



TASK: A Warning from the Future: As a Year 6, you will be writing as your future self, set a few decades in the future. Imagine a future where something has gone terribly wrong with our planet due to the way we treat it. It could be the extinction of a beloved animal (or multiple beloved animals), catastrophic environmental changes, or any other ecological crisis caused by pollution, over-hunting, or other human activities. In this challenge, you are tasked with writing a letter to your present-day self from this bleak future. Your letter should serve as a warning, detailing the devastating consequences of neglecting our planet. Additionally, you should provide your present-day self with advice and concrete actions to prevent this grim future from becoming a reality. Be creative and persuasive in your writing, as you aim to inspire action and environmental responsibility. Your letter should reflect a strong understanding of the importance of taking care of our planet and preserving its beauty and biodiversity. It should be a powerful, engaging, and creative call for action.

Dear Tahia 2023,

I remember when the heat was comfortable, it used to warm me up ever so slightly, as though not to remind me of the cool winter days that had just gone by. I remember when the wind brushed coarse sand against my skin peacefully, as I lay on the beach towel absorbing the sun's rays in every exposed area of my body. What I wouldn't give to have those simple luxuries back.

Before you read on, I want you to believe in yourself, to pursue your dreams despite the challenges, you're going to make it through, through this tricky situation, through everything. If I knew the things that I know now when I was at your age, perhaps the world would be superior. That's why I'm writing to you, I need to equip you with the knowledge to save the planet. Since 2023, the world has changed so drastically, the things that you relish are now distant memories, tales of the past. It's simple, 3 instructions from here: Read. Understand. Act.

The reality hit me. It was a stunning day, with sunshine beaming down, not a single cloud could be seen; the sky an ethereal shade of blue faded into white hues in the distance. The palm trees and ocean bore much of the picturesque scenery. The sun at the peak of its position, shone heavily. The tranquillity floated around in the air. Anticipating a fun day at the beach, I sat in the car, gazing at the beautiful landscape ahead of me. However, when I come to my senses, when I'm not lost in the fantasy I used to have, peering out the car window, I gasp in horror. My eyes scream in silence. Canopies of greying clouds overcast the sky, the absence of the sun brings despair. The darkness of smoke blankets the sky in a shadowy veil. This is our new reality. Suffocating. Depressing. How exactly did it happen, who is responsible, you may ask? Sadly, us. Human beings. The air pollution crisis is on us.

Since 2023, factories have grown continuously, and the burning of fossil fuels became more frequent. Smoke plagues the air. In 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency reported that about 68 million tonnes of air pollution were emitted to the atmosphere in USA only, and warned us to act fast. But did we listen? We didn't. Then, in 2030, Australia became a disaster, the smoke killing many Aussies. People screamed in agony as they waited in the continuous queues for medical treatment; some slowly and tragically realising they would take their last breath in that very line, gasping for clean air. The air became lethal, toxic. Respiratory diseases appeared more commonly, isolation mandatory. Dark clouds hang over people as they walk back and forth, isolated in their house. Their new prison. But is staying in lockdown really better than choking on the noxious smoke outside?

Now, I understand the power of hindsight. The problems that we caused to turn the earth into a living nightmare, the reasons why thousands of people died if only we knew... If only we had this strong mentality that we have now.

But this could be fixed and now is the perfect time, keep planting trees and reduce burning fossil fuels, only later you will realise the result. Organise workshops where you educate people of the dangers of air pollution and create solutions with them. Encourage public transport. Save the world and humanity from despair. You can do this.

No matter how terrible things seem, it's not the end. Most importantly I believe in you. Now act.



Task: Lessons from Six Years at School! Congratulations, Year 5 students! You've come a long way since your first day of school. Now, it's your turn to share your wisdom and experiences with your 5-year-old self. Imagine you are writing a letter to the younger version of you, who is just about to start school. Think about all the challenges you've faced, the things you've learned, the fun moments you've enjoyed, and the friends you've made during your six years at school.

In your letter, give heartfelt advice to your 5-year-old self. Share the lessons you've learned and the advice you wish you had known when you were starting school. Reflect on how you've grown, the obstacles you've overcome, and the joy you've found along the way. This letter should be a source of inspiration, guidance, and encouragement to your younger self. You can draw upon your personal experiences to make your advice and insights even more meaningful. Be creative and imaginative in your writing, and make sure your letter is filled with positivity and warmth. Your goal is to offer support and motivation to the 5-year-old you, as they embark on their exciting journey through school.

Dear Worry Wart,

I know that you are only at reading level 12, so I will try to keep this letter simple. My hope in giving advice is that you will feel confident enough when you start school to try new things. New things that I was too scared to do. Just so you know, when you try new things, you will fail. And failing is okay. When you fail, you learn and grow from your mistakes.

Starting school will be very difficult. I know that you will be very anxious about leaving your parents but that is okay. As your mum leaves for the first time, you might feel some tears roll down your cheeks. That is alright. Your kind teacher, Michelle, will guide you through your first year of school, and be there for you when you need reassurance. She will be one of many kind-hearted teachers throughout your school journey. All of your teachers will be different but they all have a few things in common. They are all understanding, kind, humorous, friendly and so much more. They are not just your teachers but your biggest support.

Making friends will be a new, fun and challenging experience for you. When you are starting school, there will be some kids who give you a hard time. I know this too well. You will even get poked in the mouth! However, don't let that bother you, that particular person is facing their own struggles to adjust in school. You are stronger than you think you are. Also, you are blessed with a loving family, kind teachers and great friends to help you through the tough times.

You will have 5 very good friends that will stick with you through anything. From Reception to year 5, they will always keep in touch with you, even when you are not in the same class as them, so don't worry too much when class placement doesn't go your way. Even though one of your friends leave to India for 2 years, you will always be with that same friendship group. In year 2, you find this very good friend named Joanna. She is extremely kind and she will always help you when you need.

As you grow through the years, one thing never changes! Boys! They continue to be an irritating thorn in your side. In year 5, there will be a lot of rude boys who write mean stuff to you, but try not to let that bother you. Boys are just immature until they are 18, so I'm told.

So little worry wart, I will tell you what worry is useful for. It only helps you do your school work on time and get to school before the bell rings. So make use of it wisely. School will go as fast as it comes! I leave you with this last piece of advice: when you are a bundle of nerves, when you are feeling scared, remember what you have to look forward to.

Have an amazing time starting school! I wish I could do it all over again. Good Luck!

Love,

Your Bigger Worry Wart Self



Task: A World Transformed By Technology! *Imagine you are living in the future, a time when technology has advanced in incredible and unimaginable ways. Your mission is to write a letter to your past self, describing what life is like in this world of advanced technology. Let your imagination run wild, as there are no boundaries to the possibilities of technological advancements or inventions. In your letter, paint a vivid, clear picture in your readers mind of how technology has changed our everyday lives. Describe the conveniences, innovations, and inventions that have transformed the world. Consider how technology has made life easier, more efficient, and more exciting.*

Greetings, past self,

In the world I inhabit now, everything seems normal, but it would all make the eyebrows from the entire population of 2023 stand above their foreheads. Time travel, one of the most incredible inventions you'll experience, allows me this unique opportunity to write to you in the future. There are countless things I wish I had the time and opportunity to share with you. I'll give you a taste. I know you like surprises, though, and you'll have plenty. Just you wait...

The most exciting news first: the cosmos, once a vast, unexplored expanse, is now teeming with life. Scientists have found life on different planets. I won't say much, but humans and aliens will befriend each other. Astronauts were just roaming around by the moon when Almond Branch Cappie decided to take a telescope and see through it. Space thrills were once reserved for astronauts, but now they are a part of our daily lives. You might be wondering how we fly into space daily. Well, before I tell you, go and get a pillow to scream into. Doctors and scientists have found a way for humans to use wings. That's right, we can fly! When this was introduced, people were like, "What, how on earth?" but now, it is completely normal. Doctors have found a way to attach wings to our backs, complete with an oxygen supply that kicks in the moment we leave the Earth's atmosphere. The first time I soared into the sky, my mind was a whirlwind of exhilaration and fear.

But the wonders don't stop there. We've bid farewell to cars and buses and embraced teleportation. Archaeologists found one of Edith Clark's sketches to make a teleport machine while looking for dinosaur fossils (by the way, side note: 47 new dinosaur species have been found since 2023!). A group of engineers put their heads together and made the machine. It took 29 of the finest engineers and five gifted electricians to make Edith Clark's plan a reality. Almost every person in the world has one now. You wouldn't believe how thrilling it is to get to any place you want within the blink of an eye. When this was made, we were all like, What is this and how do we use it? But it's not that hard; all there is is a little sphere that you throw into the air and think of the place you need to go to. It instantly teleports you to that place. If you think of a place that doesn't exist, you get banned from using it for 2 months. The portal pulls you in and smashes you up into a ball, sending you on an exhilarating roller coaster ride. After the craziest 5 seconds you'll ever experience, it flings you out to your desired destination. When I first had a go at this, my mind went crazy!

Our companions have changed too. Gone are the days of cats and dogs! My neighbor has three pet dodos, and I'm sitting here on top of my lovely wooly mammoth. I bet you're thinking, "Wait, aren't they extinct?" Well, the incredibly talented scientists had already found the DNA of these animals in your time but have now found a way to make them live. Don't worry; the wooly mammoths and the dodos are very friendly. Archaeologists have also found an alive female wooly mammoth frozen in Antarctica. They've already started unfreezing it. When they unfreeze the wooly mammoth, they plan on duplicating a male and hoping to get baby wooly mammoths. Dodos eat many varieties of fruit, and wooly mammoths eat grass and coconuts.

Well, I'm not going to tell you anymore. But make sure you remember that with luxuries come many problems. BE CAREFUL!

Yours sincerely

Future self