

Section 1:

#1 "Imagine a barren world devoid of life, where toxic fog drifts across the bleak landscape, encompassing every street, every corner, everything (Metaphor). This could be our Earth within just a century- it's closer than you think. Envision reaches for a glass of water only to be rationed like a precious commodity and given out in droplets. Feel the cracked, parched earth beneath your feet, a testament to our dying earth. This is not just some dystopian future, it's a very possible reality."

Strengths: Your opening paragraph creates a powerful visual image that immediately captures attention. You effectively used sensory details to help readers imagine the dire consequences of climate change.

Weaknesses: Sentence Structure → Your second paragraph contains an awkward phrase "Envision reaches for a glass" that disrupts the flow of your writing. The sentence structure here is confusing and takes away from your powerful opening. You've started with a verb but then followed it with another verb that doesn't connect properly.

Exemplar: ***Imagine reaching for a glass of water only to receive mere droplets, rationed like a precious commodity.***

#2 "These crises are only the beginning of a much more dreadful era. When we talk about climate change, we talk about it like a far-away reality. Make no mistake. These events are the symptoms of a much deeper planetary fever. (Metaphor)"

Strengths: Your metaphor comparing climate events to symptoms of a "planetary fever" is creative and helps readers understand the seriousness of the situation. Your short sentence "Make no mistake" adds emphasis and urgency.

Weaknesses: Repetition → You use the phrase "much more" and then "much deeper" very close together, which sounds repetitive. Also, you tell readers it's a metaphor instead of letting them recognize it themselves. This breaks the flow of your persuasive writing and reminds readers they're reading a school assignment rather than being genuinely persuaded.

Exemplar: ***These crises mark only the beginning of a dreadful era. When we discuss climate change, we often treat it as a distant reality. Make no mistake—these events are symptoms of our planet's deepening fever.***

#3 "During a beach trip on summer vacation, my sister and I were looking forward to visiting the local beach. It was a yearly tradition in our family and meant a lot to us. But to my sister and me eternal dismay, the beach had been closed a week earlier due to dangerous coastal erosions due by climate change. That was supposed to be my sister's first visit."

Strengths: You've included a personal story which helps connect with your audience on an emotional level. Personal experiences can make your argument more relatable and powerful.

Weaknesses: Grammar and Clarity → There are several grammatical errors in this section, including "my sister and me eternal dismay" and "due by climate change." The story also feels disconnected from the rest of your argument and needs more development to show why this matters to your audience.

Exemplar: ***During our summer holiday, my sister and I eagerly anticipated our yearly beach tradition—especially meaningful as it would be my sister's first visit. To our eternal dismay, we discovered the beach had been closed due to dangerous coastal erosion caused by climate change, robbing us of our cherished family experience.***

■ Your persuasive piece shows passion for climate change, which is excellent! You've used many persuasive techniques like metaphors, rhetorical questions, and personal stories. However, your speech jumps between topics without smooth transitions. Try connecting your ideas better by adding linking words. Also, your personal story about the beach needs more detail to make readers care deeply. Your call to action at the end is good, but you could make it stronger by explaining how these actions will make a difference. Some sentences are too long and hard to follow. Try breaking them into shorter, clearer sentences. Your opening is very strong, but the middle part of your speech gets a bit muddled. You could improve by making sure each paragraph has one main idea that builds on the previous point. Also, try adding more emotional appeals throughout to keep your readers engaged and concerned.

Score: 41/50

Section 2:

Imagine a barren world devoid of life, where toxic fog drifts across the bleak landscape, encompassing every street, every corner, everything (Metaphor). This could be our Earth within just a century- it's closer than you think. ~~Envision-reaches~~ [Imagine reaching] for a glass of water only to be rationed like a precious commodity and given out in droplets. Feel the cracked, parched earth beneath your feet, a testament to our dying earth. This is not just some dystopian future, it's a very possible reality.

Our planet, our home, stands at the brink of total destruction. How many more global catastrophes can we endure before the inevitable? (Rhetorical Question) This climate crisis isn't approaching-it's already prevalent and at our doorstep.

All of this is caused by climate change. But what exactly is climate change? Climate change or global warming is a change in weather or temperature over an extended period. Added together, it can raise temperatures to the point of notice. It devours coastlines like ravenous beasts, and it

melts the ice sheets like a blazing torch (similies), these and more are the atrocities caused by global warming. Yet despite knowing this, we continue to face disaster.

Consider, for a moment, the world that awaits future generations. Scientists predict that without immediate action, our oceans, once teeming with aquatic life, will become uninhabited and acidic. Is this the legacy we want to leave to our children? (Rhetorical Question) This crisis affects our past, our present, and our future. (Tricolon)

In Australia, the once beautiful bush and wetlands have transformed into a hellscape where fire engulfs everything in sight, because of the rising temperatures. We doom millions of animals dependent on the bush for survival to slow, excruciatingly painful deaths. In Antarctica, the ice sheets are slowly being consumed by the sea and contributing to the rising sea levels that are threatening many coastal ecosystems. We cannot ignore the wildfires, we cannot ignore the melting ice sheets, we cannot ignore climate change. (Anaphora)

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#3 ~~During a beach trip on summer vacation, my sister and I were looking forward to visiting the local beach. It was a yearly tradition in our family and meant a lot to us. But to my sister and me eternal dismay, the beach had been closed a week earlier due to dangerous coastal erosions due by climate change. That was supposed to be my sister's first visit.~~ [During our summer holiday, my sister and I eagerly anticipated our yearly beach tradition—especially meaningful as it would be my sister's first visit. To our eternal dismay, we discovered the beach had been closed due to dangerous coastal erosion caused by climate change, robbing us of our cherished family experience.]

Some might say that taking a stand against climate change is a moral choice, not an economic one. They say that the money spent on renewable energy and cleaning up could severely weaken the economy, leading ~~way to~~ [to] an economic crisis. While this argument is valid, research from the Department and Regulation of Renewable Energy shows that renewable energy is still in its early phases and creates more jobs than the fossil fuels industry. Within the last year, the renewable sector employed 25,000 Australians, and the numbers are rising steadily.

The real economic crisis would come from failing to act. The Climate Regulation Council estimates that climate disasters would cause governments a total of 100 billion annually by 2050 if nothing is done. By transitioning to renewables, we can create new jobs while creating a thriving world.

We stand at the crossroads of human history. One path leads us down the road of destruction, and the other, the one I urge you to take, leads to a thriving, prosperous world. So, what can we do to achieve a sustainable future? First, we must start recycling. Recycling lowers our carbon

footprint drastically. Unfortunately, according to a 2018 survey by the University of Sydney, only a small portion of plastic gets recycled. Secondly, we must switch to a sustainable form of energy, such as solar panels and wind turbines. Thirdly, we must be conscious of our day-to-day choices, for example, buying plastic things or eating out. I implore you to join a larger movement to act upon climate change. In this changing world, inaction means doom. We must protect our oceans, we must protect our forests, we must protect our future. (epistrophe)