Writing Feedback

TERM 2 - 2025 Holiday | Day 1 - Writing Homework | Year 5 Reading & Writing

Section 1:

#1 "Think about how technology affects us. It makes people happy and can be super helpful at times. But don't you feel like technology is grabbing hold of our Lifes?"

Strengths: You've opened with an engaging question that invites readers to reflect on their own experiences with technology. Your introduction acknowledges both positive and negative aspects of technology.

Weakness: Lack of clarity in purpose statement \rightarrow Your opening doesn't clearly establish what your piece is arguing. The sudden shift from positive aspects to a rhetorical question about technology's control feels abrupt. For example, when you write "It makes people happy and can be super helpful at times. But don't you feel like technology is grabbing hold of our Lifes?", the transition between these ideas needs more development.

Exemplar: Think about how technology affects our daily lives. While it provides amazing benefits like instant communication and helpful tools, I believe we need to consider whether technology is taking too much control over how we spend our time and attention.

#2 "When you are gaming you will look down on the screen, making your neck tilt downwards. along with the fact that it can hurt you neck later on, it also can hurt your mental health, as you would spend more time looking at the device than playing outdoors with your friends and family."

Strengths: You've attempted to connect physical health (neck pain) with mental health concerns, showing awareness of multiple impacts of technology use. You've also used specific examples that readers can visualise.

Weakness: Run-on sentence structure \rightarrow This entire section is one long sentence that contains multiple ideas without proper punctuation or organisation. The ideas about physical health (neck pain) and mental health (isolation from friends) are important but get jumbled together. When you write "along with the fact that it can hurt you neck later on, it also can hurt your mental health", these are two significant points that deserve their own development.

Exemplar: When gaming, you often look down at the screen for hours, tilting your neck in an uncomfortable position. This can lead to physical problems like neck pain. Additionally, spending excessive time on devices means less time outdoors with friends and family, which might affect your mental wellbeing.

#3 "AI can be helpful but it can also be very bad for mental health. AI allows you to speed along hard questions, making your brain not have to work. So we must act now or ese the world will rely everything on AI."

Strengths: You've identified a specific technology (AI) to focus on, which helps narrow your discussion. You've also attempted to include a call to action in your conclusion.

Weakness: Underdeveloped arguments \rightarrow Your points about AI's impact on mental health and learning aren't supported with specific examples or explanations. The conclusion jumps to a dramatic warning without explaining what actions should be taken. When you write "AI allows you to speed along hard questions, making your brain not have to work", you could expand on how this specifically affects learning or problem-solving skills.

Exemplar: While AI tools can be helpful for learning, they might prevent us from developing important thinking skills if we rely on them too much. For example, when faced with difficult maths problems, using AI for quick answers means we miss the chance to strengthen our problem-solving abilities. We should find a balance between using AI as a tool and maintaining our own thinking skills.

■ Your piece touches on an important topic that affects many students today. The main weakness is that it's too brief—you've only scratched the surface of this complex issue. Your ideas about technology's impact on physical health, social connections, and learning have potential, but need more development. Try organising your thoughts into clear paragraphs with topic sentences. Also, consider adding specific examples from your own experience or observations to make your points more convincing. You could expand on how technology affects different aspects of life, perhaps comparing healthy versus unhealthy technology use. Additionally, your conclusion could offer practical suggestions for balancing technology use rather than simply warning against it. Remember to proofread carefully for spelling and grammar errors, which can distract readers from your message.

Overall score: 35/50

Section 2:

Think about how technology affects us. It makes people happy and can be super helpful at times. But don't you feel like technology is grabbing hold of our Lifes? [Think about how technology affects us. It makes people happy and can be super helpful at times. But don't you feel like technology is grabbing hold of our lives?] #1

When you are gaming you will look down on the screen, making your neck tilt downwards. along with the fact that it can hurt you neck later on, it also can hurt your mental health, as you would spend more time looking at the device than playing outdoors with your friends and family. [When you are gaming, you look down at the screen, making your neck tilt downwards. Along with the fact that it can hurt your neck later on, it also can harm your mental health, as you spend more time looking at the device than playing outdoors with your friends and family.] #2

Technology can also make you loads [significantly] dumber. For example, bob [Bob] is on the couch with his device doing his study. He comes along a question that is quite challenging. Now one side of his brain is thinking of trying to solve it but the other side will call for help. Now, that help is the amazing but dangerous AI.

AI can be helpful but it can also be very bad for mental health.AI allows you to speed along hard questions, making your brain not have to work. So we must act now or ese the world will rely everything on AI [AI can be helpful but it can also be detrimental to mental health. AI allows you to speed through difficult questions, preventing your brain from having to work. So we must act now or else the world will rely entirely on AI.] #3