

Writing Feedback

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

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths: Your powerful imagery effectively creates a sense of urgency. Your use of second-person perspective helps readers personally connect with the consequences of environmental neglect.

Weakness: Tonal inconsistency → The dramatic opening shifts abruptly between different emotional appeals without a clear progression, making it feel disjointed. For instance, the transition from "Picture yourself desperately scavenging" to "You will not hear cicadas chirping" lacks a connecting thread that would help your audience follow your reasoning.

Exemplar: *Imagine a world devoid of nature's beauty—where you desperately scavenge for fresh food amongst barren landscapes. Without immediate action, this desolation awaits us all, replacing the gentle symphony of cicadas with desperate cries for help.*

#2 (Fifth paragraph): Strengths: Your personal anecdote about Migknock creates emotional impact. The story effectively demonstrates how climate change can affect individuals on a personal level.

Weakness: Causal oversimplification → The connection between climate change and your turtle's death relies on an emotional rather than factual link. While "extreme sun exposure" during a trip to Alaska could be related to climate change, the causality isn't clearly established, weakening your argument when trying to persuade those who might be skeptical.

Exemplar: *Last summer, my family experienced the personal cost of our changing climate. My beloved turtle Migknock perished after unusual temperature spikes during our Alaska trip—temperatures that scientists have linked to our warming planet. His loss showed me how climate disruption touches even our most cherished companions.*

#3 (Fourth paragraph): Strengths: Your repetitive structure builds rhetorical impact through parallelism. The contrasting imagery effectively illustrates the stark differences between our current world and a potential future.

Weakness: Emotional overreliance → While emotionally evocative, this section relies heavily on fear-based appeals without balancing them with factual evidence. Phrases like

"Your destiny will die" and "trees withering" create vivid imagery but may alienate readers seeking balanced discussion rather than convincing those who need factual support.

Exemplar: *You won't see flowers blooming, but trees withering. You won't see bees pollinating crops that feed millions, but increasingly barren lands that struggle to support life. According to climate scientists, these aren't distant possibilities—they're already beginning in regions around the world.*

■ Your speech shows passion and employs powerful rhetorical techniques that demonstrate your concern for climate change. The repetition of "It's now or never" creates a memorable rhythm that reinforces your urgent message. However, your piece would benefit from more specific examples of climate change effects and solutions. The personal story about your turtle could be strengthened by connecting it more directly to documented climate patterns. Additionally, your paragraph addressing opposing viewpoints could be expanded with factual evidence to better persuade skeptics. Consider balancing emotional appeals with concrete facts about environmental changes. Your conclusion offers hope but could provide more specific actions your audience can take immediately. Try including one or two simple steps that people can begin today alongside your call for collective action.

Overall Score: 44/50

Section 2:

Imagine this, a world full of...no nature... Picture yourself desperately scavenging for fresh food, like your life depends on it. This will be an outcome if we do not care for our planet. You will not hear cicadas chirping on a warm summer evening, other than your merciless cries for help. It's now or never. #1

Mother Nature is our home, our land, and our heart. How many more years do we have to endure freezing winters and burning summers? How many more animals and plants will disappear from the face of the Earth? How many more trees do we have to chop down? Let us demand with collective efforts from our government and consumer groups for product manufacturing companies to steer away from making

plastic packaging and, instead, focus on renewable paper resources. Think about it. It's now or never.

This is not a reminder, but a warning. A warning for us to stop burning coals [coal]. A warning for us to stop over-fishing. A warning for us to stop climate change. Although some of you may doubt that climate change is the cause of flora and fauna entering extinction, you are living a life in denial. Is this the world you want? A world where the sun is blazing like a thousand fires, day after day, after day, slowly encroaching on our homes? It's now or never.

You won't see flowers blooming, but trees withering. You won't see bees collecting pollen, but barren land. Your future is at stake. Your life is at risk. Your destiny will die, if we don't start now. Is this the legacy you want to pass down, ~~with~~ [to] generations to come? It's now or never. #3

A year ago, something tragic happened to my family. I had a pet turtle called Migknock. He was my pride and joyful companion. My happiness. But climate change took him away. After my family and I went on a summer trip to Alaska, we saw Migknock on the ground, upside down and passed out. We tried to revive him, but, alas, it was futile. It was too late. Migknock had died because of extreme sun exposure. If we don't start NOW, all of our loved ones will eventually perish. It's now or never. #2

Start where you are. Use what you have. Discard the harmful. Do what you are capable. We can do this together. Together, we can save the planet. Not as individuals, but as a community. Opportunities do not happen overnight, but ~~up to~~ [it's up to] you to create them.

Thank you.