

Writing Feedback

DAY 7 | 22nd of April | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Your piece uses emotive language to create contrast between the creek's past beauty and current state
- You've incorporated vivid imagery with phrases like "trees swaying birds chirping"

Weakness: Sentence Structure → This paragraph consists of a very long run-on sentence that makes it difficult to follow your key points. Phrases like "Mother nature gives us gifts from time to time, while we ruin the serene and pristine creek of the town, we need to take action..." combine multiple ideas without proper punctuation or transitions.

Exemplar: *The once pristine Silverwater Creek, with its swaying trees and chirping birds, has tragically transformed into a site of avoidance and disgust. Mother Nature's gift to our community now suffers from pollution, with its loving fragrance replaced by a fetid odour.*

#2 (Third paragraph) Strengths:

- Your piece includes specific statistics about affected wildlife which builds credibility
- You engage readers directly with thought-provoking questions

Weakness: Evidence Development → The paragraph presents statistics without attribution or context. The specific numbers ("12 clown fish, 25 sea turtles...") need a source to establish credibility. The questions at the end feel disconnected from the statistical information presented earlier.

Exemplar: *According to local environmental surveys, over the last 7 months, more than 250 aquatic creatures have perished in Silverwater Creek, representing 58% of the local population. Marine biologist Dr. Sarah Thompson warns, "If this pollution continues unchecked, we could see complete ecosystem collapse within a year."*

#3 (Fifth paragraph) Strengths:

- Your piece introduces scientific evidence about specific pollutants
- You connect human actions directly to environmental consequences

Weakness: Detail Integration → The research findings are presented abruptly without explaining the significance of each chemical or their sources. Phrases like "the info they found was shocking" tell rather than show the reader why they should be concerned about these specific chemicals.

Exemplar: *During an extensive two-month study, environmental researchers from Riverdale University identified seven deadly toxins in Silverwater Creek's waters, including lead, mercury and arsenic. These chemicals, primarily originating from industrial waste and improper disposal of household products, have created concentrations 15 times higher than safe levels, causing widespread damage to the ecosystem.*

Your piece shows passion for the environmental issue at hand, but would benefit from more structural organisation and deeper development of your arguments. The headline and introduction could work harder to grab the reader's attention with a more focused approach.

■ You might consider reorganising your content following a clearer PEEL structure (Point, Evidence, Explanation, Link) as required in the prompt. Additionally, your article would be strengthened by including direct quotes from environmental experts or local officials to add authority to your claims. The emotional aspects of your writing are compelling, but need to be balanced with factual, well-attributed information. Try examining the specific sources of pollution and including perspectives from different stakeholders (residents, businesses, government) to create a more comprehensive feature article. Your conclusion could be more action-oriented, providing specific steps readers can take to help resolve the issue.

Overall Score: 38/50

Section 2:

~~Silverwater~~ [Silverwater] creek-the once beautiful creek now a place of avoidance and disgust

Mother ~~nature~~ [Nature] gives us gifts from time to time, while we ruin the serene and pristine creek of the town, we need to take action~~,~~ [.] trees swaying ~~birds~~ [birds] chirping ~~the~~ [the] sun showing its light down on the creek ~~the~~ [the] green grass feeling as ~~compatible~~ [comfortable] as ever now ~~its~~ [it's] all gone, the once picturesque and affluent land turned into a waste dump. The loving smell now replaced by a fetid odour, the clear and transparent water instead a foggy and sticky substance, the greenery oddly turning greyer each day ~~the~~ [the] grass littered, with who knows what. #1

Conceptualise, a beautiful scenery, a creek, ~~animal~~ [animals] splashing in the water loving their lives making the best out of it, the trees having tropical ~~wines~~ [vines] attached to ~~it's~~ [their] branches, the sun giving ~~it's~~ [its] warmth, on the cold and calm morning breaking the breeze. The sky feels as if it's a torch emitting out light each and every second, the wet grass feeling as soothing as ever. Just at that very moment ~~turtle~~ [a turtle] from the river comes up to you, lying on your feet, wouldn't it feel good? Then you come back to the same creek in a ~~months~~ [month's] time, and you can barely recognise it ~~malodorous~~ [malodorous] smell ~~irrupting~~ [erupting from] the pleasant odour of the flowers ~~the~~ [the] creek carrying parts of broken up plastic and tin cans, the wet grass now in a fiery state feeling as ~~your~~ [you're] being tortured the moment you step on it. Wouldn't you feel the anger if people started polluting the once peaceful creek who did them no harm? Well that ~~what's~~ [that's what has] exactly happened with ~~silver-water~~ [Silverwater] creek.

Over the last 7 months, 12 clown fish, 25 sea turtles, 5 piranhas, 78 catfish, 42 bass, 36 trout, and 59 golden shiners have died due to the poor ~~condition-kept~~ [conditions] within the water, and that's more than 58% of the population and even more can die if we don't take action. For what reason do humans pollute? Why do we pollute? What advantage do we get? Why am I not doing the right thing? These should be the questions you should ask yourself before littering. #2

Silverwater creek is very old and is a part of the land of our ancestors and where they mostly ~~set~~ [spent] their time for hunting ~~littering~~ [hunting. Littering] there is like disrespecting many of our elders.

Researchers spent over 2 and a half months to find out the mystery of the ~~SilverWater~~ [Silverwater] creek's water, and the info they found was shocking. They found several chemicals in the creek which could lead to death and they were: Lead, Mercury, Arsenic, PCBs, Pesticides, Cyanide, and Dioxins. All of these harmful ~~are~~ [chemicals are] all caused from people littering in the creek. #3

People who spend most of their time at ~~SilverWater~~ [Silverwater] probably won't get a chance to visit their favourite place because if people keep polluting there ~~by no-time~~ [in no time] the creek will become into a toxic creek, with all the species dead, the trees following the movements of the breeze disappointed, the ~~SilverWater~~ [Silverwater] creek will slowly become a stagnant wasteland. Why ruin or make a creek a treacherous desolation when it brings many joy and happiness to others.

Last of all, I believe ~~SilverWater~~ [Silverwater] creek should be saved from becoming a lifeless barren desert as it is a place of willingness, hope, and a time for leisure activities. I believe the creek should be enjoyed and admired as it is an important factor of our society.