Writing Feedback

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

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your introduction clearly states your position against car-free zones. You've used emotive questions effectively to engage the reader.

Weakness: Repetitive argument structure \rightarrow Your introduction repeats the same three questions at the beginning and end, which reduces impact rather than strengthening it. You've stated that car-free zones "impact our communities" but haven't clearly explained how this connects to your three main points in a cohesive way.

Exemplar: Car-free zones in urban areas have created significant hardships for community members, particularly the elderly, shoppers with heavy groceries, and commuters facing increased traffic congestion. This essay will demonstrate why these zones should be reconsidered through examining their impact on accessibility, convenience, and traffic flow.

#2 Strengths: You've included specific data points about time spent walking to cars. Your counterargument acknowledges the opposing view about exercise benefits.

Weakness: Unsupported claims \rightarrow You mention "studies have shown" but don't provide any details about these studies or where the statistics come from. The paragraph contains several strong claims about blistering fingers and crippling effects without evidence or examples to back them up.

Exemplar: According to a 2023 community survey conducted in our area, residents now spend an average of 35 minutes weekly walking to their parked cars, amounting to over 30 hours annually—time that could be better spent on rest, work, or family activities.

#3 Strengths: You've included a personal testimony from a local resident. Your conclusion clearly restates your main points against car-free zones.

Weakness: Limited solution development → While you strongly state "We need to do something" and "It is time for action," you don't offer any specific alternatives or solutions to the problems you've identified. This leaves your argument incomplete.

Exemplar: Instead of complete car-free zones, our community would benefit from a balanced approach that includes designated drop-off points for the elderly and disabled, improved public transport schedules, and smart traffic management systems that reduce congestion without completely removing vehicle access.

■ Your piece makes some valid points about the challenges car-free zones create for certain groups, especially the elderly and those carrying groceries. However, your argument would be stronger with more specific examples and evidence. Try to include real locations where these problems occur or

mention actual streets affected by the changes. Also, think about how to make your paragraphs flow better by using linking words between your main points. Your second paragraph about walking distances could be improved by adding one concrete example, like describing a specific bus stop location and how far it is from homes or shops. You might also consider acknowledging some benefits of car-free zones before explaining why the negatives outweigh them. This shows you've thought about both sides. Finally, offer some practical solutions in your conclusion instead of just repeating that change is needed.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

Why should elderly people have to walk miles to get to the bus stop because of car-free zones? Why should we bare [bear] seeing people hunched over with heavy groceries because of car-free zones? How would you just ignore the fact that our roads are jammed because of car-free zones? Urban areas had [have] prioritized more car-free zones which are supposed to help people. However, on the other hand, it impacts our communities. This is because people have to work [walk] a long way to the bus stops, it is inconvenient and it causes serious traffic on the roads. I fervently believe that we could change this crisis to not have car-free zones in urban areas.

#1 To begin with, people are forced to walk several miles to the bus station. Carrying a whole day of work and school burdens when the restriction is set on buses from ear free zones. [They carry the burdens of a whole day of work and school while restrictions are set on buses from car-free zones.] People with disabilities are manifested by [are affected by] the fact that they have to walk a long way from the bus station. People endure through rains and cyclones to walk home when car-free zones limit where you can go. It is not merely about walking home, it is also about how more difficult it is when more car-free zones are found everyone [everywhere] in our communities. When people use to [used to] step outside there [their] house in the pouring rain into their cars with no drops of water on their head. Now all we see is people running away in the frosty rain to get to their car out of the car-free zone. It is evident that there shouldn't be more car-free zones.

#2 Equally imperative, more car-free zones is [are] significantly inconvenient. Studies has [have] shown that with myriads of car-free zones, people spend 35 minutes weekly walking to their cars. Studies also convey that it takes at least 30 hours each year to [to get to] cars and buses when these [this] time could be spend [spent] on more sleep, work time and do [doing] other things. More than a whole day in a year. Critics often argue that it is a daily activity and exercise going to work. Their claim flaws [Their claim is flawed] because it is not just exercise, it is a disruption to sleep and other crucial activities. People carry heavy grocery bags back home for 5 minutes or more whilst their fingers blister

from bags. All because of car-free zones. Both children, from [people from] work and elderly people eripple [struggle] from this issue that the community has decided to be advantageous to society. Do you want car-free zones to be everywhere in urban areas resulting it to be [in] inconvenient and disturbing the [our] society?

#3 Furthermore, more car-free zones eauses [cause] severe traffic. Our streets jammed [are jammed] with honks and beeps from frustrated cars having to drive around the car-free zones. Allowing [This allows] only one path for all the cars to drive through. This disturbed [disturbs] the roads, people going to work and school. Resident Mrs Smith has stated, 'I use Sunshine Road every single day. Whether if [it] is dropping off my two kids at two different schools, getting the groceries, visiting relatives and getting to work. I suffer in [from] anxiety of traffic on this road that I always use. Traffic has changed since I came here, certainly connected to the car-free zone campaign. I am a resident for 9 years now, in this community, and traffic has skyrocketed with car-free areas everywhere.' Traffic jams evidently became [have become] more often [frequent], almost daily, caused by car-free zones. Therefore, there should not be any car-free zones around the community.

In conclusion, there should not be more car-free zones in urban areas because it would be [they would put bus stations] far away from bus stations [homes], is [are] inconvenient and eauses [cause] traffic on our roads. We need to do something about the problem impacted by car-free zones. It is time for action. It is time for change. It is time to make a difference.