

Section 1:

#1: Introduction

Strengths:

- Your opening creates a vivid picture that draws readers in immediately with sensory details about the consequences of road accidents.
- Your position is stated clearly and confidently, making it easy for readers to understand your stance on autonomous vehicles.

Weakness: Lack of Connection Between Hook and Argument → While your opening paints a strong image of car accidents, you don't explain how this connects to your argument about autonomous vehicles. The jump from describing accidents to stating your belief feels sudden. You write "I clearly believe that autonomous vehicles should be mandatory" without showing readers why the opening scene leads to this conclusion. A sentence or two explaining that autonomous vehicles could prevent these tragic scenes would strengthen the link between your hook and your main argument.

Exemplar: *After describing these tragic scenes, you could add: "These heartbreaking moments could become rare occurrences if we replaced human drivers with autonomous vehicles, which are designed to eliminate the errors that cause most accidents."*

#2: Body Paragraph 1 (Safety Argument)

Strengths:

- Your use of the 89% statistic from NRMA provides strong evidence to support your safety claim.
- You acknowledge that autonomous technology has had issues, which shows balanced thinking.

Weakness: Underdeveloped Counter to Technology Concerns → You mention "Even though there have been a few issues with the technology so far, we are making AI safer day by day," but this feels rushed and doesn't give enough detail. You don't explain what these issues were or how they're being fixed. This weakens your argument because readers might still worry about safety problems. Providing specific examples of improvements or explaining what makes the technology safer now would make this section more convincing.

Exemplar: *"Even though early autonomous vehicles struggled with situations like heavy rain or unclear road markings, recent improvements mean they can now navigate these conditions more reliably. Companies test their vehicles for millions of kilometres to ensure safety before public use."*

#3: Body Paragraph 3 (Counter-argument)

Strengths:

- Your counter-argument paragraph shows you've thought about opposing views, particularly unemployment concerns.
- You provide a specific timeframe (2028) and mention real companies (Waymo and Tesla), which adds credibility.

Weakness: Insufficient Engagement with Counter-arguments → You write "This is all true and I fully agree" when discussing unemployment and safety concerns, which weakens your overall position. If you agree these are serious problems, you need to spend more time explaining solutions. Your paragraph rushes through the hiring of taxi drivers to teach AI, but doesn't explain how this would create enough jobs for all the drivers who would lose work. You also don't address whether 2028 is too far away or if waiting is acceptable. Spending more time on these concerns would make your argument stronger.

Exemplar: *"Whilst autonomous vehicle companies are hiring drivers as AI trainers and safety supervisors, governments could also create transition programmes to help drivers learn new skills. This would ensure workers aren't left behind whilst we move towards safer roads."*

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Your piece presents a clear argument with good structure, moving logically from safety to accessibility to counter-arguments. However, the content could be deeper and more detailed. Each paragraph introduces important ideas but doesn't explore them fully. For example, your safety paragraph could include more specific examples of how AI prevents the human errors you mention, such as explaining how sensors detect tiredness or how the system refuses to operate if alcohol is detected. Additionally, your paragraph about helping the elderly and disabled would be stronger if you included real examples or stories showing how their lives improve. Also, your counter-argument section needs more development—think carefully about whether your solutions truly address the problems you've raised about unemployment and safety. Spend time in each paragraph really explaining your ideas rather than just stating them and moving on.

Score: 41/50

Section 2:

Imagine a world where the ear-splitting shrieks of tyres and brakes ring out every night, the [where the] family of [members of] those who were injured or killed, [are] sobbing and [, and where] unanswered phone calls ~~echoing~~ [echo] around our city. I clearly believe that autonomous vehicles should be mandatory. Autonomous cars are our future, [;] they are safer than human drivers and they make getting around easier for the disabled and the elderly.

Autonomous cars are undeniably safer than normal cars with human drivers. Statistics from NRMA show that 89% of car crashes each year are because of human errors like sleeping ~~while~~ [whilst] driving and drunk driving. If unreliable human drivers are replaced by AI drivers, there will be a significant drop ~~of~~ [in] accidents on the road. This would save many lives as AI cannot be an alcoholic or get tired. Even though there have been a few issues with the technology so far, we are making AI safer day by day. This is why we should make autonomous cars mandatory.

In addition, by mandating autonomous cars, [would] ~~it also would~~ help the elderly and the disabled greatly as they ~~don't~~ [wouldn't] have to risk their lives and others' [lives] by driving themselves. The elderly and disabled wouldn't have to hire a driver to drive them around or ~~have to~~ go on the snail-like public transport, [;] they could just jump into an autonomous car and go anywhere they feel like going ~~to~~. This would improve their satisfaction with life and reduce depression as they wouldn't feel trapped in their ~~home~~ [homes] and they can go where they want to.

Some people may argue that there will be a rise in the unemployment rate as taxi drivers would become out of ~~job~~ [a job] and also that the technology is not safe. This is all true and I fully agree that the technology needed for safe autonomous cars has not been fully developed yet. However, according to a report from Silicon Valley, the technology will be ready soon~~in~~ [—] around 2028. Autonomous car brands like Waymo and Tesla are currently hiring taxi and truck drivers to "teach" the AI how to drive safely. This has proven effective and it will also solve the unemployment issue and the safety issue.

To conclude, it is clear that we ~~make~~ [should make] autonomous cars mandatory. There will be no more human-related car accidents and we would have better transport for the disabled and elderly. If we all make this change, our world will become a safer and happier place.