

Section 1

#1 "Imagine stepping outside your home and the air smells faintly burnt, a whisper of the fires that devoured forests far away. The oceans, meant to cradle life, now claw at the edges of islands, threatening to swallow entire communities. This isn't the plot of a sci-fi movie. This is happening right now."

Strengths: Your opening uses sensory details that create a vivid picture. Your comparison to a sci-fi movie makes climate change feel real and immediate.

Issue: Emotional connection → You begin with strong imagery but don't fully connect these examples to the audience's personal experiences. The opening would be more persuasive if you helped listeners see how these distant problems affect them directly. Consider adding a brief line that brings these global problems closer to home.

Imagine stepping outside your home and the air smells faintly burnt, a whisper of the fires that devoured forests far away—fires that are growing more common in our own neighbourhoods each summer.

#2 "There was a time when my grandma had her birthday at a park. Me and my family was excited to go, my grandma was excited to be in the circle of attention and all of our family was excited to praise her. Then, a day before, there was a call saying that the park was closed due to a flood! My grandma, shattered into pieces and devastated. We were crushed as well and we never celebrated that birthday again."

Strengths: Your personal story creates an emotional connection. Using a real-life example helps listeners understand climate impacts on everyday life.

Issue: Story structure → While your personal story has potential, it needs stronger organisation and clearer language. Some sentences are incomplete, and the story jumps quickly to its conclusion without fully developing the emotional impact. The story also needs a clearer link to climate change rather than just a flood that could happen naturally.

My grandmother's 70th birthday celebration was planned for her favourite park. Our entire family was excited about the special day, especially Gran who was looking forward to being surrounded by loved ones. Devastatingly, the day before, we learned the park was closed due to unprecedented flooding caused by the changing weather patterns in our region. Gran was heartbroken, and that missed celebration became a symbol for our family of how climate change disrupts even our most precious moments.

#3 "So, what do we do? Start small. Choose renewable energy where you can. Support businesses that are committed to sustainability. Speak up—hold our leaders accountable and demand policies that protect our planet. Every choice, every action we take is like a tiny seed that can grow into a forest of change."

Strengths: Your call to action offers specific, achievable steps. You use a memorable metaphor about seeds growing into forests.

Issue: Impact explanation → While you list good actions, you don't explain how these specific actions will make a difference. Listeners might wonder why these particular steps matter. Adding brief explanations of the impact of each action would strengthen your argument.

So, what do we do? Start small. Choose renewable energy where you can—even switching to LED bulbs reduces carbon emissions. Support businesses committed to sustainability because your shopping choices signal to companies what customers value. Speak up—hold our leaders accountable and demand policies that protect our planet, as government decisions affect climate outcomes more than any individual action. Every choice, every action we take is like a tiny seed that can grow into a forest of change.

■ Your persuasive speech has a powerful beginning and ending that frame the urgency of climate change well. The personal story about your grandmother adds emotional weight, but could be better connected to climate change specifically. Your piece would be stronger if you added more local examples that listeners can relate to directly. Also, when you suggest actions people can take, try explaining why each action matters and how it helps solve the problem. You could improve the middle section by creating smoother transitions between ideas. Additionally, try to vary your sentence structure more—some sentences are too similar in length and pattern. Consider adding a clear statement of your main point early in the speech so listeners know exactly what you're asking them to support or do. Your ending is strong but would benefit from a final memorable line that inspires action.

Score: 39/50

Section 2

Imagine stepping outside your home and the air smells faintly burnt, a whisper of the fires that devoured forests far away. The oceans, meant to cradle life, now claw at the edges of islands, threatening to swallow entire communities. This isn't the plot of a sci-fi movie. This is happening right now. Climate change is no longer some distant theory—it's here, and it's impacting lives in ways we can't ignore any longer. Each wildfire that damages the earth, every ice shelf that

crashes into the sea—these are warning signs. It's as if the planet itself is sounding an alarm, begging us to wake up.

Imagine communities where water rises faster than hope, where fields once golden with crops now bake under unrelenting suns. This isn't a matter of debate; it's reality. And here's the truth—it's a reality that demands action.

~~#2 There was a time when my grandma had her birthday at a park. Me and my family was excited to go, my grandma was excited to be in the circle of attention and all of our family was excited to praise her. Then, a day before, there was a call saying that the park was closed due to a flood! My grandma, shattered into pieces and devastated. We were crushed as well and we never celebrated that birthday again.~~ [There was a time when my grandma had her birthday at a park. My family and I were excited to go, my grandma was excited to be the centre of attention and all of our family was excited to celebrate her. Then, a day before, there was a call saying that the park was closed due to a flood! My grandma was completely devastated. We were crushed as well, and we never celebrated that birthday again.]

Do you want that to happen to people in the future? To have special life moments ruined by climate change?

#3 So, what do we do? Start small. Choose renewable energy where you can. Support businesses that are committed to sustainability. Speak up—hold our leaders accountable and demand policies that protect our planet. Every choice, every action we take is like a tiny seed that can grow into a forest of change.

Let the rising seas and withering crops remind us of the urgency. Let the planet's plea for help stir something deep inside us. We are not powerless—we are the generation that can turn the tide. Climate change is the defining challenge of our time, and this is our moment to rise. The time to act isn't tomorrow. It's now.