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Good day everyone,

Today I would like to talk to you about the rising temperature of our planet, how we know it is real and how we can stop it. [Lovely clear, decisive introductory sentence!] Firstly I would like to talk about the animals and how their habitats are being destroyed also the impact of this on our planet and us. Connected to this, I would secondly like to talk about palm oil and why it does more harm than good. Next I would like to tell you about the good side and the bad side of renewable and non-renewable and I will prove that we are increasing our temperature. Finally I would like to tell you what we can do to help against climate change. [Brilliant introduction, clearly setting out your points]

Firstly, animals and their habitats being destroyed and what impact it has on us. As you obviously know, we have been cutting down trees[.] I bet ~~know your~~ [now you’re] thinking “yeah yeah heard it a million times before” there is actually a bigger problem than just trees taking in CO2. There is not only the problem with it no longer [being] able to take in carbon dioxide, but also it releases the carbon that is inside of it. So when we chop down a tree we are also releasing carbon dioxide, which I bet that not many of you knew. [Good use of science, and addressing the audience directly!] By chopping down trees and other vegetation, we cause desertification as well as deforestation, [I love that you’ve used technical terms here!] which is when the land turns into a desert with cracks from the heat across the floor, fewer crops and flooding. Why flooding though? Well trees help the land to make water, which provides the rich nutrients to sustain forest life. When we chop trees down, the empty land which is left behind would lead to unsustainable soil needed for plants; this makes it more likely to flood because the plants don’t take in the moisture.

Secondly I would like to talk about palm oil. The impacts of palm oil are deforestation and people who live in forests and animals will constantly be moving. [The phrasing here is slightly stilted] Deforestation is an impact because the place where palm oil trees are growing, rainforest trees grow as palm oil trees need the hot, damp climate along the equator. We destroy the trees as we plant them, you’re probably w~~andering~~ [wondering] “well ~~were~~ [we’re] destroying trees and planting them while harvesting the palm oil so nothing bad is really happening.” Well actually, the palm trees don’t grow tall enough for the animals and us because after a little while the palm oil trees will no longer produce palm oil fruits, which is what carries the palm oil, so they’re chopped down so they can be replaced by new ones making it to release carbon dioxide. [It’s clear you’ve done your research for this speech; this makes it so convincing!]

Next I would like to talk about the good and bad sides of renewable and non-renewable energy and while I prove that climate change exists I would like you all to think which kind is better.[It’s good that you’re considering two sides to this argument, it’s very balanced] Non-renewable energy is cheap to buy, but is dangerous and expensive to set up the factories. What they are the fossil fuels which are coal oil and gas. They will eventually run out and they release carbon dioxide when used. Renewable, however, is cheap to set up and not dangerous if they go wrong. I shall now prove that global warming is real[,] not a fantasy. [This line would be more powerful if you’d mentioned the conversation and debate about the reality of global warming earlier] Firstly there are ice cores, they are from a giant drill that drill deep down into the ice and pulls out some ice. The ice shows that each layer of ice gets thinner as they get closer to the modern day. A 180m ice core was drilled in 2001 and the top was discovered that the rings of ice were getting smaller. Another way to prove global warming is tree rings. If you look at a recently chopped down tree you would find that its rings are increasing in width from the one before. [Brilliant use of survey and science, this is so compelling!] You’re probably like “well if trees are getting larger they take in more carbon, problem solved!” [I would avoid using this ‘you’re probably like’ line too often, as it seems quite repetitive] Well when we chop down the trees they release all the carbon and if the rings are getting bigger then the temperature is increasing because the trees would need more sunlight and heat if they need to grow larger.

Lastly I would like to tell you how we can stop climate change individually and together. As individuals we could simply: turn off the lights when we don’t need them, especially during the day when we can open the blinds; turn off the tap when brushing your teeth because that could waste a lot more water then you think; and cycling around or take public transports because less or no carbon dioxide is released than if we all drove a car individually. [Wonderful ideas!] Together we could simply stop using plastic, use renewable energy and, if the government think we should, we could have 2+ lanes which is where vehicles can only use this lane if there is 2+ people in the car. This makes people want to share cars so they can go in the destination faster.

I will now sum up briefly what I have just said. Humans and animals are affected from climate change. Renewable and non-renewable energy have its upsides and downsides but renewable energy would still get you energy and is better for the environment. I have also explained how we can help against global warming. Thank you for listening and have an excellent day. [Excellent conclusion!]

**What Went Well:**

-Your structure is clear and organised, with three strong paragraphs, and introduction and conclusion, along with really great topic sentences. Having your speech be easy to read is so important to make it persuasive!

-You use so many amazing, compelling scientific facts. As I mentioned in the video, these give your argument a scientific basis and transform it from opinion to fact. It’s obvious that this writing is well researched!

-You often address the audience directly, and use a lot of questions. These are brilliant persuasive techniques.

**Even Better If…:**

**-**Make super sure that you proof-read your work, to eliminate any teeny tiny mistakes that impact the overall effect of the speech. These are things such as missing words, or slightly odd phrasings. You can always get someone else to have a look over it, as a fresh set of eyes!

-I would avoid using the line, ‘you’re probably like’, as the tone is too informal I would switch it out for something like, ‘You may be wondering…’

-I would love to see you using more persuasive literary techniques, such as the power of three, more rhetorical questions, and imagery. These would just make your argument even more sophisticated, not to mention persuasive!