

Writing Feedback

DAY 9 | 24th of April | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 (Letter segment) **Strengths:** Your opening effectively identifies the issue of single-use plastics in the canteen. You've created a clear connection between the problem and its environmental impact. **Weakness:** Tone imbalance → Your letter adopts a somewhat accusatory tone with phrases like "you may have noticed" and "poison our environment," which might alienate rather than persuade your audience. The language feels demanding rather than collaborative, particularly with "please acknowledge my request" which positions the reader as passive rather than as a partner in change. **Exemplar:** *"I'm writing to suggest improvements to our canteen's sustainability practices. Currently, our reliance on single-use plastics contributes significantly to environmental waste. By transitioning to compostable products or recyclable containers, we could meaningfully reduce our environmental impact while joining other forward-thinking schools in sustainability efforts."*

#2 (Speech segment) **Strengths:** Your speech begins with a warm greeting and uses inclusive language ("we're contributing") which creates a sense of shared responsibility. You've also included a positive example of other schools making similar changes. **Weakness:** Lack of specific benefits → While you mention the problem clearly, your speech doesn't articulate specific benefits that would result from the proposed changes. Phrases like "positive, impactful change" remain vague rather than painting a concrete picture of improvements. The audience needs compelling reasons to take action, including potential benefits to the school itself. **Exemplar:** *"By switching to biodegradable packaging, our school would not only reduce our environmental footprint but also potentially save on waste disposal costs, improve our reputation in the community, and provide students with valuable lessons in environmental stewardship that extend beyond the classroom."*

#3 (Article segment) **Strengths:** Your article effectively presents the issue and solution in concise terms. You've included a call to action that emphasises personal responsibility. **Weakness:** Insufficient development of ideas → Your article presents assertions without supporting evidence or detailed examples. Phrases like "few changes can fix that" and "we have the authority" need substantiation. The brevity of this piece limits its persuasive impact, as readers aren't given enough information to fully understand the proposal or its

implementation. **Exemplar:** *"Our canteen currently generates approximately X amount of plastic waste weekly. By implementing sustainable alternatives such as plant-based packaging and instituting a reusable container programme (as successfully demonstrated at Greenwood Academy), we could reduce this waste by up to 80% within the first term."*

■ Your environmental writing pieces contain strong foundational elements but would benefit from more detailed development. Each format needs clearer adaptation to its specific audience - consider who makes decisions about canteen supplies versus who uses the canteen daily. Your persuasive techniques would be more effective with specific examples and evidence to support your claims. Additionally, you could strengthen your writing by including more concrete details about implementation steps and addressing potential concerns or obstacles. The letter and article particularly need more development to fully address the requirements of the prompt. Also, ensure you're clearly identifying your audience in each piece and explaining how you've tailored your approach for each format. Remember to maintain a collaborative rather than confrontational tone, especially when writing to authority figures.

Overall score: 41/50

Section 2:

Letter: I would like to put forth a suggestion. You may have noticed how much your canteen relies on single-use plastic—such products ~~poison~~ [harm] our environment and dominate our garbage ~~cans~~ [bins], making them excessively heavy for no reason. If you used compostable products or offered takeout in recyclable containers, you'd ~~minimize~~ [minimise] waste and empower our school to join sustainability efforts. Therefore, please acknowledge my request for a transition to a no-plastic canteen for the benefit of all. Thank you for your consideration! #1

Speech: Hope you're doing well! I have a proposal for the canteen regarding single-use plastics. By using our canteen every day, we're contributing to the billions of tons of plastic waste adding up across the world. But we don't have to! Schools across the country are switching to biodegradable packaging and reusable containers. I'm sure we

can do it, too! I would love to discuss this positive, impactful change with you. Thank you! #2 Best, Nirish

Article: Our canteen contributes to plastic waste. Single-use plastics are harmful to our Earth, but few changes can fix that! Schools across the world are switching to biodegradable packaging and using reusable containers to decrease additional waste. We have the authority to change this, too! Advocating for a plastic-free canteen allows us to be role models and take the first step toward sustainability. It's time for us to change, and we can do it! #3