
Term 3 Holiday - 2025: Day 1 - Writing Homework | Year 5 RW

Section 1

#1: Introduction (First paragraph)

Strengths:

- Your opening effectively poses a rhetorical question that immediately engages your reader by highlighting a common frustration with physical libraries
- You clearly state your three main arguments upfront, which gives your letter strong organisation and helps the Prime Minister understand your position straight away

Incomplete introduction → Your opening paragraph jumps straight into arguing without properly introducing yourself or explaining why you're writing to the Prime Minister specifically. A formal letter needs context about who you are (perhaps a student or community member) and why this issue matters enough to write to such an important person. The phrase "People absolutely need digital libraries in their daily life" is also quite vague—which people? For what purposes?

Exemplar: "As a Year 6 student who loves reading, I am writing to propose that our community libraries transition to digital formats. This change would benefit our environment, save readers' time, and provide faster access to books for all Australians."

#2: Environmental paragraph (Second paragraph)

Strengths:

- You make a valid connection between paper production and environmental harm, showing you understand the basic environmental argument
- Your point about digital libraries only requiring devices is practical and relevant

Unclear logic and weak evidence → Your paragraph asks "Who wants a world that is environmentally friendly?" but this question creates confusion because everyone would answer "yes"—it doesn't build your argument effectively. More importantly, your reasoning lacks depth. You mention that "Without that many books in the world, there will not be many environmental problems," but this oversimplifies complex environmental issues. What about the environmental cost

of manufacturing electronic devices? What happens to old devices? Your argument would be stronger if you acknowledged these complexities whilst still supporting digital libraries.

Exemplar: "Digital libraries reduce paper waste significantly. Whilst electronic devices do have environmental costs in their production, a single tablet can replace thousands of books, meaning fewer trees are cut down for paper over time."

#3: Speed and convenience paragraph (Fourth paragraph)

Strengths:

 You provide a concrete example (people in remote areas driving hours) that helps illustrate the practical problem your solution addresses

Underdeveloped argument → This paragraph is quite short and repeats ideas you've already mentioned in the third paragraph about convenience and speed. The phrase "wandering on the countryside looking for the book" doesn't make logical sense—people wouldn't wander the countryside looking for a book; they'd simply go to their local library or order it. Your paragraph needs either different points or much more detailed explanation about the specific time-saving benefits.

Exemplar: "For families in rural areas, the nearest library might be 50 kilometres away, requiring petrol money and travel time. Digital libraries eliminate this barrier entirely, allowing anyone with internet access to browse thousands of titles from home within minutes."

■ Your piece presents a clear position on digital libraries and shows good awareness of formal letter structure by addressing the Prime Minister directly. However, the content needs significantly more depth and substance to be truly persuasive. Your environmental argument, whilst well-intentioned, oversimplifies the issue by not acknowledging that electronic devices also have environmental costs—addressing this complexity would make your argument more credible. Additionally, your third and fourth paragraphs overlap considerably, both discussing convenience and speed without offering distinct points. Consider combining these into one stronger paragraph, then developing a completely new argument (perhaps about accessibility for people with disabilities, or cost savings for schools).

Your evidence throughout relies heavily on general statements rather than specific examples or facts. For instance, instead of saying "It might even take hours!" you could describe a real scenario: "A student

in regional Queensland might spend two hours travelling to borrow a book that's only needed for one school assignment." Your conclusion also shifts tone quite dramatically, moving from formal persuasive writing to something quite casual with "I mean, Prime Minister would you want a hundred people knocking on your door." This undermines the professional tone you've worked to establish. Maintain your respectful, formal voice throughout and end with a strong call to action that summarises your key benefits. Also, work on varying your sentence structures—many of your sentences follow similar patterns, which can make the writing feel repetitive. Try starting some sentences differently, using connecting words like "furthermore," "in addition," or "consequently" to create better flow between ideas.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2

#1 Why Digital Libraries are Better than Physical Libraries

Dear esteemed [Honourable] Prime Minister,

Who wants to get a book that someone has reserved or already borrowed? In fact, with digital libraries you can get any book even if some [someone] is already reading it. Communities should definitely have digital libraries because they are environmentally friendly, you can get the books you want without waiting for it [them] and you can get your books faster than lightning. People absolutely need digital libraries in their daily life. [Digital libraries would greatly benefit students, families, and communities across Australia.]

#2 Who wants a world that is environmentally friendly? With digital libraries, we can save trees to build an extraordinary ecosystem. Books are mostly printed with paper. Paper is made out of trees and cutting down trees is not good for the environment. But with digital libraries with [we] can just read it [books] on your device at home. Without that many books in the world, there will not be many environmental problems. Plus [Furthermore], digital libraries only need you to have a device and a [some] knowledge of technology. Without an environmentally friendly world, you the world will be full of greenhouse gases and fossil fuels. [Reducing paper production helps decrease greenhouse gas emissions and protects our forests.]

#3 Imagine a world without needing to wait for a really good book. In physical libraries, you always need to wait for a book you are reading [you want] if a [another] person has reserved or borrowed it. But with digital libraries, you can just click on the book you want and get a copy of it to read. This is way easier than just wasting time on [by] waiting for a single book. Switching to digital libraries means no more wasting time and thinking about the book for two weeks. Also, waiting for the book could lead to frustration and angriness [anger]. This will obviously make you pretty angry for the next few weeks.

Finally, it is extremely fast to get a book you want. Sometimes if you live in remote areas you have to drive to your nearest library. It might even take hours! With digital libraries, all you need to do is click on your screen and you have the book you want. This saves way more time than wandering on [through] the countryside looking for the book that you have been waiting for.

To sum up, everyone [every] community should have digital libraries because they are environmentally friendly, you do not need to wait anymore [for books,] and you can get your book [books] extremely fast. Let's make a difference in the world by spreading awareness for more digital libraries. I mean, Prime Minister would you want a hundred people knocking on your door to ask for digital libraries. I think it is better that you fix some libraries into digital ones so we can have a better world. [I respectfully urge you to consider implementing digital library systems in Australian communities, ensuring all citizens can access literature efficiently whilst protecting our environment.]

Yours sincerely,

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