

# Writing Feedback

**TERM 1 2025 | 17th April | DAY 4 | HOLIDAY WRITING**

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## Section 1:

**#1 (Opening paragraph)** Strengths: Your vivid imagery creates a powerful visual of a damaged garden, which effectively establishes the tone for your speech. Your use of sensory details (visual, tactile, and olfactory) helps the audience connect emotionally with the issue. Weakness: Underdeveloped personal connection. → While your description is evocative, you haven't clearly established how this garden relates to you personally. The phrase "Envision one of your favourite gardens" directs the audience to imagine rather than sharing your own personal experience or connection to a specific garden you care about. Exemplar: *"The garden where I spent countless childhood summers, once vibrant with life, now lies withered—its grass brittle beneath my feet, its majestic oaks reduced to skeletal branches, and its sweet fragrance replaced by an acrid smell of decay due to our changing climate."*

**#2 (Statistical evidence paragraph)** Strengths: You include specific numerical data to support your argument, which adds credibility. Your question "why make it worse?" effectively engages the audience. Weakness: Disconnected statistics. → The statistics you present about CO2 emissions jump between topics without clear transitions. When you write "37.5 billion tonnes of CO2 were released from fossil fuels with and outstanding 41.6 billion tonnes more released from from households," you don't explain the significance or context of these figures or how they relate to your overall argument. Exemplar: *"The severity of our situation becomes clear when we examine the numbers: in 2024 alone, we released 37.5 billion tonnes of CO2 from fossil fuels, with households contributing an additional 41.6 billion tonnes—a combined impact that accelerates the breakdown of our protective ozone layer and threatens regions like Australia where a significant hole already exists."*

**#3 (Conclusion paragraph)** Strengths: You end with a hopeful vision that contrasts effectively with your opening dystopian scenario. Your call to action is clear about wanting people to act against climate change. Weakness: Vague action steps. → Your conclusion states "climate change is something the humankind can prevent if we put effort, start early before it's too late" but doesn't provide specific, memorable actions for the audience to take away. The phrase "put effort" is too general to inspire concrete action. Exemplar: *"I firmly believe we can reverse climate change's effects if we commit to three simple actions today: reduce our household emissions by 20% through*

*energy-efficient appliances, participate in monthly community clean-ups, and demand stronger environmental policies from our local councils—because tomorrow may simply be too late."*

■ Your speech has some powerful descriptive elements, particularly in your opening paragraph where you paint a vivid picture of environmental degradation. However, your argument would benefit from more cohesive organisation and clearer transitions between ideas. Your statistical evidence needs more context to help the audience understand its significance. Additionally, your personal connection to climate change remains underdeveloped throughout the speech. You could strengthen this by sharing a specific experience that shows how climate change has affected you or someone you know. Also, while you do address an opposing viewpoint about the challenges of clean-up efforts, this section could be expanded with more thoughtful engagement of counterarguments. Your call to action would be more effective if you provided more specific, actionable steps that your audience can take immediately after hearing your speech.

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**Overall Score: 41/50**

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## Section 2:

### Climate change

Envision one of your favourite gardens, with all its greenery discoloured, the grass feeling as if they are blades slightly pressing into your feet with each passing moment, with the trees which once used to be a big lush of leaves now just a pile of dead, insignificant branches, the sky as fogged as evaporated water can be. The calm and affluent smell replaced with a noxious odour. This isn't just any daily nightmare, but it's where ~~Earth's~~ [Earth's] future is headed if humans keep up the bad deeds they are doing by ~~air-polluting~~ [polluting the air]. #1

If you look deeper into air pollution or climate change you will find it has ~~became~~ [become] a sizeable problem, just in the ~~gist~~ [midst] of 2024 37.5 billion tonnes of CO2 were released from fossil fuels with ~~and~~ [an] outstanding 41.6 billion tonnes more released ~~from-from~~ [from] households. Climate change ~~effects~~ [affects] more than you know, ~~its~~ [it's] not just bad for animals and humans but it damages polar ice caps causing

them to melt, another important thing is that climate change affects the ozone layer, there is already a huge hole in Australia's ozone layer, why make it worse? #2

I'm sure no one here wants earth to become a fiery ball of detrimental greenhouse ~~gasses~~ [gases] where no sign of life exists? Well let's start early, and teach younger generations to become a better version of ~~over~~ [our] selves. Every type of pollution takes part in climate change, we humans don't know the real power of Mother Nature so it's better not to underestimate it.

If we all start making progress, start picking up rubbish we see, start participating in town clean ups, start switching to electric cars and using less smoke we may stand a chance in reverting all the mistakes we've committed over the years.

Just imagine a world where climate change is extinct, and the sun smiles down beautifully on the grass with the birds chirping, trees singing the air smelling as clean as ever.

On the other hand, picking up rubbish may pose a risk to ourselves as we don't know what diseases or viruses may be on it, there may even be a chance another pandemic may start. Burning fossil fuels or releasing ~~gasses~~ [gases] from ~~house-holds~~ [households] may be harmful to all species on earth, but it plays a vital role in everyday life, anyways some countries have even banned coal.

Finally, I conclude that climate change is something ~~the~~ [that] humankind can prevent if we put effort, start early before it's too late. #3