

Writing Feedback

DAY 6 | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 (From formal email, paragraph 2): **Strengths:**

- Detailed explanation of the playground's issues with specific examples of damaged equipment
- Strong vocabulary choices like "structural integrity," "inoperative," and "eroded"

Weakness: Inconsistent tone → The paragraph begins with a formal, professional tone but shifts to more dramatic imagery with phrases like "As the seesaw screams" which undermines the serious nature of your communication to a council member. This creates an uneven reading experience and might reduce the impact of your request.

Exemplar: *The playground equipment emits concerning noises under strain, causing children to avoid these potentially hazardous structures altogether.*

#2 (From informal email, paragraph 1): **Strengths:**

- Clear introduction identifying the recipient and establishing the connection between the school and business
- Effective use of figurative language with phrases like "neglected rotten palace of danger"

Weakness: Exaggerated claims → Your description uses extremely negative language such as "kids are in danger and completely unsafe" and "have to suffer and endure the pain" without providing specific evidence to support these strong claims. This could make your request seem less credible to a business owner considering sponsorship.

Exemplar: *The playground across from your Woolworths presents genuine safety concerns, with deteriorating equipment and uneven surfaces that have already resulted in several minor injuries among our students.*

#3 (From formal email, closing paragraphs): **Strengths:**

- Direct request for action with specific steps (comprehensive site inspection)
- Appeal to ethical responsibility with rhetorical questions

Weakness: Repetitive structure → Your conclusion repeats similar phrases like "Would you want to be..." three times and then restates the request multiple times with phrases like "I urge that you prioritize" and "I implore to you that you must arrange". This reduces the impact of your closing argument rather than strengthening it.

Exemplar: *I respectfully request a prompt inspection of our playground by qualified safety personnel, as every day that passes puts our children at unnecessary risk. Your action on this matter would demonstrate the council's commitment to child safety in our community.*

■ Your emails show creativity and passion for the playground renovation project. However, you need to maintain a consistent tone appropriate for each audience throughout your writing. The formal email would benefit from a more measured, evidence-based approach rather than emotional language, especially when addressing a council member who needs clear, factual information to take action. The informal email has good descriptive elements but relies too heavily on extreme statements. Try providing more concrete examples of problems and their specific impacts on students. Additionally, your conclusions could be more concise and direct. Focus on stating your request clearly once with supporting reasons rather than repeating similar phrases. Also, pay attention to the proper structure of business emails, including appropriate greetings and closings. Working on these elements will make your persuasive emails more effective at achieving their goals.

Overall score: 44/50

Section 2:

Formal email:

URGENT INSPECTION NEEDED ON NEGLECTED PLAYGROUND

Dear ~~councillor~~ [Councillor] John King,

I write to you about a neglected playground as a much concerned student representative and citizen of the school. The playground poses many risks and is absolutely woeful. When playing on the so called 'playground,' you can slowly feel the equipment

deteriorating as you play on it. The potholes lay on the ground eagerly waiting for someone to mistakenly trip and fall over. All this happens while the poor children are baking ~~by~~ [under] the sweltering hot sun.

#1 Over the past several months—if not years—the playground has been subject to persistent neglect, resulting in a progressive decline in its structural integrity and overall usability. Numerous components of the play equipment are either damaged, corroded, or entirely inoperative. Additionally, the surfacing is riddled with uneven patches, exposed roots, and eroded ground covering, all of which increase the risk of injury. The fencing, intended to offer security and containment, is partially collapsed and fails to serve its intended purpose. These conditions are, quite frankly, unacceptable in any environment where the welfare of children is at stake. As the seesaw screams ~~completely~~ [,] the kids run in fear not wanting to play on it anymore. This heaven for children has been deprived completely to the point where the children don't even want to come to school anymore. What was once a peaceful and quiet playing area for children has now become a fiery, chaotic and injury-prone locality. ~~An~~ [A] completely thorough safety evaluation of the playground could hopefully lead to a more ameliorated playing area. The condition of our communal spaces is a direct reflection of our collective values. Investing in the restoration of the playground is not merely a matter of infrastructure—it is an affirmation of our commitment to safeguarding childhood, fostering holistic education, and cultivating environments where young minds and bodies can thrive.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the council expedite a comprehensive site inspection of the playground facilities, conducted by a certified health and safety inspector. Such an assessment should evaluate the current structural, environmental, and usability conditions of the space, with a view toward immediate rectification and long-term revitalization. Moreover, I encourage the consideration of inclusive and accessible design features that would accommodate children of all abilities, ensuring that our playground serves as a welcoming space for the entire student population. Everyone who comes to school should never have to come to school fearing that they will get injured.

#3 Would you want to be the person to let injuries occur? Would you want to be the one wrecking ~~childrens'~~ [children's] socializing and physical time? Would you want to be the one to make kids apprehensive ~~everyday~~ [every day]?

Therefore, I urge that you ~~prioritize~~ [prioritise] ~~a~~ [an] inspection in regards to our neglected playground as it is ~~prerequisite~~ [a prerequisite] that everyone is safe when it comes to playing at our school playground. This letter comes with all respect and

humility and I implore to you that you must arrange some inspection at some time so the kids at our school don't have to face things like fear or injury.

~~Jay Sapkota student representative of the Sutherland primary school.~~ [Yours faithfully,
Jay Sapkota Student Representative of the Sutherland Primary School]

Informal email:

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED ON NEGLECTED PLAYGROUND

#2 Hello Mr Jimmy Waset, the owner of the ~~woolworths~~ [Woolworths] shopping ~~center~~ [centre]. I hope this message finds you well. The school right across your shopping ~~center~~ [centre] is a school where the kids are in danger and completely unsafe when it comes to going to school. The opportunity for your ~~woolworths~~ [Woolworths] would enhance ~~you~~ ~~companies~~ [your company's] reputation and their general history of helping kids that are in danger become safe. Around 500 kids across ~~you woolworths~~ [your Woolworths] have to suffer and endure the pain if they want to play on the playground as the playground is harmful to everyone and is a clear sign of risk. What used to be a safe haven has now turned into a neglected rotten palace of danger. What was once a lovely, peaceful, abundant playing area where kids could vibrantly and freely play, where laughter was the only thing you could hear, now stands as a disgracefully held prison where simply playing is a punishment.

The consequences of this ~~neglection~~ [neglect] is shown daily. Just 2 days ago, I unfortunately witnessed poor Jimmy Singh fall ~~of~~ [off] the slide which shortly followed by a weighted ton of pain. His friend, Heung-min-son stood there in disbelief as an accident which could have been prevented easily if no ~~neglection~~ [neglect] had been committed by our very own community.

Physical injuries aren't the only injuries that the kids in our school face. There is an invisible vision that they see sitting in the corner visualising other kids falling and thinking if they go over there will they also be the one that's going to be harmed. They think what no kid should ever have to think about "Why won't anyone care about us at this school?"

Our situation presents your Westland Woolworths with a great opportunity. By sponsoring our renovation project your company will: Demonstrate commitment to the well-being of kids Create an amazing legacy/reputation Get significant media coverage

The investment to reconstruct our atrocious playground will be around \$20 000.

Just think about the amazing shift of safety. From blisters, cuts and injuries from all the damaged and outdated equipment to new, happy children in a safe ~~have~~ [haven] knowing that they will be safe no matter what. I would like to give you and myself the opportunity of meeting up together so we can discuss about our reconstruction project and your company benefits

~~Your sincerely, Jay sapkota Student representative of estland primary school~~ [Yours sincerely, Jay Sapkota Student Representative of Estland Primary School]