

Writing Feedback

DAY 6 | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1: Opening paragraph Strengths: Your opening is striking and attention-grabbing with its short, impactful sentences creating an emotional response immediately. Weakness: Abruptness → The opening lacks context and professional tone needed for a formal email to a council member. The dramatic opening might appear too shocking and alienate your audience before they engage with your actual request. *Dear Councillor [Surname], I am writing to bring your urgent attention to the concerning state of Woolford playground, which has become a source of distress and injury for local children rather than a place of joy and recreation.*

#2: Example of Bethany Monroe Strengths: You provide a specific, concrete example with details that help illustrate the danger, creating emotional impact. Weakness: Overly dramatic language → The description uses unnecessarily graphic language ("writhing pile of screaming limbs") that undermines credibility in a formal communication. The hyperbole detracts from the seriousness of your concern. *Just last week, second-year student Bethany Monroe suffered a painful knee injury when the deteriorated chains of the swing set broke during use. I witnessed this incident firsthand, which highlighted the urgent need for repairs.*

#3: Closing paragraph Strengths: You mention a specific solution and approximate cost, which shows you've given thought to resolving the issue. Weakness: Incomplete request → The conclusion lacks a clear call to action, proper closing, and your contact information. There's no specific request for inspection or support from the council member. *Our student committee has developed a comprehensive renovation plan that would address these safety hazards for approximately £140. I would greatly appreciate your support in arranging an inspection of the playground and considering our proposal. I am available to discuss this further at your convenience.*

Your piece shows good awareness of the need to provide evidence for playground problems, but needs significant improvement in tone and structure for a formal email. The vivid descriptions could be effective if tempered with more professional language. The email lacks proper opening and closing elements, clear request for action, and adaptation to the formal audience. Try to balance emotional appeal with respectful,

professional communication that acknowledges the council member's position and authority.

Additionally, focus on creating a more comprehensive request that outlines specific actions you'd like the council member to take. Consider adding information about the benefits of renovation to the broader community. Remember that formal emails require a different approach than persuasive speeches or informal communications. Be direct but polite, factual but compelling.

Overall Score: 35/50

Section 2:

Dear ~~Local Council member~~ [Councillor (Surname)],

Blood. Tears. Pain.

That is what every child thinks of when someone mentions Woolford playground. It is a calamity of a ~~man-made~~ [man-made] object. There are many ~~broken-down~~ [broken-down] objects, though I will only name a few. These include the slide and the swing set.

#1 Just last week, a child named Bethany Monroe who was in year 2 at the time, fell to the ground in a writhing pile of screaming limbs after scraping her tender knee on the rough hard floor of the playground after the ~~paper-thin~~ [paper-thin] chains of the swing set broke apart. I was there firsthand to witness the catastrophe. This is just one example of an instance in which a child has been injured on this destructive playground.

#2 There is also a slide that sits in the playground. It is made out of metal and as is expected, extremely hot to touch. I myself have recorded the temperatures, and the highest it has ever gotten was approximately 60 degrees ~~celsius~~ [Celsius]. John Marcell is what is known as a "tough boy ~~he~~ [boy." He] was in year 6 at the time, yet a single touch of the slide on his leg was enough to raise welts as big as a grape. He was reported to have fallen to the ground immediately, and - as said by people who witnessed the scene - to have needed to be taken to the local infirmary.

#3 The student committee has provided a ~~well-resourced~~ [well-resourced] plan to help stop this danger and others, the cost would hardly be approximately \$140, though it would be well worth it to help the community.

[Your full name]

[Your position/title if applicable]

[Your contact information] [Date]