

Writing Feedback

DAY 9 | 24th of April | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 **First Paragraph:** Strengths: Your vivid imagery effectively contrasts an idyllic natural world with the harsh reality of plastic pollution. Your emotional appeal regarding endangered marine life creates a strong connection with your audience. Weakness: Inconsistent tone → The shift between the imaginative opening and the stark facts about plastic pollution feels abrupt. The passionate tone occasionally veers into melodrama with phrases like "murdered just by swallowing" which might alienate some listeners. Exemplar: *Imagine a world where animal populations soar and plants flourish; where dozens of bird species fly freely through clean air. Now contrast this with our reality: marine creatures mistaking plastic bags for jellyfish, consuming microplastics that harm both them and eventually us. We face an urgent choice.*

#2 **Statistics Paragraph:** Strengths: Your use of specific percentages lends authority to your argument. The transition from global problems to local solutions is effective. Weakness: Vague data sources → The statistics presented lack attribution or context. Phrases like "47% of plastic" and "58% of these kill animals" need clearer sources and explanations to be truly persuasive. Exemplar: *According to recent environmental studies, approximately 47% of discarded plastic ends up in our oceans annually. Marine biologists have documented that nearly 60% of this waste directly harms sea creatures within twelve months. Our school park clean-up represents a small yet vital step toward addressing this global crisis.*

#3 **Call to Action Closing:** Strengths: Your repetition of "Join me" creates a powerful rhythmic pattern. The direct address to different audience members (parents, teachers, students) personalises the appeal. Weakness: Limited practical guidance → While emotionally compelling, your closing lacks specific instructions about how to participate in the park clean-up. Phrases like "help me, help animals" would benefit from concrete action steps. Exemplar: *Join me in our park clean-up tomorrow at 10am. Bring gloves if you have them. Join me in taking tangible steps toward environmental stewardship. Whether you're a parent, teacher or student, I urge you to reconsider daily choices that impact our planet. Together, we can begin to reverse the damage—one piece of litter at a time.*

■ Your speech demonstrates passion and commitment to environmental conservation, particularly regarding plastic pollution. You've created some compelling visual imagery and a strong call to action. To strengthen your piece further, consider balancing emotional appeals with more substantive evidence. Additionally, your speech would benefit from clearer organisation with smoother transitions between ideas. The statistical evidence needs proper citation and explanation to be more convincing. Also, provide specific details about the clean-up event (time, location, what to bring) to make your call to action more effective. Your conclusion could be more impactful if you added a memorable final statement that resonates with your audience after they leave. Your writing shows promise - with these adjustments, you could create an even more persuasive environmental speech.

Overall Score: 34/50

Section 2:

Imagine a world where ~~animals~~ [animal] populations soared and plants flourished. Imagine seeing ~~dezens~~ [dozens] of species of birds flying around the clean green world. Oceans thrive with life and colour. Yet the stark reality is that many species go extinct due to human wastage. Turtles are killed every day, deceived by the jellyfish-like appearance of ~~lastie~~ [plastic] bags. Fish die every day, murdered just by swallowing little pieces of plastic. The ones that survive suffer for the rest of their lives or get eaten by humans – a risk hazard for us. We must save these animals – and ourselves – before it is too late. #1

Statistics show that 47% of plastic – nearly half – go to the ocean within a year. About 58% of these kill animals within another year. This must be stopped. A way to do it? Cleaning up our park. It may seem boring and insignificant, but a little boredom can be sacrificed for dozens of lives – and it ~~doesnt~~ [doesn't] even have to be ~~boring~~ [boring], it only depends on how you view it. For the latter, cleaning up this school saves many marine animals' lives, and ~~whwn~~ [when] more schools combine forces and clean – which ~~im~~ [I'm] sure they're doing – it makes a huge difference to the environment. #2

So join me. Join me in cleaning up the park ~~tomorrow~~ [tomorrow]. Join me in taking the first steps towards saving the world. But it doesn't end there. I want you all – parent, teacher, student – to rethink your decisions. Save a few seconds or save a few lives? The choice is yours to make.

Join me in cleaning our park. This is our fault. We can – must – will solve this mess.

So help me, help animals, help ~~the world~~ [the world] – before it is too late. #3