Writing Feedback

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

## Section 1:

#1 "In this world, our world, humans inhabit Earth. But the roads we have built are crumbling through the empty abyss of society, where pedestrians face affliction everywhere they go. Except for the priceless car free zones. These are zones where pedestrians can walk freely, without going through all the pain, and we must incorporate them more into our lifestyles as they reduce pollution, they help the blind, and they make us better people."

Strengths: Your introduction effectively establishes the three main arguments you'll develop. Your metaphor about crumbling roads creates a vivid image.

Weakness: Unclear thesis statement  $\rightarrow$  Your opening paragraph contains multiple ideas without a clear, focused statement that defines your position. You mention roads "crumbling through the empty abyss of society" but don't fully explain what this means, making your argument harder to follow.

Your thesis could be more focused: "Car-free zones offer three critical benefits to our communities: reduced pollution, improved accessibility for the visually impaired, and positive changes to human behaviour."

#2 "To start with, the car free zones and they can reduce lots of pollution and make the plane of existence just cleaner in general. If you live in the city, you'll know what I mean. If you don't I know everyone out there has still experiences this at least ten times in their lives, if not more, no matter where you live. Watching cars stop at traffic lights and then take off with their smoke filing behind like a line of military soldiers is horrendous."

Strengths: Your comparison of car exhaust to "military soldiers" creates a powerful visual image. You attempt to connect with readers by acknowledging both city and non-city experiences.

Weakness: Underdeveloped support  $\rightarrow$  You make broad claims about pollution reduction without specific examples or evidence. Phrases like "lots of pollution" and "cleaner in general" are vague. You assume everyone has experienced the same problem without explaining the specific impacts.

You could strengthen your argument with more specific details: "Car-free zones can reduce pollution significantly, as a single car can produce up to 4.6 tonnes of carbon dioxide yearly. In busy city centres, where hundreds of cars idle at traffic lights, the collective emissions create harmful air quality that affects everyone's health."

#3 "Ultimately, we must incorporate car free zones into our daily lives as they reduce pollution and make Earth cleaner, they can help the blind significantly (and basically save lives), and they can make the humans better humans. We will be better. We will not be the monsters we might be in future. We will be the heroes of Earth. And to do that, we need the car free zones."

Strengths: Your conclusion effectively summarises your three main points. You end with a strong call to action that emphasises the importance of car-free zones.

Weakness: Limited depth  $\rightarrow$  Your conclusion restates your points without adding new insight or addressing potential challenges. The repeated phrase "We will be better" doesn't explain exactly how or why these changes would occur.

A more developed conclusion might be: "By incorporating more car-free zones into our communities, we take meaningful steps toward cleaner air, safer spaces for people with visual impairments, and more positive interactions between citizens. These zones represent not just a change in our city planning, but a change in how we value community wellbeing over convenience."

■ Your piece presents an interesting argument for car-free zones with three clear supporting points. To improve the substance of your writing, try adding specific examples that show exactly how car-free zones have worked in real places. For instance, which cities already have these zones and what results have they seen? You could strengthen your second point about helping blind people by including more details about specific challenges they face with traffic and how car-free zones directly address these problems. Additionally, your third point about making "better humans" needs clearer explanation - perhaps focus on how reduced traffic stress affects mood and community interaction. Try varying your sentence length more - mixing shorter sentences with longer ones helps keep your reader interested. Your paragraphs would be stronger if each one began with a clear topic sentence followed by supporting details and ended with a sentence that links back to your main argument.

Score: 41/50

## Section 2:

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To start with, the car free zones and they can reduce lots of pollution and make the plane of existence just cleaner in general. [To start with, car-free zones can reduce substantial pollution and make our environment cleaner overall.] If you live in the city, you'll know what I mean. If you don't I know everyone out there has still experiences this at least ten times in their lives, if not more, no matter where you live. [If you don't, I'm confident everyone has experienced this at least ten times in their lives, regardless of where you live.] Watching cars stop at traffic lights and then take off with their smoke filing [trailing] behind like a line of military soldiers is horrendous. It fills the atmosphere above – the line (or surface) between the earth and outer space – with loads of carbon dioxide. That may and will

soon outbalance the oxygen by a lot, and all life will die. That is right – including us, the humans, the future creators of this disaster. #2

Additionally, we must implement car-free zones because it ean [they can] help the blind! Generally blind people will need someone or something to guide them and need to stop [need something to stop] them before they walk onto a busy road filled with cars. With the car-free zones, the blind people of our planet will be able to walk freely with no danger of cars lurking around to smash into them.

As to the third point, incorporating car-free zones would help significantly as it makes humans better – well, humans! Have you ever seen angry drivers, who yell at traffic, get mad at a red light, and get furious at people crossing the road? Well, if we make more car-free zones drivers will know there would be more traffic on the existing roads. So, drivers (mostly the angry ones) will not want to drive anymore! And there will not be any more angry drivers because, well – there won't be any actual drivers to start with! Humans will be better than the angry, annoyed, frustrated, bad people we once were. We will become pleasant, exhilarating marvels.

Ultimately, we must incorporate ear free zones into our daily lives as they reduce pollution and make Earth cleaner, they can help the blind significantly (and basically save lives), and they can make the humans better humans. [Ultimately, we must incorporate car-free zones into our daily lives as they reduce pollution and make Earth cleaner, significantly help the visually impaired (and potentially save lives), and transform us into better versions of ourselves.] We will be better. We will not be the monsters we might be in future. We will be the heroes of Earth. And to do that, we need the car-free zones. #3