

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your opening paragraph effectively establishes a personal connection with the issue by mentioning a specific incident (Archer's sprained wrist). You also use informal language that's appropriate for your audience.

Weaknesses: Unclear reasoning → Your phrase "got my mum and dad all spiced up" is confusing as it doesn't clearly communicate how your parents actually reacted. The connection between the playground injuries and your parents' reaction needs to be more explicit to strengthen your argument. Exemplar: ***The rusty playground at the back of the oval has become dangerous - just ask my brother Archer who sprained his wrist there last month! This accident really upset my parents, who are now worried about everyone's safety.***

#2 Strengths: You effectively highlight the consequences of inaction with your statement about "an even more serious injury is around the bend." You create urgency through describing the current dangerous state.

Weaknesses: Vague evidence → When you mention "nine children have hurt themselves," you don't provide enough specific details about when these injuries occurred or how they directly relate to the playground's condition. This makes your evidence seem less convincing. Exemplar: ***The playground equipment has deteriorated so badly that nine children have been injured just this term, including three cases last week alone. These injuries - from bleeding knees to a broken arm - are directly caused by the rusted metal and splintered wood.***

#3 Strengths: Your call to action is clear and specific, giving readers concrete steps to take. You also create a sense of community with phrases like "join us on a mission."

Weaknesses: Limited motivation → Your request to sign the petition doesn't provide enough compelling reasons why readers should care personally. You mention improving "school life" but don't explain the specific benefits that would motivate your audience to act. Exemplar: ***Please join our petition to renovate the playground - not just for safety, but because having a modern play space will give us all somewhere fantastic to enjoy fresh air, build friendships, and have fun between classes. You'll find us collecting signatures by the old eucalyptus tree every lunch and recess next week.***

■ Your persuasive email has a clear purpose and some good emotional appeals, but it could be strengthened with more specific details. You've identified the problem well, but you could make a stronger case by describing exactly what makes the playground dangerous right now. Try adding more vivid descriptions of the broken equipment to help readers picture the hazards. Also, your call to action could be more powerful if you explain exactly what the new playground might include. What specific equipment would make it more enjoyable for everyone?

Additionally, consider addressing potential objections - such as cost or time concerns - to make your argument more convincing. Your email would also benefit from a stronger opening that immediately grabs attention, perhaps with a shocking fact about playground injuries or a more vivid description of the current dangerous conditions.

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**Score: 40/50**

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Section 2:

**Subject:** Urgent Playground Renovation Petition

**To:**[sharol.williams@education.nsw.gov.au

#1 Hi everyone,

You know that rusty playground at the back of the oval that kids dare each other to go to? The one that causes so many injuries like my brother Archer's sprained wrist? ~~It got my mum and dad all spiced up.~~ [It made my mum and dad really worried and upset.]

The once vibrant hive of activity has turned into a graveyard of broken slides and rusty swings. #2 So far nine children have hurt themselves with injuries ranging from a bleeding knee to a broken arm. If no action is taken, an even more serious injury is around the bend.

Right now it's a massive waste of space but it has the potential to spark wonder, joy and curiosity. Don't you want to swing on the monkey bars and fly down the slide after sitting in a stuffy classroom? I am sure you will agree that it would be beneficial for everyone to have a new fun and safe playground.

We must have it refurbished immediately so there won't be any more injuries and we have a cosy inviting space to stretch our imagination and muscles.

~~#3 Please join us on a mission to renovate our weatherbeaten playground and improve our school life. All you have to do is sign a petition so we can present it to the principal. You can find us at the old eucalyptus tree by the playground every lunch and recess next week.~~ [Please join us on a mission to renovate our weatherbeaten playground and make our school breaks more exciting and safe for everyone. By signing our petition, you're helping to create a space where we can all have fun without worrying about getting hurt. You can find us at the old eucalyptus tree by the playground every lunch and recess next week.]

Let's change our school for the better. 😊

Anabelle