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

# **Section 1:**

## #1: First paragraph

Strengths: Your opening establishes urgency through vivid imagery of Gaza's devastation. Your use of specific statistics (74,000 killed, 154,000 injured) adds credibility to your reporting.

Weakness: Inconsistent tone  $\rightarrow$  Your piece begins with an unusual second-person accusation ("This earthquake gets worse every second you spend just lazing around") which creates confusion about whether this is objective news reporting or opinion writing. News articles typically maintain a more neutral, third-person perspective throughout. The metaphor "earthquake" is introduced without context, making it unclear if you're referencing an actual earthquake or using it as a metaphor for the conflict.

Exemplar: The humanitarian crisis in Gaza worsens daily as the ongoing conflict continues to devastate the region, with civilians gasping for air and unable to live normal lives.

#### #2: Second paragraph

Strengths: You provide important context about how the conflict began with specific details about "Operation Aqsa Flood" and quantifiable impacts (325 citizens killed, 250 taken hostage).

Weakness: Underdeveloped historical context  $\rightarrow$  Your account of the war's origins is quite brief and lacks important context about the broader historical factors that led to this point. The paragraph focuses primarily on Hamas's actions without adequately explaining the complex background of the conflict. Additionally, the paragraph would benefit from including sources for the statistics and claims presented to enhance credibility in a news article format.

Exemplar: The Gaza War erupted in late 2023 when Hamas launched "Operation Aqsa Flood," a coordinated attack that included launching thousands of rockets into Israel.

According to Israeli authorities, over 325 citizens were killed and approximately 250 were taken hostage during the initial assault.

## #3: Third paragraph

Strengths: You effectively highlight the economic impact of the conflict using specific examples and statistics that demonstrate the consequences extend beyond the immediate violence.

Weakness: Limited scope of reporting  $\rightarrow$  While you provide detailed information about Israel's economic challenges, your article lacks similar depth regarding impacts on Palestinian civilians and economy. A balanced news article would present the humanitarian and economic consequences for both sides. Additionally, there's no mention of international responses or efforts to address the crisis, which was specifically requested in the prompt.

Exemplar: The economic repercussions of the conflict have been severe for Israel, with foreign investment dropping by 42% since hostilities began. Major corporations have responded, with Samsung closing operations in the country and Intel cancelling construction of a planned \$25 billion factory, according to economic analysts.

■ Your piece contains strong descriptive elements and compelling statistics that help readers understand the severity of the situation in Gaza. However, to better fulfill the requirements of a news article, you need to maintain a more consistent journalistic tone throughout. Consider restructuring your article to provide a more balanced perspective that addresses impacts on all parties involved. Additionally, your piece would benefit from including information about international responses to the crisis, which is entirely absent from the current draft. Also, try to incorporate more authoritative sources for your statistics and claims to enhance credibility. Your writing shows potential with vivid descriptions, but needs more structure and balance to effectively convey this complex topic as a news article.

Score: 39/50

## **Section 2:**

This earthquake gets worse every second you spend just lazing around [the conflict continues], while the people in Gaza, gasping for air, not even getting a second to live life normally. Now, Gaza is just a huge ball of dust with occasional debris lying around, people shooting, bombing and fighting to the death. Over 74,000 people has [have] been killed, over 154,000 people has [have] been injured and over 31,000 people have been captured. Hospitality, thrown out the window to never be seen again. You can't [Civilians cannot] hide, you [they] can only run for your [their] life [lives] with your [their] loved ones. Citizens who once ate at a fancy restaurants, now finding scraps in the risky roads of Gaza. People wander around aimlessly as they watch their loved ones slowly fall victim to the war one by one. This war has to stop, both sides of the war are rapidly losing numbers as this war goes on. #1

The Gaza War, which erupted in late 2023 as [was] triggered when Hamas started "Operation Aqsa Flood", firing a few thousand rockets onto [into] Gaza within 20 minutes and fired another 150 rockets in the evening. Over 325 citizens were killed and over 250 of those were taken hostage. Hamas also tortured and mutilated Israeli citizens. #2

In the result of this war Israel has experienced a dramatic 42% decline in the transactions between foreign investors. Samsung also closed down operations in Israel and in June, Intel cancelled the construction of a \$25 billion factory. Israel's 7,500 high-tech companies and 500 multinational companies, found that 49% of Israel's 7,500 high-tech companies and 500 multinational companies [found that 49% of these enterprises] had cancelled investments, while 70% express concern about their ability to gain profits in the coming year, and 40% were planning to relocate operations outside of Israel. 24% have already relocated at least part of their operations abroad, and 44% have reported making workforce cuts. #3