


Key stage 2

Pupil C – Piece E: a persuasive letter

Context: as part of their topic work on climate change, pupils wrote persuasive letters to their local authority to ask them to help.

Dear 

I am a year 6 student who attends 
The main reason I am writing to you is to share my concerns for climate change and how it is negatively impacting our planet. I have plenty of reasons on how we can make a difference and plenty of reasons on why you should listen to me. I just wish I can share my worries with you so not only me but many people amongst our local communities can have a brighter and better future.

As a class, we have been studying in depth about climate change. One of our tasks was to contact our grandparents to ask about their way of life. Since then we have realised the difference between our carbon footprint. I believe that if we cut our carbon emissions in half, our lives can be somewhat of a more modern version ^{of our} grandparents lives. That might be difficult for some people to make a change, but we can put policies into place to reduce emissions today.

Global climate change has already had observable effects on the environment. Glaciers have shrunk; ice on rivers and lakes is breaking up earlier; plant and animal ranges have shifted and trees are flowering sooner. All of these natural occurrences are happening a lot sooner because of climate change and global warming.



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As the earth continues to warm, crucial habitats may no longer be hospitable for certain animals or plants. This puts a variety of species at risk, depending on whether they can adapt or move. The land that we stand on isn't just getting warmer; there are changes to the water causing algae to leave coral reefs, turning the coral white and vulnerable to disease and death - a phenomenon known as coral bleaching.

Finally, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read about my ~~concerns~~^{worries} and I would ^{like} to leave you with one final thought. ~~Without a thriving natural world, humans will die. We~~^{we should be changing our life styles, not the planet.} we must protect our planet before it's too late!

Yours sincerely,