## Writing Feedback

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# **Section 1:**

## **Part #1:**

### **Strengths:**

- Your formal email opens with an engaging rhetorical question that immediately draws the reader in.
- You effectively establish the purpose of your communication early in the message.

**Weakness:** Incomplete salutation format  $\rightarrow$  Your formal email begins with "Dear Hugh jass" which lacks proper formatting and appears potentially inappropriate. A formal email to a principal should include a proper title and full name with a colon after the salutation.

Exemplar: Dear Mr. Thompson: I trust this email finds you well.

## **Part #2:**

#### **Strengths:**

- You've included statistics in your formal email to support your argument.
- Your use of rhetorical questions effectively engages the reader.

**Weakness:** Underdeveloped proposal section  $\rightarrow$  The renovation proposal in your formal email lacks specific details about what changes you're requesting. Your proposal mentions "eco-friendly materials" but doesn't specify what equipment you want or concrete improvements.

Exemplar: I propose a comprehensive renovation including cushioned safety surfaces, accessible playground equipment such as adaptive swings and sensory play panels, and a vibrant new colour scheme featuring our school colours to instil pride and belonging.

### **Part #3:**

## **Strengths:**

- Your informal email uses appropriate casual language that resonates with fellow students.
- You've incorporated humour effectively with the "horror movie soundtrack" comparison.

**Weakness:** Lack of specific call to action  $\rightarrow$  While you ask peers to join your campaign, you don't provide clear next steps or a specific method for them to get involved.

Exemplar: If you're in, join our first planning meeting this Friday at 3:30 pm in the cafeteria, or sign our online petition at schoolplayground.org/petition. We also need volunteers to make posters this weekend – message me at saifan@school.edu if you can help!

■ Your piece shows a good understanding of different writing registers, with clear distinctions between your formal and informal tones. The informal email effectively uses casual language and humour that would resonate with students. However, your emails would benefit from more specific details about the proposed renovations. Additionally, both emails need stronger calls to action with clearer next steps for recipients. You could enhance the persuasive impact by including more vivid descriptions of the current playground problems and the envisioned improvements. The formal email requires proper formatting throughout, especially in the salutation and closing sections. Also, try to incorporate more specific examples of the benefits a renovated playground would bring to student wellbeing and academic performance. Your informal email could benefit from mentioning specific gathering points or ways students can contribute their ideas.

Overall Score: 43/50

## **Section 2:**

#### **Formal Email:**

**Subject:** A Safer and Happier Future: Request for Playground Renovation

Dear Hugh jass [Mr. Thompson:]

I trust this email finds you well. Have you ever walked past the playground and wondered if it still inspires the laughter and joy it once did? Our playground, a space that should foster creativity, collaboration, and physical well-being, is now a shadow of its former self. Isn't it time we rekindle its magic for our students?

#1 The current state of the playground poses not just an aesthetic concern but a safety hazard. Worn-out equipment, uneven surfaces, and faded markings—these not only hinder play but also risk the health and happiness of our children. Should we not prioritize their safety as fervently as their education?

Studies show that schools with vibrant outdoor spaces see a 20% increase in student engagement and a notable improvement in mental health. Imagine the difference a renovated playground could makenew [make—new] swings beckoning laughter, smooth surfaces ensuring safe play, and fresh colors inspiring imaginations to soar. Could there be a better investment in our school's future?

#2 I propose a comprehensive renovation of the playground, incorporating modern, eco-friendly materials and inclusive equipment for children of all abilities. This project could be supported throu [through] grants, community partnerships, and even fundraising initiatives. With your leadership, we could rally our community towards this vital cause.

I am more than willing to discuss this matter further and provide a detailed proposal. Together, we can create a playground that every student deserves.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to the possibility of working ogether [together] to transform our playground into a beacon of joy and safety.

Warm regards,

saifan [Saifan] 040789123

#### **Informal Email:**

**Subject:** Let's Fix Our Playground - Who's In?

Hey everyone,

#3 Ever felt like our playground could use a renovation? Like, when was the last time the swings didn't squeak louder than a horror movie soundtrack? Or when will [when will we] finally have to stop dodging all those craters in the "basketball court"?

It's time we do something about it! Imagine a playground where the slide doesn't feel like a rollercoaster of doom, and the basketball court actually has lines you can see. Cool, right? But this can't happen without us.

Renovating the playground is not just a wish—it's a mission. We need a space that's safe, fun, and inspiring for everyone. Did you know playground improvements can boost happiness and even help us focus better in class? It's a win-win!

So here's the plan: we're starting a campaign to push for a full playground makeover. But we need your voice, your ideas, and your energy to make this happen. Want to join? Spread the word, share your suggestions, and let's make some noise!

Together, we can turn this dream into reality. Are you in?

Cheers, Saifan