

Writing Feedback

TERM 1 2025 | 15th April | DAY 3 | HOLIDAY WRITING

Section 1:

#1: Introduction (First paragraph) Strengths: Your use of questions encourages reader reflection. Your imagery of trees in different states creates a poignant contrast. Weakness: Inconsistent tense and punctuation → The paragraph shifts between tenses and contains punctuation errors that weaken the impact of your imagery. For instance, "do you see tree's bright" uses an incorrect possessive form instead of the plural "trees," and "barley alive" is a spelling error. Exemplar: *Close your eyes. Imagine for a minute what our minuscule world looks like. Do you see trees bright and green standing tall as they reach their branches to greet you, or barely alive grasping for nutrients that no longer exist, or do you see no trees at all, just stumps?*

#2: Evidence paragraph (Third paragraph) Strengths: You attempt to incorporate scientific evidence to support your argument. The specific year 2050 provides a concrete timeframe. Weakness: Vague and unsupported claims → Your evidence lacks specific sources and contains imprecise statements. Phrases like "Scientists all over the have seen our actions" and absolute claims like "all the trees in the world will be cut down" damage credibility and fail to provide substantiated evidence. Exemplar: *This isn't theory but reality supported by evidence. Climate scientists from organisations like the UN have documented our impact through decades of research. By 2050, we could lose up to 30% of our global forest cover, while parts of South Asia may face severe pollution, and sea levels could rise by 1 metre, potentially displacing millions in low-lying coastal regions like Bangladesh.*

#3: Call to action (Fifth paragraph) Strengths: You provide three specific, actionable steps readers can take. The three-part structure makes your suggestions memorable. Weakness: Underdeveloped solutions → Your solutions are presented without explaining their impact or connecting them directly to the problems identified earlier. "Plant a plant" lacks specificity, and "showers only lasting a minimum of 4 minutes" contains confusing wording (minimum suggests at least 4 minutes, not a maximum). Exemplar: *Firstly, switch to reusable bags instead of single-use plastic, preventing thousands of bags from entering landfills over your lifetime. Secondly, plant native species in your garden or community spaces to support local biodiversity and increase carbon absorption. Lastly, reduce water consumption by limiting showers to a maximum of 4 minutes, saving thousands of litres annually.*

■ Your persuasive speech shows enthusiasm for environmental protection, but needs more structured development to meet the AIDA (Attention, Interest, Desire, Action) format requested in the prompt. The introduction captures attention with vivid imagery, but the middle sections require stronger transitions between ideas. Additionally, your emotional language could be more varied beyond references to pollution and destruction. You could improve this by developing two clear metaphorical images throughout the speech. The personal anecdote about your grandfather provides a touching element but could be better integrated earlier to build emotional connection. Also, your solutions need to be connected more directly to the problems identified. You might consider adding a more definitive conclusion that reinforces your key message and creates a sense of urgency.

Overall Score: 38/50

Section 2:

Close your eyes. Imagine for a minute what our minuscule world looks like. Do you see ~~tree's~~ [trees] bright and green standing tall as they reach their branches to greet you, or ~~barely~~ [barely] alive grasping for nutrients that ~~doesn't~~ [don't] even exist, or do you see no ~~tree's~~ [trees] at all, just stumps. No matter how you see them ~~it's~~ [it is] inevitable that we are doing something wrong, our once beautiful trees are now suffering.

It's not just our trees. Remember the sky-blue birds chirping in their nests? Remember the fresh pristine air we once inhaled that we took for granted? Remember the riverbanks that gifted us the source of life? Where are they now? ~~Their~~ [They're] either polluted, endangered or completely gone. We must come to our senses. Where's all our knowledge going to? Poisoning this loving earth even more?

#2: This isn't a theory. We have ~~live~~ [live,] real proof. Scientists all over ~~the~~ [the world] have seen our actions. They have done all the tests, seen all the possibilities and what they've seen isn't a fairy tale dream. In 2050, it's predicted that all the trees in the world will be cut down and all of India will be polluted and sea level will rise by 1 meter, which would result in Bangladesh completely submerged in water.

My grandfather, who was a fisherman, worked day and night to make ends meet. To make my mother and her siblings have a bright future. What if he saw this future? Fish

lying on their back in the black waters. This isn't a book, nor is it a movie. This isn't when God dies, nor when the sun explodes. This is now, and now is the time to act.

#3: Would it affect you if you start using another brand? If the answer is no ~~it~~ [it] would be gratefully appreciated if we could do the simple steps to make all of our lives better. Firstly, we should start using reusable bags instead of single use ~~bag~~ [bags] so we can reduce the plastic that goes into the dump. Secondly, we should all plant a plant. It doesn't have to be expensive, a seed from ~~piece~~ [a piece] of fruit. Lastly, I'm sure we can all minimize the use of water, with showers only lasting a ~~minimum~~ [maximum] of 4 minutes.

If we all put in effort I'm sure we can all make an impact for the good. And that we can revive our once lush environment and bring back all the chirping birds. If my grandfather were here today watching us make this effort, he would be more than proud of what we have accomplished today. I plead to all of you one last time, that we all try to bring back what we took for granted the most.