

Writing Feedback

DAY 9 | 24th of April | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 (From Email Example - First Paragraph)

Strengths:

- Your emotive language effectively conveys your passion for the environment
- Good establishment of your personal connection to the issue

Weakness: Inconsistent naming → You refer to both "Riverside pond" and "Silver water Creek" in the same paragraph, creating confusion about which body of water is the focus of your concern. This inconsistency weakens your argument by making the specific location unclear.

Exemplar: *I am writing to express my concern regarding the deteriorating state of Riverside Pond, which has become increasingly polluted with each passing day.*

#2 (From Email Example - Fourth Paragraph)

Strengths:

- Powerful narrative about Tom Gleeson provides a human element
- Good use of vivid imagery to evoke emotional response

Weakness: Overemotional characterisation → Your description of turtles with "proud smiles" and "painful frowns of betrayal" anthropomorphises them in a way that might reduce credibility with certain audiences. While emotional appeal is important, attributing human emotions to animals so explicitly may distract from your valid environmental concerns.

Exemplar: *Looking down, Tom could see the lifeless bodies of turtles floating in the once-clear water, victims of our collective environmental neglect.*

#3 (From Speech Example - First Paragraph)

Strengths:

- Excellent use of sensory language to create vivid imagery
- Effective use of repetition ("No more") to emphasise urgency

Weakness: Mixed metaphor → The phrase "Each lifeless body of marine creature serving as another bullet to our ecosystem" mixes metaphors in a confusing way. A bullet doesn't logically connect to how dead creatures impact an ecosystem, making your otherwise powerful imagery less effective.

Exemplar: *Each lifeless marine creature represents another devastating blow to our fragile ecosystem.*

■ Your writing shows passion and commitment to environmental causes, which is commendable. However, you could strengthen your persuasive impact by maintaining consistency in your references to locations and ensuring your emotional appeals remain balanced. Additionally, consider developing your arguments with more specific details about the environmental impact of the pollution. Also, when crafting different formats for various audiences, ensure you adapt your tone appropriately—your speech uses quite dramatic language that might work well for an impassioned delivery but seems overly emotional in written formats. You could also improve the structure of your pieces by clearly articulating what specific actions you want your audience to take beyond the general "clean-up effort." Finally, be careful with repetitive phrasing across different formats, as this suggests you haven't fully adapted your message for each specific audience and purpose.

Overall Score: 44/50

Section 2:

Email example:

Dear Councillor Jordan,

I hope this letter finds you well and happy. I am writing to express my anguish and concern regarding the deteriorating state of Riverside ~~pond~~ [Pond]. As a student whose happiness has been built on nature, I find myself compelled to take action against the pollution of ~~Silver-water~~ [Silverwater] Creek. The pollution becomes more and more evident with each passing day. What message are we sending our children by neglecting these grave environmental issues?

Councillor Jordan, I respectfully propose a community ~~clean-up~~ [clean-up] effort to combat ~~against~~ the pollution of Riverside Pond.

Additionally, the pollution of the pond affects the traditions of ~~Aboriginals~~ [Aboriginal people]. Let me explain, every year, ~~indigenous~~ [Indigenous] Australians living near Cherrybrook perform a unique and sacred tradition at the nearby Riverside Pond. This tradition of bathing in the lake symbolises renewal and rebirth, and the tradition has been transferred throughout multiple generations of ~~Aboriginals~~ [Aboriginal people] living at Cherrybrook.

#2 A great example of this is Tom Gleeson, aged 85, was going to practise the tradition with his son, until he reached the lake. Numerous pieces ~~littered~~ [of litter covered] the usual clear pond. Looking down, Tom could see the lifeless bodies of innocent turtles that once dwelt in the pond, their usual proud smiles now turned to painful frowns of betrayal. I can still remember the disappointed look on his face, the drip of tears dripping onto his newly bought shirt. Ultimately, the environment not only threatens marine animals, but also sacred traditions.

To restore Riverside Pond to its former glory, we must implement a community clean-up effort in addition to ecological monitoring. Together, we can rebuild a safe environment for marine animals and support the traditions of ~~Indigenous~~ [Indigenous] people living around the area.

Humans polluted this pond. Humans disrupted the ecosystem of countless animals. Only humans can revert this mess. We can take action by recycling. We will take action. We must take action~~**~~ [.]

Councillor Jordan, I kindly ask for your response to address the shared environmental concerns.

Letter example:

Dear Councillor Jordan,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my profound anguish and concern regarding the deteriorating state of Riverside ~~pond~~ [Pond]. What was once a vibrant and cherished environment for marine species to thrive has sadly deteriorated into a remnant of the once magnificent ecosystem, home to innocent creatures. As a student whose happiness has been built on nature, I find myself compelled to take action against the pollution of ~~Silver-water~~ [Silverwater] Creek. The pollution becomes more and more evident with each passing day. What message are we sending our children by neglecting these grave environmental issues?

Councillor Jordan, I respectfully propose a community clean-up effort to combat ~~against~~ the pollution of Riverside Pond.

#1 This environmental disaster has struck the hearts of our community's heritage. Every year, ~~indigenous~~ [Indigenous] Australians living near Cherrybrook perform a unique and sacred tradition at the nearby Riverside Pond. This tradition of bathing in the lake symbolises renewal and rebirth, and the tradition has been transferred throughout multiple generations of ~~Aboriginals~~ [Aboriginal people] living at Cherrybrook. Tom Gleeson, aged 85, was going to practise the tradition with his son, until he reached the lake. Numerous pieces ~~littered~~ [of litter covered] the usual clear pond. Looking down, Tom could see the lifeless bodies of innocent turtles that once dwelt in the pond, their usual proud smiles now turned to painful frowns of betrayal.

To restore Riverside Pond to its former glory, we must implement a community clean-up effort in addition to ecological monitoring. Together, we can rebuild a safe environment for marine animals and support the traditions of Indigenous people living around the area.

Yours faithfully, Luke

Speech example:

Hello everybody,

#3 Have you seen the deteriorating state of our local pond? Envision this: An unnatural oily sheen covered the surface of the pond. Each lifeless body of marine creature serving as another bullet to our ecosystem. The smell is unbearable. The stench hits you from ten

~~feet~~ [feet] away, intruding your senses and entombing you in torture. No more pollution. No more excuses. No more delays. It is time we act before more ecosystems collapse.

I want you to ask yourself, when was the last time you saw a perfect ecosystem, free of any sort of pollution. When was the last time you saw a park without plastic littered all over it? When was the last time you saw pollution. I bet you only answered the last question. Today, we are met with land erosion, factory pollution, and trash everywhere. These effects are all caused by humans, and can be only fixed by humans. This is our last chance to act. To save our planet.

Even worse, the environmental state of the pond does not only affect animals— it also affects humans. Let me explain, every year, ~~indigenous~~ [Indigenous] Australians living near Cherrybrook perform a unique and sacred tradition at the nearby Riverside Pond. This tradition of bathing in the lake symbolises renewal and rebirth, and the tradition has been transferred throughout multiple generations of ~~Aboriginals~~ [Aboriginal people] living at Cherrybrook.

Yesterday I met Tom Gleeson, an Aboriginal ~~living~~ [man who lives] near Riverside Pond. He was aged 85, and was going to practise the tradition with his son, until he reached the lake. Numerous pieces ~~littered~~ [of litter covered] the usual clear pond. Looking down, Tom could see the lifeless bodies of innocent turtles that once dwelt in the pond, their usual proud smiles now turned to painful frowns of betrayal. I can still remember the glum look on his face, the drip of tears dripping onto his newly bought shirt. Ultimately, the environment not only threatens marine animals, but also sacred traditions.

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I will take action[.] **You should take action** [.] We must take action [.]

Thank you for listening to my speech.