

□ WRITING PIECE 1 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Strong opening hook that creates an emotional connection
- Clear introduction of the main question about screen time

Weaknesses: Limited Development → Your opening relies heavily on emotional language but lacks specific context about why this is a concern. The phrase "completely mesmerised at tables all day" is too extreme and weakens your argument.

A more balanced opening could be: "Many children today spend hours gazing at screens, raising important questions about the impact of technology on their daily lives. As parents and educators debate screen time limits, we must carefully consider: how much is too much?"

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Good identification of key benefits
- Clear examples of practical applications

Weaknesses: Surface-level Analysis → Your discussion of advantages stays at a basic level. When you write "Devices are very convenient to use," you could delve deeper into specific ways they help children learn and develop.

Instead of just stating devices are helpful, try: "Modern devices offer invaluable learning tools, from interactive mathematics games that build problem-solving skills to educational videos that bring science concepts to life."

#3 (Final paragraph): Strengths:

- Clear position statement
- Attempts to draw a conclusion

Weaknesses: Abrupt Conclusion → Your conclusion feels rushed with "Except I believe." You haven't fully explained why you reached this position based on the evidence presented.

A stronger conclusion could be: "While technology offers valuable benefits for children's education and communication, the serious risks to their wellbeing make it essential to set reasonable screen time limits."

■ Your piece shows good understanding of basic arguments for and against screen time, but needs more depth in several areas. The middle paragraphs would benefit from specific examples showing how children use technology positively and negatively. Also, try connecting your ideas more smoothly - when you discuss disadvantages, explain why they outweigh the advantages you mentioned. Additionally, your conclusion needs stronger support for why restrictions are necessary. Your opening paragraph could be less extreme while still capturing attention. Try building your argument step by step, using clear examples from children's daily lives. Focus on explaining why each point matters for children's wellbeing.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

Technology & Screen Time: How Much is Too Much? Should kids have unlimited screen time, or should there be restrictions? Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of technology in daily life.

~~#1 Miserable children with their freedom completely torn away from them, sit completely mesmerised at tables all day just watching their screens all day long.~~ [Children today often spend long hours focused on their screens, raising concerns about their freedom and wellbeing.] Now, you are probably wondering how much screen time is too much. There are many advantages and disadvantages of technology but do the positives outweigh the negatives?

Devices allow us to message anyone anywhere almost instantly. This is one reason why devices are used so much. ~~Devices are very convenient to use, allowing us to complete tasks much faster as well as allowing us to find answers to questions in seconds.~~ [Devices offer convenience in our daily lives, helping us complete tasks efficiently and access information instantly.] #2 Devices are also very helpful and advanced. For example, they allow us to enhance and aid learning at school as well as record different special moments and important details easily.

Unfortunately devices also have many negatives. For one, they are destructive to our eyesight. This is very important to remember since eyesight, unlike parts of a phone, cannot be fixed and are therefore permanently ruined. We need to be able to see to complete many easy and everyday tasks. If we cannot see, then we will not be able to use devices anyway. Another disadvantage of using a device is that they are made to be hard to put down. When you are using a device, the

vibrant colours and options make it hard to remember to take a break from it once in a while. This is why many children have trouble trying to tear their eyes away from the screen.

~~#3 To conclude, there are many disadvantages and advantages of using devices. Except I believe that there should be restrictions on how much time children are allowed to spend on the device every day.~~ [After considering both the benefits and drawbacks of technology, it becomes clear that while devices offer valuable tools for learning and communication, reasonable restrictions on children's screen time are necessary to protect their wellbeing.] So screen time should be restricted for children.

□ WRITING PIECE 2 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Powerful use of storytelling to create emotional impact through the turtle's perspective
- Strong hook that immediately draws readers in

Weaknesses: Limited development of opening scenario → Your opening paragraph quickly moves from the engaging turtle scenario to a general question without fully exploring the emotional impact. The phrase "but which side outweighs the other" feels abrupt and disconnects from your compelling opening.

Exemplar: *After witnessing countless sea creatures suffer from plastic pollution, we must ask ourselves: Can we continue allowing plastic to harm innocent marine life, or is it time for change?*

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Clear presentation of plastic's benefits
- Good use of specific examples like crackers and chips

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped arguments → Your points about plastic's advantages need more supporting details. The phrase "Many companies use plastic because of how accessible and affordable it is" would be stronger with specific examples of cost benefits.

Exemplar: *Companies choose plastic packaging because it costs half as much as alternative materials, making everyday items more affordable for families.*

#3 (Third paragraph): Strengths:

- Strong emotional appeal about marine life
- Clear cause-and-effect relationship explained

Weaknesses: One-sided argument development → Your discussion of disadvantages focuses mainly on marine life. The phrase "plastic takes an exceedingly long time to decompose" needs more development to strengthen your argument.

Exemplar: *Not only does plastic harm marine life, but it also pollutes our beaches, clogs our waterways, and fills our landfills with waste that will remain for hundreds of years.*

■ Your persuasive piece shows promise with its emotional opening and clear structure, but needs deeper development of arguments. Take your second paragraph and add specific examples of how

plastic makes products more affordable and accessible. In your third paragraph, expand on the environmental impact beyond marine life - discuss how plastic affects land animals, soil quality, and human health. Your conclusion would be stronger if you summarised your main points before stating your position. Also, consider addressing counter-arguments more thoroughly - acknowledge the economic benefits of plastic whilst explaining why environmental concerns are more important. Additionally, your piece would benefit from suggesting specific alternatives to plastic that are both practical and environmentally friendly. Your opening scenario effectively grabs attention, but try maintaining that emotional connection throughout the piece.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

Picture this, you are an innocent harmless turtle and then one day you spot an interesting transparent piece of wrapping floating in the water. So you open your mouth and swallow it. The next day you find yourself struggling to breathe and your stomach feels tight. ~~Suddenly a sharp talon of agony shoots through you and you start to suffocate.~~ [Suddenly, sharp pain shoots through your body as you start to suffocate.] There are many advantages and disadvantages of having plastic in everyday items but ~~which side outweighs the other?~~ [which concern should take priority?] #1

Plastic is very commonly used in many different items. ~~It is often used to wrap simple everyday items like crackers and chips.~~ [Manufacturers commonly use it to package everyday items like crackers and crisps.] Many companies use plastic because of how accessible and affordable it is. Some also argue that plastic is great since it replaces paper which ~~cutting down trees are required to make.~~ [requires cutting down trees to produce.] Another advantage of using plastic is that it can be washed and put in water. This means that plastic sheets for tables and other items can be cleaned and reused once more. #2

~~On the other hand,~~ [However,] there are also many disadvantages of using plastic. One is that littered plastic may be blown all the way into the ocean by the wind. When this happens many sea creatures such as turtles may swallow it. This can cause them to die or be in great pain. Sea creatures should not have to suffer because ~~some careless many~~ [some careless person] just mindlessly dropped a chip packet on the floor. Another reason is that plastic takes an exceedingly long time to decompose in landfill. So when plastic is used so often in so many items, there is a lot of plastic just taking up lots of space in landfills. #3

To conclude, there are many positives and negatives of plastic being allowed. ~~Except~~ [However,] I believe that the negatives outweigh the positives. So plastic should be banned.

□ WRITING PIECE 3

Section 1:

#1 First Body Paragraph (When children learn from school...) Strengths:

- Clear topic sentence introducing socialisation benefits
- Good use of supporting examples showing practical advantages

Weaknesses: Limited Development → Your paragraph mentions socialisation but doesn't fully explore how specific school activities build these skills. The connection between physical teacher help and student learning needs more depth.

Exemplar: ***"At school, children develop crucial social skills through group projects, playground interactions, and classroom discussions, which prepare them for future workplace collaboration."***

#2 Second Body Paragraph (On the other hand...) Strengths:

- Good use of transition phrase to introduce opposing viewpoint
- Clear examples of school disadvantages

Weaknesses: Counterargument Structure → Your counterarguments lack proper rebuttal. You mention distance and distractions but don't address how schools handle these challenges.

Exemplar: ***"While some students face long commutes, schools offer early morning study groups and catch-up sessions to help these pupils stay on track with their learning."***

#3 Conclusion (To conclude...) Strengths:

- Clear position statement
- Brief summary of main points

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Conclusion → Your conclusion simply restates your position without reinforcing why school learning is better. It needs stronger reasoning to convince readers.

Exemplar: ***"To conclude, while home learning offers some benefits, school-based education provides irreplaceable social interactions, professional teaching support, and structured learning environments that better prepare students for their future."***

■ Your persuasive piece shows good basic understanding of comparing learning environments. To make it stronger, focus on developing deeper arguments for school-based learning. Take your first paragraph about socialisation and add specific examples of school activities that build teamwork. In your second paragraph about disadvantages, include ways schools solve these problems. Your

conclusion needs stronger reasons why school is better - think about long-term benefits for students' futures. Also, add examples of successful school programmes or activities that make learning more effective. Your transitions between paragraphs could be smoother - try linking ideas more clearly. You can improve your piece by giving more details about how teachers help students learn better in person. Additionally, explain how school routines and structure help students develop good study habits.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

Education & Learning: Is It Better to Learn at School or at Home? Compare traditional schooling with homeschooling or online learning and argue which is more effective.

What do you think, ~~is learning from home better or learning at school?~~ [is learning at home better than learning at school?] There are many advantages and disadvantages of learning from school but you will find out which side outweighs the other in this text.

#1 When children learn from school they are able to socialise. This is very important because it teaches them teamwork and leadership skills. If children learn from home then they will miss the chance to physically socialise with other children of their age. Another advantage is that when children learn from school they can get physical help from a teacher. At school children can ask the teacher questions and if they are struggling with the task the teacher will be able to see and help them. When children learn from home then the teacher will not be able to see that they are struggling unless they say so themselves.

#2 ~~On the other hand,~~ [Furthermore,] there are also numerous disadvantages of learning from school. One of these is that students must get to school in person on time. Many students may live a great distance away from school and need to catch long bus or train rides. This can cause students to miss out on precious and important lessons and fall behind. Another disadvantage of learning from school is that students may be distracted by other children. This is because often many children enjoy chatting with other students during class. This can distract them from learning and listening to the teacher. ~~Except~~ [However,] when students learn from home students are able to be in their own home environment and learn to the fullest of their potential.

#3 To conclude, there are many positives and negatives of learning from school. ~~Except~~ [However,] I believe that the positives outweigh the negatives by far. So students should learn from school instead of home.

□ WRITING PIECE 4

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Clear opening that introduces the topic and poses a thought-provoking question
- Good attempt to engage readers by promising an answer

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Introduction → Your opening lacks a clear stance and background information. You've written "Well, today you will find out which side outweighs the other" without providing context about why this debate matters.

Exemplar: *"The debate over meat consumption has become increasingly important as we consider its effects on our health, animals, and the environment. This essay will explore whether eating meat remains necessary in today's world."*

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Makes relevant points about protein and nutrition
- Attempts to address multiple aspects (health and taste preferences)

Weaknesses: Unsupported Claims → Your claims about meat and blood recovery lack depth. You've stated "When people have injuries they often eat a large amount of meat to regain their lost blood" without explaining how meat helps with blood recovery.

Exemplar: *"Meat provides essential proteins that help our bodies repair tissues and maintain healthy blood levels. For instance, red meat contains iron which helps carry oxygen throughout our body."*

#3 (Final paragraph): Strengths:

- Attempts to provide a conclusion
- States a clear position

Weaknesses: Weak Conclusion → Your conclusion simply states "I believe that the positives of eating meat surpass the negatives vastly" without summing up your main points or providing a thoughtful ending.

Exemplar: *"After weighing both sides, I firmly believe the benefits of meat consumption - including its nutritional value and role in our diet - outweigh the concerns, though we should consider eating meat mindfully."*

■ Your piece would be stronger if you developed each argument more fully. In your second paragraph, you could explain how proteins from meat help our bodies. Also, when discussing plant-based diets, you could give examples of what nutrients might be missing. Additionally, your middle paragraph about animal welfare could explore why some people feel strongly about animal rights. You've made good points about health impacts, but you need to explain them better - like how exactly does fat in meat affect our blood? When writing about taste preferences, you could describe different meat dishes people enjoy. Your conclusion needs to remind readers of your main points before stating your final opinion.

Score: 41/50

Section 2:

Animal Rights: Should People Stop Eating Meat? ~~Discuss whether~~ [Let's explore if] eating meat is necessary or if people should switch to plant-based diets for health, environmental, or ethical reasons.

~~#1 What do you think, is eating meat really necessary? Well, today you will find out which side outweighs the other.~~ [Is eating meat truly necessary in our modern world? Today, we'll explore both sides of this important debate to determine which argument is stronger.]

~~#2 When we eat meat it gives us many proteins. This is very important since meat is essential to keeping a healthy diet. When people have injuries they often eat a large amount of meat to regain their lost blood.~~ [People recovering from injuries often include meat in their diet to help with healing and blood regeneration.] When people just eat plant based foods, they often miss out on very important vitamins. Another advantage of eating meat is that many people find it more appetising than just plants. Meat is served in a vast variety of restaurants and some may find meals with only plants quite appalling.

On the other hand, when we eat meat we are actually eating part of a dead animal. This can be distressing to many, knowing that an animal was slaughtered just for their dinner. ~~Yet if everyone just switched to plant based diets then there would be no much less hunting of animals~~ [If everyone switched to plant-based diets, there would be much less hunting of animals] and they would be able to live in safety and live a long and fulfilling life. Another disadvantage of eating meat is that many have high levels of fat. This is quite unhealthy as too much fat can affect your blood levels negatively and can even cause you to get Type Two Diabetes.

~~#3 To conclude there are many positives and negatives of eating meat but now I will give you my opinion.~~ [In conclusion, while there are both advantages and disadvantages to eating meat, I

would like to share my opinion.] I believe that the positives of eating meat surpass the negatives vastly. So we should continue to keep eating meats.

□ WRITING PIECE 5

Section 1:

#1 (Opening paragraph) Strengths:

- Engaging narrative hook that draws readers in through a relatable scenario
- Good use of sensory details like "intense pain shot out"

Weakness: Limited development of scenario → Your opening story feels rushed and could better build tension. The quick jump from being in first place to fourth place needs more details about the emotional journey and internal thoughts.

Exemplar: *As you rounded the final bend, your heart pounding with excitement, victory seemed within reach. But suddenly, your ankle gave way, sending waves of pain through your leg. Though you struggled to your feet, determination burning in your chest, you watched helplessly as one by one, three runners passed you by.*

#2 (Second paragraph) Strengths:

- Clear main argument about inclusion and motivation
- Good use of cause and effect reasoning

Weakness: Underdeveloped arguments → Your points about discouragement and motivation lack specific examples. The claim that "everyone would be excited" needs more backing up with real situations or concrete scenarios.

Exemplar: *When runners miss out on recognition, they often lose confidence in their abilities. For instance, a student might train hard for weeks but finish just outside the top three, leaving them feeling their efforts went unnoticed.*

#3 (Third paragraph) Strengths:

- Presents counterarguments fairly
- Uses logical reasoning about motivation

Weakness: Surface-level exploration → Your counter-arguments about winners feeling "quite average" need deeper exploration. The point about students not taking races seriously jumps to extreme conclusions without showing the steps in between.

Exemplar: *While top performers deserve special recognition for their achievements, we could create a system where everyone receives acknowledgment for their effort while still highlighting exceptional results.*

■ Your persuasive piece shows promise but needs more depth in its arguments. The opening story grabs attention well, but you could make it more powerful by adding more emotional details about the runner's determination. Your main arguments about participation trophies would be stronger if you included real examples of how they affect students' motivation. Also, try building stronger links between your ideas - show how getting a trophy connects to future participation more clearly. You could improve the third paragraph by exploring middle-ground solutions instead of just presenting extreme outcomes. Additionally, your conclusion feels rushed - take time to really wrap up your main points about why participation trophies matter. Focus on making your arguments more complete by thinking about different ways trophies might affect different types of students.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

Sports & Competition: Should Everyone Get a Trophy? Debate whether participation trophies are fair or if only winners should be rewarded in sports and competitions.

#1 Picture this, ~~you had to run~~ [you were running in] the school race. You persevered the whole time and even though you wanted to just slow down and give up many times you still kept going. You were suddenly first in front of everyone and the finish line was coming into view. At that moment ~~you twisted~~ [your twisted] your ankle and intense pain shot out all through your body. You got up once more and started to quickly limp over to the end but then two people got in front of you. At the last moment one more person overtook you and then they were all on the podium with badges and trophies while you missed out by one spot! Well, today you will find out if everyone should get a trophy in sport races.

#2 When people miss out on trophies and badges in races ~~they feel~~ [they often feel] quite discouraged. This can make them very upset and not want to race anymore. If everyone was given a trophy then no one would feel left out and everyone would be celebrating their great effort and success! Another advantage of everyone getting a trophy in races is that everyone would be encouraged to look forward to and try their best again in the next race. This would mean that everyone would be excited and no one would be nervous or dreading the next race.

#3 On the other hand, when everyone gets trophies in the races then the people who actually came on the podium will feel quite average and not special. This could mean that they may feel like not trying as hard anymore in the race since they do not get rewarded with anything special at all. Another disadvantage of having everyone get a trophy is that the students may not treat it as

seriously. When they know that everyone will get a trophy, why should they even try? The students may decide to just tackle each other on the pavement or just walk and chat to each other the whole time.

To conclude, while there are many positives and negatives of everyone getting a trophy ~~but~~ [,] I will now give you my honest opinion. I believe that the positives outweigh the negatives by far, so everyone should get a trophy in races.