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

Section 1:

#1: Opening paragraph and reintroduction

Strengths:

- Your opening clearly identifies who you are and establishes the context of previous conversations, which helps Mr Grudge immediately understand why you're writing.
- You've used a polite, professional tone that's appropriate for reconnecting with a potential client.

Vague purpose statement → Whilst you mention "reaching out from our previous conversations," your opening doesn't immediately clarify what you want from Mr Grudge. The reader has to wait several paragraphs before understanding you're requesting a meeting. In business emails, especially when reconnecting after three months of silence, you should state your purpose within the first two sentences so the busy CEO knows straight away why this email deserves his attention.

Exemplar: "I'm writing to request a 30-minute meeting to discuss how we can help Green Earth Technologies reduce its carbon footprint through our tailored assessment services."

#2: Case study section (Eco-Innovations paragraph)

Strengths:

- You've included specific, measurable results (15% reduction, 10% savings, 5% increase in sales) which makes your claims concrete and believable.
- The case study is relevant because Eco-Innovations operates in a similar industry to Green Earth Technologies.

Insufficient connection to the client → Whilst you mention that Eco-Innovations is "much like Green Earth Technologies," you don't explain specifically how their situations are similar or why Mr Grudge should care about this particular example. You've told the story of another company's success, but you haven't clearly shown Mr Grudge how his company faces similar challenges or could achieve similar results. The case study feels like general information rather than a personalised reason for him to meet with you.

Exemplar: "Like Eco-Innovations, Green Earth Technologies operates in the renewable energy sector where accurately measuring supply chain emissions is crucial. Based on your previous interest in our carbon assessment services, I believe you're facing similar challenges in identifying high-impact reduction opportunities."

#3: Meeting request and scheduling options

Strengths:

- You've provided three specific time slots, which makes it easy for Mr Grudge to respond quickly.
- Your flexibility is clear when you offer to accommodate alternative times.

Missing acknowledgement of communication gap \rightarrow You haven't addressed the fact that three months have passed without response. This silence is significant in a business relationship, and ignoring it makes your email feel like you're pretending nothing happened. Mr Grudge might wonder why he should respond now when he didn't respond before. You need to gently acknowledge this gap and perhaps create new urgency or offer fresh value that explains why now is the right time to reconnect.

Exemplar: "I understand that three months ago may not have been the right time for Green Earth Technologies to explore our services. However, with the new environmental regulations taking effect this quarter, now might be an ideal moment to discuss how we can help you stay ahead of compliance requirements."

■Your email demonstrates good professional writing skills and includes all the required elements from the prompt. However, the main area for improvement is making your content more strategic and client-focused. Right now, your email spends considerable space talking about Brightfield Solutions—what you do, what you're passionate about, how you've refined your approach—but it doesn't spend enough time talking about Mr Grudge's specific needs or challenges. Business emails should follow the principle of "you, not me," meaning the focus should be on the reader's problems and goals rather than your company's capabilities.

Additionally, your email would benefit from being more concise. At nearly 500 words, you're using most of your word budget, but some paragraphs contain information that doesn't directly support

your goal of securing a meeting. For example, the third paragraph about navigating complexities and making sustainability "achievable and profitable" is quite general and could be shortened to make room for more personalised content about Green Earth Technologies.

Also, consider restructuring your email to lead with the most important information. Busy executives often decide within the first few sentences whether to continue reading. Your purpose (requesting a meeting) appears quite late in the email. Moving this earlier, perhaps right after your opening greeting, would respect Mr Grudge's time and increase the chances he'll engage with your message.

Finally, think about adding a stronger value proposition that's specific to Green Earth Technologies. Instead of saying you "could offer similar benefits," explain exactly what benefits matter most to a CEO in his position. Research shows that personalised emails receive significantly higher response rates than generic ones, so investing a sentence or two explaining why this meeting matters specifically to him—not just to companies like his—would strengthen your persuasive appeal.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

Subject: Reconnecting with Green Earth Technologies - Enhancing Sustainability Initiatives

Dear Mr Grudge, [Added missing comma after salutation]

I hope this email finds you well.

#1 My name is Advin, and I'm the Marketing Manager at Brightfield Solutions. I'm reaching out to you today from [regarding] our previous conversations about carbon footprint assessment services. I remember your initial interest in how Brightfield Solutions could help Green Earth Technologies optimize [optimise] its sustainability efforts.

At Brightfield Solutions, we are passionate about assisting companies like yours in achieving their sustainability goals. We understand that navigating the complexities of environmental regulations, carbon emissions reduction, and sustainable practices can be challenging. That's where we come in. We provide comprehensive, tailored solutions designed to make sustainability both achievable and profitable for your organization [organization].

Since our last communication, Brightfield Solutions has continued to build its expertise and refine its approach to helping businesses thrive in the green economy. I wanted to share a brief case study that might be of particular interest to you, given Green Earth Technologies' focus.

#2 Recently, we partnered with "Eco-Innovations," a company in the renewable energy sector, which, much like Green Earth Technologies, was looking to reduce its carbon footprint and enhance its environmental stewardship. Eco-Innovations was facing challenges in accurately measuring its emissions across its supply chain and identifying the most impactful areas for improvement.

Brightfield Solutions conducted a thorough carbon footprint assessment for Eco-Innovations, analyzing [analysing] their operations, supply chain, and product lifecycle. We identified key areas for emission reduction, including energy efficiency upgrades, sustainable sourcing strategies, and waste reduction initiatives.

The results were remarkable:

15% [A 15%] reduction in overall carbon emissions within the first year. 10% [A 10%] savings in operational costs due to energy efficiency improvements. Improved brand reputation and increased customer loyalty, leading to a 5% increase in sales. This project highlights [This project demonstrated] our ability to deliver tangible results, helping companies not only become more environmentally responsible but also more profitable.

I believe that Brightfield Solutions could offer similar benefits to Green Earth Technologies. We have developed a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the environmental technology industry, and we are confident that we can create a tailored proposal that aligns with your specific needs and objectives.

#3 I would be delighted to schedule a brief, 30-minute meeting to present a customized [customised] proposal for Green Earth Technologies. During this meeting, we can discuss your current sustainability initiatives, explore potential areas for improvement, and outline how Brightfield Solutions can assist you in achieving your goals.

To make this as convenient as possible for you, I have several time slots available over the next two weeks. Please let me know which of the following options work best for you:

Option 1: Tuesday, October 29th at 10:00 AM PST

Option 2: Wednesday, October 30th at 2:00 PM PST

Option 3: Thursday, October 31st at 11:00 AM PST

If none of these times are suitable, please feel free to suggest an alternative. I am flexible and happy to accommodate your schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon and discussing how Brightfield Solutions can help Green Earth Technologies achieve its sustainability objectives.

Sincerely,

Advin

Marketing Manager

Brightfield Solutions