Writing Feedback

TERM 2 - 2025 | WEEK 8 - Writing | Year 5 Scholarship Essentials

Section 1:

#1 "Imagine a world where cars did not exist and the elderly woman could walk to the shops without the fear of getting injured. Children with asthma could go out and play in the fresh, clean air. There will be less greenhouse gases, conditions while giving you exercise while walking. If we change urban areas convert more roads into car-free zones, prioritizing pedestrians and cyclists, we can make a better environment and life for many."

Strengths: Your opening creates a compelling vision that appeals to emotions. You've included vulnerable groups (elderly, children) which strengthens your argument.

Sentence structure issues \rightarrow Your third sentence jumps between multiple ideas without clear connections. The phrase "less greenhouse gases, conditions while giving you exercise" combines unrelated concepts without proper transitions. Also, you shift between "if we change" and "convert" which creates confusion about the sentence's structure.

Imagine a world where cars did not exist, where elderly people could walk to shops safely and children with asthma could play in fresh, clean air. By converting more urban roads into car-free zones that prioritise pedestrians and cyclists, we can reduce greenhouse gases, improve health conditions, and encourage exercise, creating a better environment and life for many.

#2 "Additionally, there would be less chance of conditions. Many are in children, and they suffocate from it. For example, asthma is common in youth that can create severe attacks and symptoms. Dr. Elena Mikailova says that in her area, there is 33% less asthma reports than in the nearby city. Therefore, it is crucial we replace roads with more pedestrian footpaths."

Strengths: You've included an expert opinion with statistics which adds credibility to your argument. Your conclusion logically follows from your evidence.

Vague terminology \rightarrow Your opening sentence uses "conditions" without specifying what these conditions are. The second sentence continues this vagueness with "Many are in children, and they suffocate from it." This doesn't clearly explain what health conditions you're referring to or how they affect children.

Additionally, there would be fewer respiratory health problems. These conditions particularly affect children, who can experience breathing difficulties. For example, asthma is common among young people and can lead to severe attacks and distressing symptoms. Dr. Elena Mikailova reports that in her area, there are 33% fewer asthma cases than in the nearby city with heavier traffic. Therefore, it is crucial we replace roads with more pedestrian footpaths to improve children's health.

#3 "While some argue that it will be difficult to travel far, there is another solution. Electric cars can help, and it doesn't burn anything. They are getting more popular and benefit money. Brands like BYD and Tesla can be bought with an affordable price."

Strengths: You've anticipated a counterargument and offered a practical solution, which strengthens your overall argument. You've mentioned specific brands which adds concrete examples.

Incomplete counterargument development \rightarrow You introduce the counterargument and solution but don't fully explain how electric cars address the concerns raised in your essay. The phrase "benefit money" is unclear—do you mean they save money? Also, you've included an extra full stop after "doesn't burn anything."

While some argue that it will be difficult to travel long distances without cars, electric vehicles offer a practical solution. Unlike petrol cars, electric vehicles don't burn fossil fuels and produce significantly fewer emissions. They're becoming increasingly popular and can save money on fuel costs in the long term. Brands like BYD and Tesla now offer models at more affordable prices, making them a viable option for environmentally conscious travellers.

■ Your piece shows good awareness of environmental issues and health benefits of car-free zones. However, you could strengthen your argument by connecting your ideas more clearly. In paragraph one, try to present your main points in a more organised way instead of jumping between different benefits. You might also consider adding more specific examples of successful car-free zones in cities to show how your ideas work in practice. Additionally, your fourth paragraph about exercise benefits needs more development—perhaps include specific health statistics or examples of how walking/cycling improves wellbeing. Your final paragraph could be stronger if you expanded on electric cars as a complementary solution rather than an alternative. Try to end with a stronger call to action that tells readers exactly what they can do. Remember to check your writing for consistent tense usage and clear connections between sentences.

Overall score: 40/50

Section 2:

Imagine a world where cars did not exist and the elderly woman could walk to the shops without the fear of getting injured. Children with asthma could go out and play in the fresh, clean air. There will be less greenhouse gases, conditions while giving you exercise while walking. [There would be fewer greenhouse gases and health conditions would improve, all while we get exercise from walking.] If we change urban areas convert [convert urban areas by changing] more roads into car-free zones, prioritizing pedestrians and cyclists, we can make a better environment and life for many.

#1 Firstly, we can reduce greenhouse gas production. The petrol cars burn fossil fuels, putting chemicals that pollute the air in the atmosphere. When we breathe, we will engulf [inhale] that air putting the chemicals into our bodies. Not only this, but it can also gradually lead to global warming, harming the ecosystems in the world. When we reduce fossil fuels, we can have a better world.

#2 Additionally, there would be less chance of eonditions [respiratory conditions]. Many are in [affect] children, and they suffocate from it [struggle to breathe because of them]. For example, asthma is common in youth that can create severe attacks and symptoms. Dr. Elena Mikailova says that in her area, there is 33% less asthma reports than in the nearby city. Therefore, it is crucial we replace roads with more pedestrian footpaths.

Finally, you can get exercise. This benefits you from using your own time to go to the gym, [This saves you from having to make time to go to the gym,] it provides a source of vitamin D which comes from the sun. This helps you function and grow. It also reduces many diseases [the risk of many diseases]. This includes colon, endometrial, lung, liver cancer and many more. It is clear that we have [must make] change to this issue.

#3 While some argue that it will be difficult to travel far, there is another solution. Electric cars can help, and it [they] doesn't [don't] burn anything [.] They are getting more popular and benefit money [save money]. Brands like BYD and Tesla can be bought with [at] an affordable price.

In summary, it is vital that urban areas convert more roads into car-free zones, prioritizing pedestrians and cyclists so that we be [can be] sustainable and get health benefits from physical health [activity]. It's time to report to the local council about this issue parents [, parents]!