

Writing Feedback

DAY 4 | 17th of April | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph - "As I walk into the bush...")

Strengths: You begin with a vivid visual image that immediately draws the reader in. Your global perspective shows awareness that climate change affects diverse ecosystems worldwide.

Weakness: Abrupt transitions → Your paragraph jumps quickly between different ideas without smooth connections. For example, you move from "I immediately see nothing but dirt, cut down tree, and fire" to suddenly mentioning rainforests in South America without a linking sentence. This creates a disjointed reading experience and dilutes the impact of your personal connection.

Exemplar: *As I walk into the bush, I'm confronted by a disturbing sight: nothing but dirt, tree stumps, and ash from recent fires. This devastation isn't isolated—similar environmental destruction is happening everywhere, from the lush rainforests of South America to the savannas of Africa.*

#2 (Second paragraph - "It is getting worse and harder to control...")

Strengths: You effectively communicate urgency and show personal commitment to change. The acknowledgement that you "can't save the environment immediately" demonstrates realistic thinking.

Weakness: Vague statements → While you mention the problem is "getting worse" and "bigger by the minute," you don't provide specific examples or evidence. The sentence "the future that is predicted is coming sooner than we think" lacks concrete details about what this future entails. Without specifics, your argument lacks persuasive power.

Exemplar: *The crisis worsens daily as our global population grows, consuming resources at an unsustainable rate. Recent scientific reports predict that if current trends continue, we could see a 3°C temperature rise by 2050—decades earlier than previously forecast. While I cannot solve this enormous challenge single-handedly, I believe our collective actions can create meaningful change.*

#3 (Fourth paragraph - "The problem is that not many people listen...")

Strengths: You acknowledge opposing viewpoints by mentioning those motivated by money rather than environmental concerns. Your closing line offers a positive, forward-looking sentiment.

Weakness: Underdeveloped counter-argument → Your treatment of the opposing view is brief and doesn't fully engage with their perspective. The statement "they just want money" oversimplifies complex motivations and doesn't address legitimate economic concerns that might prevent environmental action. This makes your argument less persuasive to those who hold differing views.

Exemplar: *While some dismiss environmental concerns in favour of economic growth, this perspective creates a false choice between prosperity and sustainability. Many businesses have demonstrated that eco-friendly practices can actually increase profits through reduced energy costs, consumer loyalty, and innovative products. We need not sacrifice financial security to protect our planet—we can and must pursue both.*

■ Your speech shows passion for environmental protection and includes some descriptive language. However, your piece would benefit from more specific examples and data to support your claims. Try adding one compelling statistic about climate change to each paragraph. Additionally, your personal connection could be strengthened by sharing a more detailed anecdote about your own experience with environmental degradation. Also, work on developing smoother transitions between ideas—consider using linking phrases like "Furthermore" or "Despite these challenges" to connect your thoughts. Your call to action needs more specificity—instead of general suggestions, provide one concrete action your audience can take immediately after hearing your speech. Your conclusion would be more memorable with a powerful image or metaphor that ties back to your opening.

Overall Score: 38/50

Section 2:

Our Environment

As I walk into the bush I immediately see nothing but dirt, cut down ~~tree~~ [trees], and fire. This is Already happening every where from The rainforests of South ~~American~~ [America] to the ~~Sivans~~ [Savannas] of Africa ~~it~~ [. It] is a problem that every country faces ~~even~~ [including] Australia~~.~~ [:] Climate Change. Every place from the most ~~densest~~ [dense] cities to the smallest village can pollute the ~~environment~~ [environments] that are close to them. In the near future the only thing that gives ~~away~~ [evidence] that earth was ever habitable is the ruins of buildings and ships. Even if some people survive ~~they'll~~ [they will] still have to be able to access ~~foods~~ [food]. In this world us humans have polluted our planet, there is nothing more than dried up soil. Is this what you want? ~~Nothing~~ [Nothing] but dried up soil that can't even grow a single plant. #1

It is getting worse and harder to control with the increasing population of people and their beliefs of the world and the problem is getting bigger by the minute [.] ~~the~~ [The] future that is predicted is coming sooner than we think~~i~~ [. I] know that i can't save the environment immediately but we can try. We can make the future for our children and grandchildren better~~we~~ [. We] can change the world that we live in just by changing a few things that we do and our habits and our actions. #2

We can change how we travel~~instead~~ [. Instead] of using cars you can use ~~bicycle~~ [bicycles] to ~~Tavel~~ [travel] small distances or even use electric vehicles. Instead of paying for electricity you can buy solar panels for electricity. Rather ~~that~~ [than] throwing things away you can recycle them ~~in-to~~ [into] a new thing like ~~and~~ [any] plastic bottles and containers and turn it into a stylish bag or turn a mattress into a cloth. These things are small~~.~~ [,] but ~~it~~ [they] can make your life easier, more rewarding and ~~fulfilling~~ [fulfilling] ~~filling~~ [fulfilling] than you think and can change the world around us.

The problem is that not many people listen to this~~they~~ [. They] just want money. I don't think that they listen~~i~~ [. I] think that they have to listen. All the things we do now can change the future to good or bad but I want to change your opinion to change the future for the greatest. #3