

## Writing Feedback

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### Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths: Your opening with the "Close your eyes" imagery creates an immediate sensory experience that draws the reader in. Your use of vivid language ("deserts conquer Earth," "incessant grogginess") effectively establishes the severity of climate change. Weakness: Overreliance on sensory descriptors → While your descriptive language is powerful, it sometimes overwhelms your argumentative focus. Phrases like "lethargy seizing your body" and "the squelch of wet grass" create atmosphere but don't strengthen your central claim about climate change's urgency. Exemplar: ***Close your eyes. Envision our world transformed—temperatures skyrocketing as deserts expand across once-fertile lands, while the constant whirr of air filters replaces natural sounds that once defined our environment. This scenario isn't merely hypothetical; it's our potential future unless we act decisively.***

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths: Your incorporation of specific data (Climate Council records of bleaching events) and concrete examples (Australia's 2020 bushfires) provides credible evidence for your argument. Weakness: Lack of logical progression → Your paragraph jumps between different examples (kookaburras, Great Barrier Reef, bushfires) without establishing a clear connection between them. Phrases like "The Australia we know" and "take Australia's 2020 bushfires as an example" feel disconnected from each other. Exemplar: ***Our natural ecosystems are deteriorating systematically. The Great Barrier Reef has already experienced devastating bleaching events in 2016 and 2017, with studies from the Climate Council indicating these events are now 175 times more likely to recur. This destruction directly connects to broader environmental damage, as evidenced by Australia's catastrophic 2020 bushfires which decimated billions of animals' habitats.***

#3 (Third paragraph): Strengths: Your appeal to personal experience ("Imagine the sweet and fleshy taste of mangoes") effectively engages the audience emotionally and makes the consequences tangible. Weakness: Limited solution focus → While you mention "we must make a change," your paragraph offers little guidance on what changes are needed or possible. Phrases like "Hydroponics will dominate" describe outcomes rather than actions listeners can take. Exemplar: ***The destruction of our climate threatens food security in profound ways. Tropical fruits like mangoes and bananas—foods we take for granted—may disappear as growing regions transform into deserts. By reducing***

*carbon emissions through everyday choices such as sustainable transport and renewable energy use, we can preserve these agricultural treasures for future generations.*

■ Your persuasive speech demonstrates passion and uses vivid imagery to convey the urgency of climate change. However, your piece would benefit from a clearer structure that follows the AIDA (Attention, Interest, Desire, Action) format more explicitly. Additionally, while you've included emotional language and sensory details, you could strengthen your argument by labelling the rhetorical devices you're using. Your transitions between ideas need more development to create a smoother flow between paragraphs. Also, consider adding more specific calls to action in your conclusion rather than general statements about making a change. You could improve the ending by offering concrete steps your audience can take. The symbolic imagery you've created is powerful, but expanding on these metaphors throughout the speech would create more cohesion.

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**Overall Score: 44/50**

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## Section 2:

Close your eyes. Envision a world where heat is endless, temperatures skyrocketing as deserts conquer Earth, lethargy seizing your body as an incessant grogginess infects your being due to humid atmospheres. Envision a world where the constant whirr of air filters replaces the chirping of birds as you feel the firm concrete beneath your feet that was once the squelch of wet grass. Open your eyes. This scenario we imagine is not a mere concept, but a reality that is yet to come. Every choice you make impacts the chance of this dystopian future. Today, our earth may become a planet where life ceases to exist as we stand on the threshold of disaster. The footsteps of current humans walk in the direction of no return. Students and teachers, how can you be okay knowing that our earth will be purged with an eternal heat that roams in every corner? How can you be okay knowing that your only lifelines will become artificial air and air conditioning? As of now, 2 out of 3 Australians will suffer from skin cancer at one point in their life. What will we do once this becomes universal? Species die daily, eradication of everyday animals a possibility that isn't to be brushed off. As the land becomes hotter, the fruits and

vegetables we love will also die. The concepts of climate change's impacts are no longer concepts as they are already happening, and the future isn't far away from the present. #1

Our natural world is being affected day by day. The kookaburras that sing in the morning as you eat your breakfast? They, too, will become endangered as our land becomes drier. The Australia we know, the green areas that accompany the deserts, will all be overridden and will become one whole arid region. "What about the Great Barrier Reef?" You may ask. Studies from the Climate Council have already recorded bleaching events of the reef in 2016 and 2017 and found that the same bleaching events were 175 times more likely to happen again. The Great Barrier Reef as we know it may cease to exist, along with the fauna that surrounds it as they will die a slow yet agonising death. To understand how drastic this problem is, take Australia's 2020 bushfires as an example. Habitats of billions of animals were burnt to the ground, their extinction inexorable. Every animal plays a part in the environment, the eradication of these species further withers our natural world as even the tiniest of things, such as pollination and natural compost make an impact. However, with the rate of how things are going, the future environmental imbalance is palpable. Our nature is being affected, and you cannot deny it. #2

The damages to the natural world will also impact our agriculture. The fruits and vegetables you and I love may not even exist due to the destruction of climates. Fruits that grow in tropical climates, such as mangoes or even bananas won't exist as deserts replace everything. Imagine the sweet and fleshy taste of mangoes, now imagine never being able to experience that again. Will you really be okay knowing that the joy of eating sweet fruits will soon become something dreamed of? We must make a change. Hydroponics will dominate our present agriculture, a limited selection of nutrition being inevitable. The agriculture of fruits and vegetables is something that we should hold dear to our hearts, and we should act to keep it as it is. #3

As our environment gets destroyed and our agriculture is ruined, we, too, will suffer. This drastic future is near, and we must make a change before we are beyond this point of no return. Ladies and gentlemen, I implore you to join me in action. Will you sit and let our earth be destroyed? Or will you act and make a difference? Together, we can all make a change.