

Section 1:

#1 (Opening paragraph)

Strengths: ■ Your opening paragraph effectively introduces a personal story that creates an emotional connection with readers. ■ You've created a vivid character in Mike Wago whose experience humanises the impact of deforestation.

Weaknesses: Name inconsistency → You refer to your character as both "Mike" and "Frank" which confuses the reader. The statement "Frank disconsolately cried" seems to introduce a new character without explanation. Maintain consistent character names throughout your narrative.

Exemplar: *"Mike gazed out the window, tears welling in his eyes. 'My father took me there once, before he died, and showed me the joy of fresh air,' he said disconsolately."*

#2 (Third paragraph)

Strengths: ■ You've included expert opinions that give authority to your article. ■ You've presented specific details about the potential consequences of continued deforestation.

Weaknesses: Unrealistic statistics → Your statistics about carbon dioxide percentages (rising from 14% to 79%) don't align with scientific reality. The atmosphere contains about 0.04% carbon dioxide, not 79%. Similarly, the numbers of molecules mentioned (3 million vs 11 trillion) create confusion rather than clarity.

Exemplar: *"Dr Tim, a pulmonologist at Westmead Hospital says, 'Even small increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide can have serious effects on human health. If we continue losing trees at the current rate, respiratory problems will become much more common.'"*

#3 (Fourth paragraph)

Strengths: ■ You've included a counterargument which shows you're considering different perspectives on the issue. ■ Your rebuttal highlights the long-term consequences of short-term economic gains.

Weaknesses: Abrupt transition → The beginning of this paragraph with "Some of you, however, may be rebutting against me" creates a sudden shift in tone and perspective. It would be more effective to introduce the counterargument more smoothly.

Exemplar: *"While timber industry representatives like Will Smith argue that stopping deforestation threatens jobs, this short-term thinking ignores the bigger picture. Without sustainable practices, the industry will eventually collapse when forests are depleted."*

■ Your feature article shows good intentions and passion for the important topic of deforestation. However, it needs more accuracy in its presentation of facts and statistics. The personal story of Mike Wago creates an emotional connection, but the impact is weakened by inconsistencies in character names. Also, your article would benefit from a clearer structure with smoother transitions between paragraphs. Try adding more specific examples of deforestation's impacts on ecosystems and wildlife, not just humans. Additionally, consider ending with more specific actions readers can take to help combat deforestation rather than vague statements. Your conclusion could offer practical solutions like supporting reforestation projects or choosing sustainably sourced wood products. The article has potential but needs more careful development of both factual content and narrative flow.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

"Deforestation: Nature's Quiet Crisis Unveiled"

Every Sunday, for the past 42 years, 78-year old Mike Wago had a morning ritual, which was to take a walk in the fascinating, green forest. However, last Sunday he didn't go, nor did he go two weeks ago. His cherished ritual had vanished, as he took his last walk. Unable to absorb the fresh, carbon dioxide-free air, as he saw a tree stump there, just lying on the ground. #1 He now stands at the window, despondent of the fact that his memorable hobby had ended, just like that. ~~"My father took me there once, before he died, and showed me the joy of fresh air," Frank disconsolately cried.~~ ["My father took me there once, before he died, and showed me the joy of fresh air," Mike disconsolately said.] "I even took my grandchildren there, just to hope that this beautiful tradition could get passed on for many generations. Now, that dream has ended." Gazing out the window, he notices the red X's on the many more trees still clinging on for their lives. The world is now an atmosphere filled with carbon dioxide.

However, this is not the only sighting of deforestation. Many people have recorded watching this harmful act of cutting trees down, and many people have shown signs of anger and sadness. Expert analysis from Dr Gene shows that 98% of trees ~~reduced~~ [reduce] the amount of carbon dioxide in the air, and therefore ~~reduced~~ [reduce] greenhouse gas emissions since 1874. However, ever since trees had been harvested for lumber (1926), the amount of carbon dioxide in the air compared to oxygen had risen from 14% all the way to 79% as of 2025. Another scientist, Dr Murphy, states "Research shows that the amount of trees cut down has a direct

~~cause-effect~~ [cause-and-effect] relationship with global warming, a serious threat to society. Out of the approximate 14 billion trees in the world from 1874, there had been only 3 million molecules of carbon dioxide compared to the total amount of molecules in the atmosphere (19 trillion). Now, 10 billion trees have been cut down, and 11 trillion molecules of carbon dioxide exist in the air." These facts are significant to the survival of our humanity.

#2 Dr Tim, a pulmonologist at Westmead Hospital says "~~If the percentage of carbon dioxide reaches 92%, then life on Earth will not be possible.~~ ["If carbon dioxide levels continue to rise as forests disappear, respiratory diseases will increase dramatically.] Humans need a minimum of 3 billion molecules of oxygen. We are closing in on that, and the rate of trees cutting down must be stopped, or at least slowed." Another expert, Scientist Jane comments "At the rate of the amount of trees cut per minute, we predict that ~~2048~~ [by 2048], life on Earth will be extinct. However, there is a possibility that the human race will definitely last up to 2189. Slowing the rate down from 500 thousand trees chopped per minute to a maximum of 300 thousand trees chopped per minute helps us in the long run, though, it is still better to stop it overall."

#3 ~~Some of you, however, may be rebutting against me.~~ [Some argue that deforestation is necessary for economic reasons.] Will Smith, the owner of the red sandalwood industry states "If we stop deforestation, then we end our business, potentially making millions of people in our industry jobless." However, there is no point in cutting trees for timber, as eventually all the trees will run out, leaving this business to collapse. All the billions of people they have put a roof above will eventually not need it anymore, as they won't exist by 2048 as mentioned earlier if deforestation continues. All this hard work will go to waste.

In conclusion, deforestation must be prevented. Many people will be affected, whether they realise] it or not. All of us need to put both of our hands to work, and save our world. The question is not what your world should do for you, but what you can do for your world. So let's prevent deforestation, let's make it carbon dioxide-free, and let's make it glorious again.