

Section 1

#1: Introduction and Thesis Statement (First two paragraphs of your piece)

Strengths:

- You've started with engaging rhetorical questions that make your readers think about their own views on fireworks and animals
- Your opening clearly states the problem you're addressing and gives readers a preview of your main argument

Vague Connection Between Ideas → Your introduction jumps quite suddenly from talking about fireworks being beautiful to explaining that horses cause most deaths from fireworks. This makes your argument confusing because you haven't explained clearly *how* horses are dying from fireworks. When you write "horses contribute to most of the deaths from fireworks," it's unclear whether you mean horses die from fireworks or cause other problems. You then shift to talking about human health effects ("toxic for humans and can cause coughing"), which distracts from your main point about animals. Your piece would be stronger if you focused each paragraph on one clear idea and connected them smoothly.

Exemplar: *After introducing the dangers of fireworks, you could write: "One of the most vulnerable groups affected by fireworks are horses. When fireworks explode nearby, horses can panic and injure themselves whilst trying to escape the frightening noises."*

#2: Body Paragraph About Fear and Stress (Third paragraph beginning with "Following up from that...")

Strengths:

- You've used descriptive language like "midnight black animals" and "soaring in the night sky" to help readers visualise the scene
- The scenario you created about watching bats at the park helps readers imagine what you're describing

Insufficient Evidence and Repetitive Reasoning → Whilst you describe bats flying "haphazardly" and mention dogs barking, you don't explain the actual consequences of this fear on animals. What happens to the bats after they fly around stressed? Do they abandon their homes? Do they injure themselves? Without these details, your argument feels incomplete. Additionally, this paragraph repeats the same basic point as your first body paragraph (that fireworks harm animals) rather than developing a new aspect of your argument. You mention that fireworks "scare many animals" but you've already discussed harm in the previous paragraph, so this feels like you're going over the same ground.

Exemplar: *"When fireworks explode, the sudden loud noises trigger a panic response in animals. Bats may abandon their roosts and become disoriented, which can lead to them flying into buildings or becoming separated from their young. Similarly, dogs may try to escape their yards and can become lost or injured in their frightened state."*

#3: Conclusion (Final paragraph)

Strengths:

- You've clearly restated your main arguments in a simple list format that's easy to follow
- Ending with questions to your readers helps engage them in thinking about the issue

Weak Logical Development → Your conclusion lists your three reasons, but the order doesn't match what you actually argued in your body paragraphs. You say fireworks "aren't necessary" first, but this was actually your third body paragraph. This makes your conclusion feel disconnected from the essay itself. More importantly, your conclusion doesn't synthesise your ideas or leave readers with a strong final thought about *why* this matters. When you ask "What is your opinion on this argument?" it weakens your persuasive stance because you sound uncertain about your own position. A stronger conclusion would remind readers of the most important point and end with a clear call to action.

Exemplar: *"Fireworks cause real suffering to animals in our communities—from panicked horses to disoriented bats to terrified pets. Since these displays are purely for entertainment rather than necessity, we have a responsibility to choose alternatives that protect vulnerable creatures. By restricting fireworks to controlled events far from animal habitats, we can still enjoy celebrations whilst showing compassion for the animals who share our world."*

■ Your piece demonstrates genuine concern for animal welfare and uses rhetorical questions effectively to engage your readers. However, your argument needs stronger development and clearer organisation. The main issue is that your three body paragraphs don't present three distinct reasons—they overlap significantly. Your first paragraph discusses harm, your second discusses fear (which is also a type of harm), and your third discusses necessity. This creates repetition rather than building a layered argument.

To improve the substance of your writing, you need to develop each reason more fully with specific consequences. For example, when you mention bats getting burnt or horses being killed, explain what happens next. Do these deaths affect ecosystems? Do they cause emotional trauma for pet owners? These details make your argument more convincing. Additionally, your scenarios sometimes include confusing details—like why would horses "go up to the area where the fireworks are" when animals typically flee from danger? Make sure your examples are realistic and support your point clearly.

Your piece would also benefit from better paragraph structure. Each body paragraph should start with a clear topic sentence that states one distinct reason, then provide evidence and explanation for that reason alone. Currently, your paragraphs mix multiple ideas together. Also, consider varying how you present your argument. Instead of starting every paragraph with "imagine" scenarios, you could include some factual statements about animal behaviour or refer to what experts say about fireworks and wildlife.

Finally, strengthen your conclusion by matching the order of your summary to your actual essay and ending with a confident statement rather than questions. Your goal is to persuade readers to agree with you, so finish powerfully rather than asking them what they think.

Overall Score: 42/50

Section 2

#1 Should fireworks be restricted to protect animals?

The thrill of seeing the bright lights in the sky. ~~Fireworks may be beautiful but they are loud and disturb many animals near them.~~ [Fireworks may be beautiful, but they are loud and disturb many animals near them.] Do you enjoy seeing fireworks more than you like to scare animals?

~~As a first reason, fireworks hurt animals.~~ [#2 Firstly, fireworks hurt animals.] They can cause many deaths and injuries ~~of~~ [to] animals, whether [—whether] they are companion animals or wild ones. ~~horses~~ [Horses] contribute to most of the deaths from fireworks. Research has proven they are also toxic for humans and can cause coughing and wheezing. Though they haven't been proven to cause cancer [they are still ~~deadly~~ [deadly] and can cause injury. Research says that they can send you to ~~hospitals~~ [hospital] and mainly cause severe burns, eye ~~injury~~ [injuries]; [and even amputations. Would you really like it if your companion dog got killed by a firework?

Imagine that you are going to the royal show to see the fireworks. When you get there [just before the fireworks start [you see lots of black bats in the sky. The fireworks start [and sometimes the animals get interested in the sound [. ~~they~~ [They] get too close and they get burnt in the sky [. ~~if~~ [If] they die [they have ~~less~~ [fewer] bats every time [and [already being endangered [they may soon become extinct. Have you thought about how you would feel if you were the bats? This is why fireworks must be restricted to protect animals.

#3 Following up from that, fireworks scare many animals that live in the sky and even on the ground. They may be enjoyable for you [but the animals have an extremely hard time. The loud bangs scare all the animals that are close by. Do you like animals? Would you like them to be scared? They are ~~always~~ also a beautiful sight to see [so it is always tragic to see a bat or other animal dead or scared from the fireworks. Picture this [: ~~y~~ [Y]ou go to the park and you see the fireworks. You see some midnight black animals in the sky. What are they? They are bats. Seeing their distinctive shape [you immediately shift your glance ~~at~~ [to] the bats soaring in the night sky. Suddenly [the last bang of the light in the sky sends dogs barking like crazy [and you notice all the bats are flying around haphazardly. You feel a knot tighten in your stomach. Are the bats stressed or scared? This is for sure a good reason why fireworks must be restricted.

Lastly, fireworks should be restricted because they aren't essential. They are just entertainment for people [and they aren't needed to survive. Being non-~~essential~~, [they are killing, injuring [and scaring animals all around the world for no reason at all. Wouldn't you feel bad if you were killing many animals each day? Imagine that you are setting up some fireworks near ~~a paddocks~~ [paddocks] which there are horses in. When the fireworks go off [lots of horses go up to the area where the fireworks are. They get killed [. ~~wouldn't~~ [Wouldn't] you feel horrible for being responsible for setting up the fireworks where the horses were. [?] You didn't have to set up fireworks [; ~~it~~ [It] was just ~~pleasure~~ [for

pleasure] to see. The horses wouldn't have been killed if it wasn't for the fireworks. This is for sure another reason why fireworks must be restricted to protect animals around the world.

In conclusion, fireworks should be restricted to protect animals because [they aren't necessary and they are only set up for pleasure, they can hurt animals [and they can scare animals. What is your opinion on this argument? Do you agree with me that animal species all around the world should be protected?