

# Section 1

## #1: Opening paragraph

### Strengths:

- Your opening creates a vivid picture that immediately captures attention and establishes the serious nature of the topic.
- Your thesis statement clearly outlines three main arguments (role models, better equipment, reduced crime) that will structure your piece.

**Unsupported Statistical Claim** → You state that "It is widely accepted by scientists that having a policeman as a role model will decrease crime rates by at least 70 percent," but this specific percentage appears in your second paragraph without any source or evidence. When you make claims about what scientists accept or provide exact statistics, readers need to know where this information comes from. Without support, even a strong argument loses credibility. This weakens your persuasive power because readers may question whether other claims in your piece are equally unreliable.

**Exemplar:** *Research shows that positive role models, including police officers in community programmes, can help guide young people towards productive futures and away from criminal activity.*

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## #2: Body paragraphs on facilities and equipment

### Strengths:

- Your practical examples (holding cells, communication systems, equipment dispensers) demonstrate concrete thinking about how a police station functions.
- Your point about response time connects logically to crime prevention, showing cause-and-effect reasoning.

**Repetitive Structure** → Your third and fourth paragraphs both begin with "If we have a new police station" and follow nearly identical patterns. The third paragraph discusses holding cells and communication, whilst the fourth discusses equipment dispensers. These points are closely related and could be combined into one stronger paragraph about upgraded facilities and resources. When paragraphs repeat the same opening and structure, your writing loses momentum and can feel monotonous to readers. Varying your sentence openings and consolidating related ideas would make your argument flow more smoothly.

**Exemplar:** *A modern police station would provide crucial upgrades to our law enforcement capabilities. Secure holding cells would prevent the dangerous escapes we've witnessed, whilst improved communication systems would reduce response times from the current 20 minutes. Additionally, efficient equipment storage would ensure officers can respond rapidly to emergencies.*

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### #3: Counter-argument paragraph

#### Strengths:

- Your inclusion of an opposing viewpoint shows mature argumentative thinking and acknowledges that reasonable people might disagree.
- Your proposed solution (online exercise classes) demonstrates problem-solving skills.

**Weak Counter-argument Engagement** → You mention that "not everyone will go to the sports complex" and that "most people nowadays, according to a poll, like to stay home and play games," but this doesn't genuinely address why a sports complex might be valuable for community health and wellbeing. Your counter-argument dismisses the opposition rather than seriously engaging with it. Strong persuasive writing acknowledges the real merits of opposing views before explaining why your position is still more important. Your solution of online exercise classes also doesn't address those who specifically need sports facilities for team activities or specialised equipment.

**Exemplar:** *Whilst a sports complex would certainly benefit community health and provide valuable recreational opportunities, the immediate safety concerns in our town must take priority. Once crime rates decrease and our community feels secure, we can revisit plans for recreational facilities.*

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■ Your piece tackles an important community issue and demonstrates solid structural understanding with a clear introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion. However, your arguments would be significantly stronger if you focused on realistic, verifiable claims rather than dramatic scenarios. The opening image of "gun totting terrorists" and "children brandishing rifles" may be too extreme for readers to take seriously, which undermines your legitimate points about community safety. Additionally, your body paragraphs would benefit from combining related ideas—for instance, merging your discussions of holding cells, communication, and equipment into one comprehensive paragraph about facility upgrades. This would eliminate repetition and create a tighter, more compelling argument. Also, consider developing your evidence more carefully; instead of citing unnamed polls or unattributed scientific claims, you could reference specific incidents in your community or discuss general principles of effective policing. Finally, your counter-argument section needs strengthening—acknowledge genuine benefits of a sports complex before explaining why safety infrastructure should come first.

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**Overall Score: 41/50**

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## Section 2:

A New Police Station Is More Important Than A New Sports Complex

#1 → Imagine a world where gun-toting terrorists rule the town, where everyone fears that they will be next in the criminals' unstoppable reign. Children run around the street [streets], brandishing rifles, pistols and blood-caked knives, falling victim to the black hole of crime without anyone to guide them. The

screams of people ring out everyday [every day], yet no one responds to the pleas of [for] help. But if we have a new police station, children will have a role model to look up to, we would have better equipment, and the crime in these streets will be greatly reduced.

#2 → If we have a new police station, children will have great role models to look up to, and as a result, they won't fall into the alluring life of crime. It is widely accepted by scientists that having a policeman as a role model will decrease crime rates by at least 70 per cent. This will also guide children to have a better sense of what to do when they grow up. If we build a new police station instead of a new sports complex, it will benefit many people.

If we have a new police station, we would be much safer as the holding cells would be much more updated than our current lousy police station, where over 3 [three] deadly criminals broke out in less than a month. Our communications would also be much better, allowing the policemen to ~~be able to~~ respond and get to a crime scene quicker than the current 20 minutes, which [.] ~~by~~ [By] the time the police get there, the crime is already over. This, in turn, will decrease the crime rates drastically as fast ~~respondents~~ [responses] would discourage crime in the streets.

Also, if we have the new police station, this would upgrade the equipment dispensers that we use, as currently, it takes a snail-like 10 minutes just to put on the bullet-proof vest. Usually, by the time our law-enforcement ~~gets~~ [officers get] to the crime scene, there won't be any bullets to fire at them. The better the facilities, the more helpful our police would be at saving lives and preventing crime.

#3 → Now, the opposing argument will probably say that if we have a new police station instead of a new sports complex, people in the town won't get enough exercise. This is a valid point and must not be overlooked, but however, not everyone will go to the sports complex. Most people nowadays, according to a poll, like to stay home and play games on their ~~phone~~ [phones] instead of going to the gym. But for the people who do want to do exercise, we will be organising online exercise classes which you can do anywhere, anytime. There will be pre-recorded videos as well as live videos, and the workouts will change ~~everyday~~ [every day].

In conclusion, if we have a new police station instead of a new sports complex, we would be saving the future and lives of many people. For our city's sake, we must build a wonderful new police station instead of a useless, ineffective sports complex.