

Section 1:

#1 - Opening paragraph: "Ever thought about trying to help plants grow better and receive more nutrients? Now you know! It's easy peasy! Just tell the school, WE NEED MORE COMPOST BINS!"

Strengths: Your opening grabs attention with a direct question to the reader, and you show enthusiasm for your topic.

Weak introduction structure → Your opening doesn't clearly introduce what composting is or why it matters before jumping to the solution. The phrase "Now you know!" assumes readers already understand something you haven't explained yet. Your thesis statement "So I convince you, we must add more compost bins" needs to be clearer about your main arguments.

Exemplar: *"Have you ever wondered how schools could help the environment while growing healthier plants? Composting might be the answer we're looking for."*

#2 - Second paragraph: "To start us off, compost bins help enrich soil by adding important nutrients and improving its texture..."

Strengths: You provide specific details about how composting works and mention concrete benefits like reducing chemical fertilisers.

Underdeveloped examples → Your paragraph explains what compost does but doesn't give real examples of how this would work specifically in schools. You mention "food scraps and yard waste" but don't connect this to actual school situations like cafeteria waste or playground leaves.

Exemplar: *"For instance, apple cores from lunch and fallen leaves from the playground could be turned into rich soil for the school vegetable garden."*

#3 - Mental health paragraph: "Incorporating composting and gardening into school routines offers powerful mental health benefits..."

Strengths: You include important research-based information and mention specific conditions like ADHD, showing deeper thinking about your topic.

Disconnected content flow → This paragraph feels separate from your compost bin argument. You discuss gardening benefits but don't clearly link how compost bins specifically create these mental

health opportunities. The connection between "composting" and "gardening activities" needs stronger bridges.

Exemplar: *"When students help maintain compost bins and use the finished compost in school gardens, they experience these same stress-reducing benefits."*

■ Your piece tackles an important environmental topic and shows you understand multiple benefits of composting. However, your arguments need stronger connections between ideas. Your first paragraph jumps too quickly to the solution without explaining the problem clearly. Additionally, your examples need to be more specific to school settings - instead of general statements about composting, show exactly how students would use compost bins during lunch or in classroom projects. Your mental health section contains good information but feels disconnected from the main composting argument. Also, try to make your conclusion more powerful by summarising your strongest points rather than just repeating them. Your writing would benefit from smoother transitions between paragraphs and more concrete, school-specific examples throughout.

Overall Score: 42/50

Section 2:

#1 Why We Should Add Compost Bins to School Grounds

~~Ever thought about trying to help plants grow better and receive more nutrients? Now you know! It's easy peasy! Just tell the school, WE NEED MORE COMPOST BINS!~~ [Have you ever wondered how schools could help the environment while growing healthier plants? Composting might be the answer we're looking for, and adding compost bins to school grounds could make a real difference.] Compost bins play a huge role in the environment and in vegetation growth. ~~So I convince you, we must add more compost bins to school grounds.~~ [Schools should add more compost bins to their grounds for three important reasons.]

#2 To start us off, compost bins help enrich soil by adding important nutrients and improving its texture. As food scraps and yard waste break down, they create compost that makes the soil healthier and better at holding moisture. This supports plant growth and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers [fertilisers], making composting a natural and eco-friendly way to improve soil. ~~So are we~~

~~thinking about adding more compost bins now?~~ [For instance, apple cores from lunch and fallen leaves from the playground could be turned into rich soil for the school vegetable garden.]

#3 Compost bins are a great way for schools to cut down on waste. Instead of throwing away food scraps like fruit peels or leftover vegetables, students and staff can put them in compost bins. This keeps a large amount of organic waste out of landfills and turns it into something useful. By composting, schools can reduce their trash, lower waste collection costs, and teach students about responsible waste management.

~~Incorporating composting and gardening into school routines offers powerful mental health benefits.~~ [Finally, when students help maintain compost bins and use the finished compost in school gardens, they gain powerful mental health benefits.] Research shows that even brief exposure to green environments can significantly reduce stress, anxiety, and depressive symptoms among students. These activities encourage mindfulness and a sense of purpose, as students actively care for plants and connect with nature. ~~Environmentally immersive spaces—like school gardens—offer a restorative sanctuary, helping learners unwind and regain mental focus, especially those experiencing ADHD, emotional challenges, or stress.~~ [School gardens created with compost offer a peaceful space where students can unwind and regain mental focus, especially helping those experiencing ADHD, emotional challenges, or stress.]

In conclusion, ~~we must add more compost bins to school grounds as it helps enrich soil, it cuts down school waste, and it helps a child's wellbeing.~~ [schools should add compost bins because they enrich soil, reduce waste, and support student wellbeing.] ~~So next time you meet your teacher or principal, tell them to add more compost bins!~~ [These benefits show that compost bins are a valuable addition to any school environment.]