

# Language Paper 2 Q5 – Power Phrases

| 1. Text Type Opener+Closer  |   |   |
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| Speech  | Letter  | Article/Newspaper   |
| <i>Good morning/afternoon..<br/>My name is.. and I'm delighted to be here today to share my views on...<br/>Thank you for listening</i> | <i>Dear _____,<br/><br/>I am writing to you to discuss the pressing issue of _____.<br/><br/>Yours sincerely...</i> | <i>Start with a headline that asks a key question about the topic, e.g.<br/>Is social media ruining our childrens' lives?<br/><br/>Is...? Should...? Are...? Could...? Why...? When...?</i> |

| 2. Intro  | 3. Past +   | 4. Present -  | 5. Future S (solution)   |
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| <i>More and more...<br/>yet fewer and fewer...<br/>Shouldn't?</i> | <i>golden age safe<br/>innocent free<br/>peace protected<br/>halcyon days<br/>yesteryear<br/>heavenly<br/>happier time<br/>joyful confident<br/>comfortable</i> | <i>plague sweeping<br/>the modern<br/>world toxic<br/>awful shocking<br/>harmful<br/>It shocks me to<br/>my core<br/>addictive<br/>damaging<br/>Travesty<br/>modern tragedy<br/>contaminated<br/>awful terrible in<br/>this day and age</i> | <i>Society should<br/>wake up<br/>Those in power<br/>should step up<br/>more provide<br/>liberate<br/>opportunity<br/>change is possible<br/>must hurry soon<br/>quick fast<br/>before it's too<br/>late act now</i> |

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you regarding the pressing issue of social media.

More and more people have social media accounts than ever, yet fewer and fewer people are reporting that they feel safe online. Shouldn't more be done to limit the toxic effects of modern social media, so that society is protected, safe and happy?

In the past, before today's social media obsession, life was simpler, safer and happier. In those glory days, people were free: free to be themselves, free to socialise, and free to communicate. Back then, not only were friendships more genuine, but communication was more safe too. Without the ability to hide behind a screen, without the possibility of creating an anonymous account, without the mask of a fake account, the opportunity to abuse and bully others was impossible. After getting home from school, children would head straight outdoors to socialise with their friends, rather than spending hours scrolling on social media. Running, laughing and playing until the late hours was a common sight on every street. It was truly a golden age: more healthy and more social. What wouldn't we give to return to those innocent halcyon days?

But now, things are different. When was the last time you went somewhere without seeing anyone on their phone? Scrolling, tapping and messaging people are everywhere you look. Social media is a plague sweeping the modern world: more people addicted to their phones than ever before, and more people unable to focus for more than a few minutes. Shockingly, a recent study from the University of Oxford discovered that people who spend more than 2 hours per day on their phones or tablets experience withdrawal symptoms, similar to alcoholism or drug abuse. Not only is social media addictive, but it also extremely harmful too. The ability to add a filter or photoshop an image has completely warped people's views on what beauty is. Rather than people feeling comfortable in their own, natural skin, these effects have had a toxic impact. People are insecure: insecure in their own skin, insecure in who they are, insecure in themselves. Why is this being allowed to happen in this day and age?

In the future, we must make changes to prevent the problem from worsening. A simple solution would be to ensure that social media platforms have tighter security systems to lock out online predators and trolls. Without free access to anonymous profiles, without dodging consequences and punishments, and without open security, trolls would no longer be able to attack and harm innocent people who simply want to connect with friends. Another easy fix would be to encourage people to limit the amount of time that they are spending online by educating society to make healthier choices. Not only would people spend less time online, but they would rediscover what genuine socialising is, face to face. Society would return to its roots and become a happier, healthier and safer place. People would once again be liberated: liberated from the prison of social media, liberated from their addiction, and liberated from insecurity.

Yours Sincerely,

| Tone - anger  | Opinion phrases  | Tone – sadness   | DAFOREST   |
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| <p><b>Adjectives (add _ly to make it an adverb)</b><br/> appalling alarming disgusting terrible<br/> dreadful shocking atrocious sickening<br/> abominable horrific outrageous shameless<br/> scandalous barbaric brazen</p> <p><b>Phrases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a travesty that</li> <li>• I cannot find words to express</li> <li>• Nothing short of criminal</li> <li>• Makes my blood boil</li> <li>• It shocks me to my core</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I fundamentally believe</li> <li>• I absolutely agree/disagree that</li> <li>• It is unthinkable that/to</li> <li>• [topic] must...</li> <li>• [topic] is an essential part of..</li> <li>• Why should/is....?</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Adjectives (add _ly to make it an adverb)</b><br/> Heartbreaking dire distressing heart-<br/> wrenching poor awful tragic deplorable<br/> unfortunate lamentable neglected cursed<br/> forsaken hopeless</p> <p><b>Phrases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My heart breaks when I</li> <li>• Modern day tragedy</li> <li>• Innocent victims of</li> <li>• It haunts me to</li> <li>• It torments me to think</li> <li>• Nothing but betrayal</li> </ul> | <p><b>Direct address</b><br/> You must you we us our together</p> <p><b>Anecdote</b><br/> Recently, I heard recent headline</p> <p><b>Facts</b><br/> It is widely known that It is proven that it is a fact that</p> <p><b>Opinion</b><br/> I fundamentally believe that we must I urge you</p> <p><b>Rhetorical questions</b><br/> Why not...? How would you...? Have you ever...? Do you not...?</p> |
| Tone - urgency  | Tone - anger   | Tone – sadness   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• act now</li> <li>• Now</li> <li>• Urgent / I urge you</li> <li>• No time like the present</li> <li>• Today</li> <li>• Do not hesitate</li> <li>• If we wait</li> <li>• We cannot prolong</li> <li>• We must not wait another second to</li> <li>• Immediately</li> <li>• At once</li> <li>• Right away</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Adjectives (add _ly to make it an adverb)</b><br/> appalling alarming disgusting<br/> terrible dreadful shocking<br/> atrocious sickening abominable<br/> horrific outrageous shameless<br/> scandalous barbaric brazen</p> <p><b>Phrases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a travesty that</li> <li>• I cannot find words to express</li> <li>• Nothing short of criminal</li> <li>• Makes my blood boil</li> <li>• It shocks me to my core</li> </ul> | <p><b>Adjectives (add _ly to make it an adverb)</b><br/> Heartbreaking dire distressing heart-<br/> wrenching poor awful tragic deplorable<br/> unfortunate lamentable neglected cursed<br/> forsaken hopeless</p> <p><b>Phrases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My heart breaks when I</li> <li>• Modern day tragedy</li> <li>• Innocent victims of</li> <li>• It haunts me to</li> <li>• It torments me to think</li> <li>• Nothing but betrayal</li> </ul> |  |