# 5/6C Don't Waste It

Theme: Persuasive Writing from several students in 5/6C

# Name: Chloe

Hi, today I will try to explain why I think we should stop chopping down trees and clearing the land. I am going to show you how we can stop deforestation. It is very important for the land, and one day it might not be there anymore. That is why I want to show you why this is an issue.

Firstly, this land is special, and it won't be here if we keep chopping it down. Every year, 15 billion trees are chopped down, and about 42 million are cut down each day. Every tree you chop down adds to that number. Maybe we can start using metal instead of wood more often. We are also losing one-third of our forests.

Secondly, we have been building in the forests, and as we build, the trees disappear. If the trees go, we will live in a world full of plastic and without clean air to breathe. When we build houses and cities, the world will become full of buildings with no space left for nature. This could lead to a smaller population as people may struggle to find a place to live.

Another problem is that we are killing animals by destroying their habitats. When we chop down trees, we destroy the homes of thousands of animals. Imagine if you were at the edge of your life, and your home was taken away from you—it wouldn't be good, right?

So now, I've taught you that we need to stop chopping down trees and destroying forests. Next time you're about to chop down a tree, stop and think: "Is there a bird or an animal living here?" Now you know why it's important to think twice before cutting down trees and ruining the environment.

Thank you.

# Name: Miles

I think that we should not pollute our ocean. "Every year, 8 million tons of plastic is thrown into the ocean," said Sir David Attenborough. I believe we need to stop this and save our wildlife. Already, 40% of the ocean is filled with plastic. Hopefully, by the end of this, you will agree with me.

Firstly, pollution endangers our wildlife. Plastic thrown into the ocean is often mistaken for food by marine animals. For example, as more plastic enters the ocean, fish may try to eat it and become harmed. Research shows that by 2050, there could be more plastic in the ocean than fish. Every year, hundreds of thousands of sea animals and birds die due to ocean pollution.

Secondly, plastic does not decompose. Since it does not break down naturally, it continues to affect marine life. If this problem continues, we could end up with an ocean without animals. This could lead to a starvation crisis in the future and even contribute to population decline on Earth.

Lastly, plastic pollution threatens human health. Contaminated water can cause diseases such as diarrhea and cholera. It can also lead to endocrine disruption, which occurs when harmful chemicals enter the body and cause health problems. One way to address this issue is through a *global treaty*. You may be wondering, "What is a global treaty?" It is when countries come together to stop global pollution and make it illegal.

In conclusion, polluting our ocean is extremely harmful. It endangers wildlife, does not decompose, and threatens human health. If we don't take action, we may face a starvation crisis in the future. We must stop polluting our ocean.

# Name: Simonetta

We should not destroy nature because animals need their homes. That is why we must protect our environment.

Some people have chopped down trees, and that is harmful to nature. Destroying nature can lead to climate change, soil erosion, poor air quality, extinction of animals, and undrinkable water.

If we take care of nature, we will have fresh air and good air quality. Keeping the environment clean is important for both animals and people. When nature is clean, animals are happy and can build new homes.

A clean and well-preserved environment also allows people to enjoy activities like camping and hiking, where they can appreciate trees, animals, and the beauty of nature. However, if people leave rubbish on the ground, it can harm animals and damage their habitat.

We must respect and protect nature to keep it safe for everyone.

# Name: David

#### **NEVER LITTER RUBBISH**

Have you ever seen someone litter before? Well, that's just unacceptable—it's bad behavior. People should always put rubbish in the bin.

### For my first reason, littering can kill animals.

All the rubbish that people litter could end up in the sea, and sadly, marine animals often die from it. But it's not just sea creatures that suffer—animals on land may approach the litter out of curiosity, trying to eat it. Unfortunately, they usually choose to eat it, and 94% of the time, these animals don't survive.

#### My second reason is that litter can harm humans too.

When animals eat rubbish, plastic can dissolve in their bodies, and this often leads to death. People sometimes hunt and eat these animals, and when they do, microplastics enter their bodies. These microplastics become even smaller but can still harm humans, potentially causing serious health problems like heart attacks, strokes, or even lung cancer. Sadly, these health issues can lead to death.

## Now, for my final reason, we should always put rubbish in the bin.

If we continue to litter, the world will become a disgusting place to live. Everyone deserves to live in a clean and happy environment. By putting rubbish in the bin, a truck can come to collect it and take it to a junkyard where it can be properly managed.

In conclusion, we should never litter. Let's all do our part to keep the earth clean and safe for everyone—humans, animals, and the environment.

# Name: Eli

### Oil Spills Are Harmful

Did you know that over 700,000 gallons of oil are spilled into the sea each year? This is a huge problem for many reasons. It can kill animals and also wastes precious oil.

Firstly, oil spills can kill animals like fish, birds, whales, and more. Oil is highly toxic not only to marine life but also to humans. More than 10,000 animals die each year from oil spills, and at least 50 of these victims are humans. While this might not seem like a lot, we are responsible for all of it.

Secondly, oil is a precious resource that we use for many different things, such as powering cars, cooking, and generating electricity. Without oil, we would have to say goodbye to the way we live today. Did you know that 45% of the Earth's known oil sources are running out?

Finally, oil spills can ruin beautiful and rare coral reefs and habitats. This would be a waste of natural beauty. Imagine a life where you couldn't swim in the sea—that could become a reality if we don't change our ways. To prevent this, we need to stop spilling oil and find more eco-friendly ways to power boats.

In conclusion, we need to stop spilling oil because it can kill animals, destroy natural beauty, and waste valuable resources. If we want our water to stay clean and drinkable, we must be more careful with our oil use.