Term 3 Holiday - 2025: Day 10 | 10-Day Intensive Selective Writing

Section 1:

#1: Opening paragraph and reconnection

Strengths:

- Your opening personalises the email beautifully by referencing specific details from your previous conversation with Ms Whitmore, particularly her mention of sustainability becoming a major focus and the need to measure environmental impact accurately.
- The phrase "That conversation stuck with me because your company's values genuinely align with what we do best" creates warmth and shows authentic interest rather than just transactional outreach.

Delayed purpose clarity → Whilst your opening establishes rapport effectively, you don't clearly state what you're asking for until the fifth paragraph. Ms Whitmore has to read through the case study and several other paragraphs before discovering you want a 30-minute meeting. In professional emails to busy executives, your request should appear much earlier so the reader immediately understands what action you need from them and can decide whether to keep reading.

Exemplar: "I'm writing to request a 30-minute meeting to present a tailored sustainability proposal for Green Earth Technologies, building on the carbon footprint assessment interests we discussed previously."

#2: Case study section (EcoSphere Manufacturing)

Strengths:

- Your results are specific and impressive (18% energy reduction, 12% emissions cut, improved CDP ratings), which gives concrete evidence of your company's capabilities.
- The detail about the cultural transformation—"sustainability stopped being a report and became a part of how the business operated every day"—adds depth beyond just numbers and shows you understand business change holistically.

Insufficient client connection → Although you mention that EcoSphere faced "many of the same challenges you described," you don't actually specify what those shared challenges are. Ms Whitmore might not remember exactly what she told you months ago, and without reminding her, the relevance

of this case study isn't as strong as it could be. You need to explicitly connect EcoSphere's situation to Green Earth Technologies' specific circumstances to make the example feel personally relevant rather than just generally interesting.

Exemplar: "Like Green Earth Technologies, EcoSphere struggled with measuring emissions across a complex supply chain whilst managing rising energy costs—the exact challenges you mentioned were priorities for your team."

#3: Meeting request and scheduling section

Strengths:

- Your flexibility is excellent—offering date ranges rather than fixed slots (like "between 10:00 AM 12:00 PM") gives Ms Whitmore more options and shows respect for her busy schedule.
- Including both virtual and in-person options demonstrates thoughtfulness about her preferences and time constraints.

Overly broad time windows → Whilst flexibility is valuable, offering windows like "between 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM" or "at your convenience" actually makes it harder for Ms Whitmore to respond quickly. She now has to think about her schedule and suggest a specific time herself, which creates extra work. Research shows that providing 2-3 concrete time slots makes it easier for busy people to simply pick one option and reply immediately, leading to higher response rates.

Exemplar: "I have three specific slots available: Tuesday, 15 October at 10:00 AM; Thursday, 17 October at 2:30 PM; or Monday, 21 October at 11:00 AM. If these don't suit, I'm happy to work around your calendar."

■ Your email shows strong relationship-building skills and a warm, professional tone that would likely resonate well with clients. The personalised opening and the cultural insights about EcoSphere demonstrate that you understand sustainability beyond just technical metrics. However, the main area needing improvement is structural efficiency—your email takes too long to reach its central purpose.

Think about how busy Ms Whitmore likely is as a CEO. She's probably scanning dozens of emails daily, and each one competes for her attention. Your email is well-written, but it makes her work quite hard to find out what you actually want. By the time she reaches your meeting request in paragraph

five, she's already read about 300 words. Consider restructuring so your purpose appears within the

first 100 words, perhaps right after your personalised greeting.

Additionally, your case study, whilst impressive, needs stronger connection to Ms Whitmore's specific

situation. You mention she described certain challenges months ago, but you don't remind her what

those were. This is a missed opportunity to show you were truly listening and that you've been

thinking about her company specifically. Even adding one sentence that says, "You mentioned concerns

about supply chain emissions and energy costs—these were exactly the areas where EcoSphere saw the

biggest improvements" would make the case study feel tailored rather than generic.

Also, think about the three-month gap since your last contact. You've written as though you're simply

continuing a conversation, but three months is quite a long silence in business relationships.

Acknowledging this gap briefly—perhaps explaining what's changed or why now is a particularly good

time to reconnect—would address the unspoken question in Ms Whitmore's mind: "Why is Nayan

contacting me now after all this time?"

Your closing is lovely and aspirational, particularly the line about Green Earth Technologies becoming

"an industry benchmark." However, consider whether this positioning might feel like pressure rather

than inspiration. Some executives respond well to aspirational language, whilst others prefer

straightforward value propositions. You might test adding a more immediate, practical benefit

alongside the inspirational vision.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

Subject: Reconnecting: A Fresh Sustainability Proposal for Green Earth Technologies

Dear Ms. Whitmore,

I hope you've been doing well. I wanted to follow up on our earlier conversation about Brightfield

Solutions' carbon footprint assessment services. When we spoke a few months ago, you mentioned that

sustainability was becoming a major focus for Green Earth Technologies — and that you were looking

for ways to measure your environmental impact more accurately whilst reducing emissions across your

operations. That conversation stuck with me because your company's values genuinely align with what we do best.

#1 Since then, we've been helping several organizations [organisations] turn sustainability goals into real, measurable actions. One recent project that comes to mind is our work with EcoSphere Manufacturing, a renewable materials firm facing many of the same challenges you described — ambitious sustainability goals, but complex supply chains and rising energy costs. We conducted a full carbon audit, rolled out our "CarbonVision" tracking platform, and trained their internal teams to manage and verify emissions data confidently.

#2 The results spoke for themselves: a measurable 18% reduction in energy consumption, a 12% cut in logistics-related emissions, and a strong improvement in CDP sustainability ratings within six months. Beyond the numbers, EcoSphere's biggest win was cultural — sustainability stopped being a report and became a part of how the business operated every day. That kind of transformation is exactly what Green Earth Technologies could achieve.

By combining our detailed data analysis with practical, hands-on strategies, we ensure that every recommendation we make is actionable, measurable, and tailored specifically to each client's unique operations.

I'd love the chance to meet and walk you through a tailored proposal built around your operations, sector, and long-term climate goals. A focused 30-minute meeting would allow us to pinpoint the most effective next steps and show how Brightfield's approach can make sustainability measurable — and meaningful.

#3 I'm flexible over the next two weeks. Some possible slots are:

Tuesday, October 15, between 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, October 17, after 2:00 PM

Monday, October 21, at your convenience

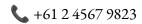
If none of those work, just let me know what's best — I'll adjust. We can meet virtually or in person, whichever suits you.

Thank you again for your earlier interest in Brightfield Solutions. I truly believe that with the right data and direction, Green Earth Technologies can become not just a sustainability success story but an industry benchmark. I look forward to reconnecting soon.

Warm regards,

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