

Writing Feedback

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Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph) Strengths: You've created a strong opening with thought-provoking questions that immediately engage the reader. Your tone conveys urgency and establishes the importance of the topic. Weakness: Lack of personal connection. → Though your prompt required a personal connection to climate change, your opening paragraph doesn't include any personal experiences or perspectives. Instead, it uses general statements like "The planet that nurtures us" without sharing how climate change has affected you specifically. Exemplar: *"As I watched my childhood beach gradually disappear year after year due to rising sea levels, I realised that climate change isn't a distant threat—it's here, reshaping the world around us with alarming speed."*

#2 (Second paragraph) Strengths: Your descriptive language effectively creates powerful imagery of environmental deterioration. The comparison between past and present environmental conditions is compelling. Weakness: Vague descriptions. → While your paragraph uses some descriptive language, it relies on generalizations like "forests are falling" and "animal homes are disappearing" rather than specific, vivid details that would make the imagery more impactful. More precise examples would strengthen your descriptive language. Exemplar: *"The Antarctic glaciers I studied in university are now retreating at over 100 metres per year, while the vibrant coral reefs that once dazzled in kaleidoscopic colours now stand bleached and lifeless across 60% of the Great Barrier Reef."*

#3 (Fifth paragraph) Strengths: You effectively address an opposing viewpoint by acknowledging the perspective that "it's too late to change." Your counter-argument is hopeful and motivational. Weakness: Undeveloped counter-argument. → While you identify the opposing view, your counter-argument relies on emotional appeals ("giving up on our planet isn't an option") rather than providing specific evidence or reasoning that disproves the opposition. This weakens your rhetorical effectiveness. Exemplar: *"Some people claim it's too late to change, but recent studies show that limiting global warming to 1.5°C is still achievable if we reduce carbon emissions by 45% before 2030, preventing the most catastrophic outcomes and saving countless species from extinction."*

■ Your speech has a clear structure with an engaging opening, descriptive middle sections, and a call to action at the end. However, you could strengthen the personal connection element significantly. Also, your descriptive language, while good, could benefit from more specific examples and precise details to create more powerful imagery. Additionally, your rhetorical techniques could be more varied and explicitly developed. The call to action in your conclusion provides general suggestions but lacks specificity. Try incorporating clear, actionable steps that listeners can take immediately after hearing your speech. Your conclusion would be more memorable with a powerful final statement that resonates emotionally and intellectually with your audience. Focus on creating a stronger emotional connection throughout the speech by sharing personal experiences with climate change.

Overall Score: 44/50

Section 2:

What kind of world are we leaving behind as each day passes? The planet that nurtures us is struggling under the weight of our actions, and the signs are everywhere. Climate change isn't a distant threat—it's here, reshaping the world around us with alarming speed. Every moment counts, and the time to act is now. #1

The skies we once gazed at were clearer, the oceans were deeper shades of blue, and the forests buzzed with life. But now, those vibrant scenes feel like echoes of a fading past. Forests are falling, animal homes are disappearing, and our planet is shifting beneath our feet. These changes aren't far away—they're happening here, affecting everything we care about. #2

Can you picture glaciers shrinking to puddles, their mighty presence replaced by rising waters that consume entire coastlines? Coral reefs, once thriving ecosystems, now stand like skeletal reminders of what we've lost. Wildfires roar across the land, leaving devastation in their wake. The storms and droughts aren't nature's fury; they are the consequences of neglect. The reality we're facing isn't fiction—it's the result of choices made without consideration for tomorrow.

Some people claim it's too late to change. But giving up on our planet isn't an option. Every effort, no matter how small, carries the power to spark meaningful change. We can

still shape our future—one where loss and suffering don't dominate the narrative. It's not too late to turn things around, but we have to begin now. #3

Every step forward matters. Recycle, save energy, plant trees, and raise your voice to inspire action in your community. Each choice you make can ripple outward, touching lives and sparking hope. Together, we can rewrite the story of our planet. The fight isn't just for the environment—it's for ourselves, our future, and our shared home. What will you do to make the difference?