

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your powerful imagery creates a vivid apocalyptic vision that triggers emotional responses. Your use of colour contrasts (cerulean blue vs devilish red) effectively illustrates the transformation of our planet.

Weaknesses: Overly dramatic imagery → While vivid imagery can be effective, your opening relies too heavily on extreme metaphors that might make the scenario seem unrealistic. Phrases like "boiling devilish red horizon" and "mountains collapse in agony" could alienate listeners who may dismiss your message as exaggeration.

Exemplar: ***"Imagine a world where our clear blue skies gradually darken with pollution, where green spaces slowly wither under rising temperatures. This isn't just imagination—it's a future we're creating if we don't act now."***

#2 Strengths: Your question-answer format engages listeners directly and addresses common objections. You effectively use the "spark" metaphor to emphasise individual impact.

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped reasoning → Your transition from questioning individual impact to declaring "you are the spark" lacks sufficient explanation of how individual actions create systemic change. You state that "reducing your use of plastics can help the planet, bit by bit" but don't provide concrete examples of this ripple effect.

Exemplar: ***"You might wonder how one person's actions matter among billions. Think of it this way: when you choose reusable bags and others notice, they might do the same. Your family sees this and follows suit. Now multiply that by neighbours, classmates, and communities—suddenly, one spark has created meaningful change."***

#3 Strengths: Your call to action provides specific examples of positive steps. Your phoenix metaphor creates an uplifting tone that inspires action rather than despair.

Weaknesses: Inconsistent focus → Your final paragraph jumps between different environmental actions without a clear organisation. You mention paper bags, solar panels, electric cars, and renewable energy without establishing their relationship or relative importance. The closing sentence about being a "fire starter to the wildfire" contradicts earlier environmental messages.

Exemplar: ***"We can all take meaningful steps today: choosing paper bags over plastic, investing in renewable energy at home, and reducing our carbon footprint through thoughtful transportation choices. Each small action joins with others to create powerful, positive change for our planet."***

■ Your persuasive speech shows passion and uses creative imagery to capture attention. However, you could strengthen your argument by providing clearer connections between

individual actions and global impact. Try organising your examples into categories (like transportation, shopping habits, and energy use) to help your audience follow your reasoning. Also, consider balancing your dire warnings with more hopeful examples of environmental success stories to prevent listeners from feeling overwhelmed. Your metaphors are creative but sometimes work against your message, like comparing positive change to a "wildfire." Additionally, your speech would benefit from a clearer structure with signposts to guide listeners through your main points. Try using linking phrases between paragraphs to show how your ideas connect. Your speech has a strong emotional appeal, but adding some simple, concrete examples of how plastics harm wildlife or how renewable energy helps would make your argument more compelling.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

Imagine a world where the once clear cerulean blue sky has been poisoned to a boiling devilish red horizon, endless blinding sunlight beams scratch the population with climate change, the vivid emerald grass has been reduced to mere flakes of tangerine orange, crispy like old autumn leaves. Lakes glimmer with phantom water. Mountains collapse in agony. You might think that this world is just a part of your imagination. But truly, it is closer than you think. We have yet to choose our destiny, and it has to be the choice of everyone. To survive, or to destroy the future generations. Which one will you pick? #1

As greenhouse gases blanket the Earth, we will have no escape. Temperatures have risen drastically, and they will if we don't stop using excess fossil fuels in our day-to-day life. ~~How do we stop then?~~ [How do we stop this harmful trend?] What difference will I make if I stop using plastics? Aren't I just 1 in 8 billion people? You are not just 1 in 8 billion. You are the spark. And sparks? They start wildfires. Your commitment to stopping climate change and being a planet protector can actually change a lot. Reducing your use of plastics can help the planet, bit by bit. You might think at first that you won't change anything, but you certainly will. A determined person to stop climate change is the key for action. #2

Here's why I stopped using plastics; and why you should too. Plastics are extremely harmful to the environment and even you. The microplastics and chemicals used to make them carry awful pollutants that can lead to health problems. Plastics don't sit around — they suffocate wildlife, release toxic gases, fill up our oceans, and last forever. Once the damage is done, there's no rewind button. Scientists prove that over 90% of the human population have microplastics inside their body. Greenhouse gases are enveloping the planet, stealing heat, trapping us; and if we don't slow down the burning of excess fossil fuels, there'll be no escape. Your decisions inspire others — they'll see you making a wiser decision, and they'll follow. Through the food we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe — the very things we need to survive —

microplastics creep in. Plastic isn't just trash, it's toxic. Invisible plastic particles ~~poisoning~~ [poison] our food, ~~polluting~~ [pollute] our oceans, ~~choke~~ [choke] our air, and even crawl into our blood.

~~Are we going to ignore the set issue in front of us?~~ [Are we going to ignore the urgent issue right in front of us?] No. We will fight. For every paper bag you use, for every plastic bag you reuse, you'll be reducing your carbon footprint. For the ~~solar panels~~ [solar panels] you invest in, for the electric car you saved for, for the electric oven you owned, they all significantly contribute to destroying climate change. We will rise like phoenixes, controlling the problem that was once controlling us. Go eco-friendly, save the planet we inhabit, and cherish renewable energy and anything that helps reduce carbon emissions. It all depends on you. You are the fire starter to the wildfire. #3