adversely affect social abilities by decreasing in-person interactions.~~ [Moreover, it can harm social skills by limiting face-to-face interactions.] Additionally, too much screen time can subject children to unsuitable material or harmful social media effects, impacting their mental well-being and self-worth.

~~To conclude~~ [In conclusion], a moderated strategy with limited screen time can enable children to enjoy the advantages of technology while reducing its hazards. Parents and guardians must carefully observe and direct their children's online activities to promote positive behaviors.

□ WRITING PIECE 2 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Clear opening statement that directly states the main argument
- Effective use of cause-and-effect structure showing how plastic harms wildlife

Weaknesses: Limited Development → Your opening lacks specific examples of how animals are affected. The phrase "numerous animals confuse plastic with food" needs more vivid details to help readers picture the problem.

The devastating impact of plastic pollution on wildlife is clearly evident, as sea turtles mistake floating bags for jellyfish and seabirds feed plastic pieces to their chicks, often leading to starvation or injury.

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Good organisation of alternative solutions
- Practical suggestions that readers can implement

Weaknesses: Weak Argument Structure → Your solutions are listed without showing how effective they are. The phrase "utilizing reusable bags" needs to show the positive impact of these changes.

By switching to reusable bags, you can prevent hundreds of plastic bags from entering our oceans each year, directly saving marine life from harm.

#3 (Fourth paragraph): Strengths:

- Links individual actions to larger change
- Shows multiple ways to help

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Conclusion → Your ending simply restates earlier points without a strong call to action. The phrase "decrease plastic pollution" needs more urgency.

Join local beach cleanups this weekend to remove harmful plastics from our shores and inspire others in your community to take action against plastic pollution.

■ Your piece needs more powerful examples to convince readers. The first paragraph would be stronger if you described specific animals affected by plastic. Also, when discussing solutions, explain why each option works well. Additionally, your second paragraph should include examples of companies that use eco-friendly packaging to make your argument more real. Your

conclusion needs a stronger message that makes readers want to act right away. Try adding vivid details about how plastic hurts local wildlife in your area. Make your writing more exciting by showing readers exactly what happens when plastic enters the environment. Your piece would be better if you added what happens when people choose reusable items instead of plastic.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

The Environment: Should Plastic Be Banned?

~~#1 Prohibiting plastic can greatly aid in safeguarding wildlife and the Earth. Plastic pollution represents a significant danger to wildlife, as numerous animals confuse plastic with food, resulting in consumption and entrapment. This frequently leads to harm or fatalities for marine creatures and birds.~~ [Banning plastic is crucial for protecting wildlife and our Earth. Plastic pollution poses a deadly threat to wildlife, especially when animals mistake plastic for food, leading to terrible injuries and death. Marine creatures and birds suffer greatly when they become trapped in or consume plastic waste.] In addition, plastic waste requires hundreds of years to break down, inflicting lasting damage on the ecosystem.

#2 Options to replace plastic consist of ~~utilizing~~ [using] reusable bags, bottles, and containers, choosing paper or biodegradable substances, and promoting companies that implement eco-friendly packaging. By selecting eco-friendly alternatives and ~~minimizing~~ [minimising] the use of single-use plastics, people can contribute to the fight against plastic pollution.

Informing people about the effects of plastic on the environment and supporting policy reforms can also promote beneficial change.

~~#3 Promoting recycling and getting involved in beach cleanups are additional methods to decrease plastic pollution and safeguard wildlife.~~ [Recycling programmes and beach cleanup activities offer excellent ways to reduce plastic pollution and protect our precious wildlife.]

In summary, prohibiting plastic is essential for the health of wildlife and the Earth. Through intentional decisions in our everyday activities and by endorsing efforts that advance sustainability, we can collaborate to build a cleaner and safer environment for all creatures.

□ WRITING PIECE 3

Section 1:

#1: (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Clear introduction of the two educational approaches
- Good use of connecting words to show contrast between options

Weaknesses: Limited Development → Your opening lacks specific examples to support the benefits mentioned. When you write "opportunities for social engagement," you could strengthen this by showing what these opportunities look like in real school settings.

Exemplar: ***"Conventional education offers students valuable opportunities for social engagement through group projects, sports teams, and school clubs, while also providing a structured learning environment."***

#2: (Second paragraph) Strengths:

- Good balance in presenting homeschooling benefits
- Clear explanation of personalised learning advantages

Weaknesses: Vague Supporting Details → Your points about "unique learning preferences" and "different reasons" need more specific details. Your readers would better understand if you showed exactly how homeschooling helps different types of learners.

Exemplar: ***"Homeschooling and online education allow students who learn best through visual aids or hands-on activities to spend more time with their preferred learning methods."***

#3: (Final paragraph) Strengths:

- Good conclusion showing balanced view
- Nice suggestion of combining approaches

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Conclusion → Your ending feels rushed and doesn't fully explore how different methods could work together. The phrase "might be the best strategy" needs stronger conviction.

Exemplar: ***"A thoughtful combination of traditional schooling and online learning creates a powerful educational approach that supports different learning styles while maintaining social connections."***

■ Your persuasive piece presents a balanced view of different educational methods, but needs more depth to truly convince readers. You could improve the first paragraph by adding real

examples of school activities that help students learn better. Also, in the middle section, try showing specific ways homeschooling helps different types of learners. Additionally, your final thoughts could explain exactly how mixing different types of learning might work. Try using more passionate language to show why you believe in your ideas. Remember to give clear examples that help readers picture what you're describing. Your writing would be stronger if you showed how these different ways of learning actually help real students do better in their studies.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

Education & Learning: Is It Better to Learn at School or Home?

~~#1 Conventional education and homeschooling/online education each present unique benefits and obstacles. Conventional education offers students opportunities for social engagement, extracurricular pursuits, and an organized learning setting. It also enables direct interaction with instructors, which can improve comprehension and involvement in the educational experience. [Traditional education and homeschooling/online learning each offer distinct advantages and challenges. Traditional education provides students with opportunities to engage socially, participate in extracurricular activities, and learn in a structured environment. Additionally, it allows students to interact directly with teachers, enhancing understanding and participation in learning.]~~

~~#2 Conversely, homeschooling and online education provide adaptability, customized teaching, and the capacity to accommodate unique learning preferences. Learners in these environments can progress at their own speed and concentrate on subjects that intrigue them. Moreover, homeschooling and online education can be advantageous for students who might face challenges in conventional classroom environments for different reasons. [In contrast, homeschooling and online education offer flexibility, personalised instruction, and the ability to adapt to individual learning styles. Students in these settings can work at their own pace and focus on subjects that interest them. Furthermore, homeschooling and online education particularly benefit students who may struggle in traditional classroom settings.]~~

~~#3 The success of conventional education compared to homeschooling or online learning ultimately hinges on the specific needs and preferences of each student. Certain students flourish in a conventional school setting, whereas others might succeed better with homeschooling or virtual education. When selecting the most suitable educational method for a student, it is essential to take into account aspects like learning preferences, social engagement, and academic~~

~~objectives. In the end, a blend of various educational choices might be the best strategy to address diverse learning requirements and guarantee student achievement.~~ [The effectiveness of traditional education versus homeschooling or online learning depends on each student's individual needs and preferences. Some students thrive in a traditional school environment, while others may perform better with homeschooling or virtual learning. When choosing the most appropriate educational approach for a student, it is crucial to consider factors such as learning style, social needs, and academic goals. Ultimately, combining different educational approaches could be the most effective strategy to meet varied learning needs and ensure student success.]

□ WRITING PIECE 4

Section 1:

#1 [First paragraph] Strengths:

- Clear introduction of the main topic with balanced perspective
- Good connection between meat consumption and health impacts

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped argument → Your opening lacks a strong hook to grab readers' attention. The phrase "is a debatable issue" weakens your stance instead of making a compelling case for either perspective.

Exemplar: ***"The choice between consuming meat or adopting a plant-based diet shapes not only our health but also our planet's future."***

#2 [Second paragraph] Strengths:

- Good focus on environmental impact
- Clear link between livestock farming and specific environmental issues

Weaknesses: Limited supporting details → Your environmental claims need more concrete examples. The phrase "could alleviate these effects" doesn't show how exactly plant-based diets help the environment.

Exemplar: ***"Livestock farming leads to massive deforestation as farmers clear rainforests to create grazing land, while plant-based farming uses far less land to produce the same amount of food."***

#3 [Final paragraph] Strengths:

- Good attempt at summarising main points
- Clear conclusion statement

Weaknesses: Weak closing → Your conclusion simply restates points without leaving readers with a memorable takeaway. The phrase "might decide" sounds uncertain rather than persuasive.

Exemplar: ***"By choosing plant-based options, you take a powerful step towards better health, a cleaner environment, and a more compassionate world."***

■ Your piece shows promise in addressing important aspects of the meat consumption debate. To make it more persuasive, you could strengthen your opening paragraph with a compelling hook that draws readers in straight away. Also, when discussing environmental impacts, include vivid examples that help readers picture the effects. Additionally, your middle paragraph about animal

welfare could benefit from specific details about how animals are treated. Your conclusion needs more power - end with a strong call to action that inspires readers to make changes. Try to use more emotive language throughout to connect with your readers' feelings. Make sure each paragraph flows smoothly into the next using clear linking words.

Score: 38/50

Section 2:

#1 ~~The need for consuming meat is a debatable issue~~ [The ongoing debate about meat consumption raises important questions], with strong points made for each perspective. From a health standpoint, although meat offers a plentiful supply of protein, vitamins, and minerals, numerous studies indicate that a carefully curated plant-based diet can supply all necessary nutrients and could lower the risk of chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and various cancers.

#2 From an environmental perspective, livestock farming plays a major role in greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, and water consumption. ~~Shifting to plant-based diets could alleviate these effects~~ [A shift towards plant-based diets would significantly reduce these environmental impacts], fostering sustainability and lowering the environmental footprint of food production.

#3 Ethical issues regarding animal welfare in industrial agriculture have prompted numerous people to support plant-based diets. The way animals are treated in factory farms brings up ethical concerns regarding meat consumption, leading to a transition towards more compassionate and sustainable food options. ~~In summary, although meat can fit into a balanced diet, the health, environmental, and ethical reasons for choosing a plant-based diet are becoming more compelling. People might decide~~ [In conclusion, while meat can be part of a balanced diet, the compelling health, environmental, and ethical benefits of plant-based eating cannot be ignored. People should strongly consider] to cut down on meat intake or consider vegetarian or vegan alternatives to match their eating habits with their health objectives and principles.