Writing Feedback

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Section 1:

#1 "Have you ever wondered onto the beach and felt disgusted? Well, this is because of something called litter. Everywhere we go, there is always a piece of rubbish on the ground waiting to murder a wild animal."

Strengths: Your opening question effectively engages the reader. Your direct approach creates an immediate emotional connection with the issue of litter.

Weaknesses: Imprecise language → You've written "wondered onto" rather than "wandered onto," which affects clarity. Your claim that rubbish is "waiting to murder" is quite extreme and might undermine your credibility with readers. This hyperbolic language can distract from your important message about environmental protection.

Exemplar: Have you ever wandered onto the beach and felt disgusted by the sight of litter? From plastic bottles to sweet wrappers, this rubbish poses a serious threat to wildlife.

#2 "Although no one cares about a few hundred fish dying it is essential that people don't die because of some careless people."

Strengths: You've attempted to connect environmental concerns to human welfare, which is an effective persuasive technique.

Weaknesses: Unsupported generalisation \rightarrow Your statement that "no one cares about a few hundred fish dying" contradicts your overall message about environmental protection. This undermines your argument and creates confusion about your position. Additionally, the sentence lacks proper punctuation, making it difficult to follow your reasoning.

Exemplar: While some might overlook the impact on marine life, we must recognise that pollution harms both wildlife and humans, as the toxins from carelessly discarded rubbish enter our food chain.

#3 "Orchids and farms are a major producer of food at the supermarket. Littering will affect farmers immensely as the plastics can damage the soil quality which will lead to a low amount of available food at shops."

Strengths: You've expanded your argument to include economic impacts, showing the wider consequences of littering.

Exemplar: Farms and orchards supply most of the food we find in supermarkets. When plastic litter breaks down in soil, it releases harmful chemicals that damage soil quality, potentially reducing crop yields and affecting food availability.

Your persuasive piece shows passion for environmental protection, which is commendable. However, your arguments would benefit from more precise language and clearer explanations of cause and effect. The emotional appeals are sometimes too extreme, making your points less convincing. Your organisation needs improvement—consider grouping related points together, such as all the impacts on wildlife in one paragraph and human impacts in another. Also, your conclusion is quite brief and could be expanded to reinforce your main arguments and call to action. You might consider adding specific actions readers can take beyond simply "stop littering." Think about including practical suggestions like using reusable bags or participating in beach clean-ups. Adding transition words between your paragraphs would help your arguments flow more smoothly from one to the next.

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Section 2:

Have you ever wondered onto the beach and felt disgusted? [Have you ever wandered onto the beach and felt disgusted?] Well, this is because of something called litter. Everywhere we go, there is always a piece of rubbish on the ground waiting to murder a wild animal [putting wildlife at serious risk]. Plastics of all kinds can make our country a complete eyesore. Who wouldn't want to just simply not litter then starve to death. [Why would anyone choose to litter when the consequences are so severe?]

Even if you don't care about animals, we must not let soft plastics get into the ocean as it will kill many fish that we eat. This would cause the plastics to get into our stomachs. Littering not only affects fish, but it also kills many people too. Although no one cares about a few hundred fish dying it is essential that people don't die because of some careless people. [While the death of marine life might seem distant to some, it is crucial to understand that human health is also at risk when pollution enters our food chain through careless actions.]

Do you want to be a disgrace to your country, or do you want to be proud of it? Believe it or not, litter can cause visual pollution which is where you can't see as well as before. Littering will impact your country's reputation and rating judged by tourists and travellers. Do you want your country looking like scrapyard [a scrapyard] or a garden of beauty?

Orchids and farms are a major producer of food at the supermarket. [Farms and orchards are major producers of food found in our supermarkets.] Littering will affect farmers immensely as the plastics can damage the soil quality which will lead to a low amount of available food at shops [which could reduce crop yields and the amount of food available in shops]. This may lead to an increasing number of people dying of hunger.

Overall, we must not let our beautiful grounds be invaded by litter and rubbish as it might kill an animal and will affect farms. Make the right decision and stop littering!