

Section 1

#1 - Opening paragraph: "Calm corners refresh your mind, gives you time to sort out your thoughts and teaches students to self regulate, an important skill in life. But some people argue that calm corners are a distraction, make students forget what they just learnt and that it's wasting resources. But I strongly believe that calm corners should be installed in schools."

Strengths: You clearly state your position and acknowledge opposing viewpoints, which shows balanced thinking. Your topic sentence effectively introduces the main benefits of calm corners.

Subject-verb disagreement → The phrase "Calm corners refresh your mind, gives you time" mixes singular and plural verb forms. When you have a plural subject like "calm corners," all the verbs in the series should match.

Exemplar: *Calm corners refresh your mind, give you time to sort out your thoughts, and teach students to self-regulate, an important skill in life.*

#2 - Second body paragraph: "Secondly, you can't just think about school all day. Chances are, when your teacher is explaining something, a bit of your brain is also wondering what you'll do at lunch, or how to evade the massive amount of homework when you get home, or something else unrelated to the lesson."

Strengths: Your use of relatable examples helps readers connect with your argument. The conversational tone makes your writing engaging and accessible.

Underdeveloped reasoning → Whilst you describe the problem of wandering thoughts well, you don't fully explain how calm corners specifically solve this issue. The connection between having a calm corner and reducing daydreaming during lessons needs clearer explanation.

Exemplar: *Calm corners provide a designated space where students can process these distracting thoughts before lessons, allowing them to enter classrooms with clearer, more focused minds.*

#3 - Final body paragraph: "While some people say that it costs money to make a calm corner, isn't it worth it? If someone throws a fit and swings a chair, aren't the parents going to sue the school more money than a couple of beanbag chairs, a cheap rug and some pillows?"

Strengths: You address cost concerns directly and provide practical solutions for funding. Your rhetorical questions engage the reader effectively.

Weak counterargument structure → Your response to the cost objection jumps to an extreme scenario without building a logical progression. The connection between calm corners preventing chair-throwing incidents isn't clearly established.

Exemplar: *The cost of creating calm corners is minimal compared to the long-term benefits of improved student behaviour and reduced classroom disruptions, which can lead to better learning outcomes for all students.*

■ Your piece demonstrates strong conviction and addresses an important topic in education. You've structured your argument with clear paragraphs and attempted to address counterarguments, which shows good argumentative thinking. However, your reasoning could be strengthened by providing more detailed explanations of how calm corners actually work in practice. Additionally, your examples could be more specific and evidence-based rather than hypothetical. Consider expanding on each benefit with concrete details about what happens in calm corners and how this translates to better classroom behaviour. Also, your transitions between ideas could be smoother - try connecting your paragraphs more clearly to show how each point builds on the previous one. Your conclusion would be more powerful if it summarised your main points before making the final appeal.

Score: 41/50

Section 2

~~Calm corners refresh your mind, gives you time~~ [Calm corners refresh your mind, give you time] to sort out your thoughts and ~~teaches~~ [teach] students to self ~~regulate~~ [regulate,] an important skill in life. #1 But some people argue that calm corners are a distraction, make students forget what they just ~~learn~~ [learned] and that ~~it's~~ [they're] wasting resources. But I strongly believe that calm corners should be installed in schools.

Firstly, calm corners refresh your mind, giving you a bit of time to soak in the information that you ~~learn~~ [learned], so you can remember it better. ~~While critics say this wastes precious time in the classroom, calm corners help you stay focused, actually maximizing learning time as the brain has time~~

~~to properly take in the information and get ready for more lessons.~~ [Although critics argue this wastes precious classroom time, calm corners actually help students maintain focus, thereby maximising learning time as the brain processes information more effectively and prepares for subsequent lessons.]

#2 Secondly, you can't just think about school all day. Chances are, when your teacher is explaining something, a bit of your brain is also wondering what you'll do at lunch, or how to evade the massive amount of homework when you get home, or something else unrelated to the lesson. Calm corners give you some time to ~~organize~~ [organise] those thoughts, so you daydream less and focus more, instead of making you lose focus.

#3 Lastly, calm corners teach students to self ~~regulate~~ [regulate.] When was the last time ~~you you~~ [you] were angry or sad and said mean things or felt miserable afterwards? Well, calm corners teach you to regulate those feelings, so there is less chance of someone getting hurt. ~~It teaches you self regulation, an important skill later in life. Calm corners teach you to calm down and self regulate.~~ [They teach self-regulation, an important skill for later in life.] While some people say that it costs money to make a calm corner, isn't it worth it? If someone throws a fit and swings a chair, aren't the parents going to sue the school ~~more money~~ [for more money] than a couple of beanbag chairs, a cheap rug and some pillows? And you can have a special event, like a fun run to fund a calm corner, or ask the students to bring some unused pillows or blankets. This makes a cheap but still effective calm corner.

In conclusion, calm corners are places where you can refresh your mind, sort your thoughts and learn an important life skill. Do you really not want that just because ~~a students~~ [students] can spend a minute lazing around? Or because you have to buy pillows? I believe it's time to take action and install calm corners!