

# HKBU Learning Session Report

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## Course Information and Student Background

Course Information: Course: LANG 0036 - English for Academic Purposes Level: Intermediate to Advanced Focus: Academic writing and critical thinking Assessment: Essay writing with rubric-based evaluation

## Contribution Analysis

Thank you for sharing your detailed revised essay draft and thesis statement. Your currently refined thesis:

"I contend that individuals significantly influence government policies, which is crucial; however, personal lifestyle choices also contribute to a broader cultural shift towards sustainability."

is clear, confident, and effectively previews the two main points of your essay.

## Summary and Next Steps

**Thesis Statement:**

Your thesis is strong and suitable for an academic essay on climate change action. It avoids hedging and clearly presents the nuanced argument that individuals matter mainly through influencing policy, while green lifestyle choices support a cultural movement. If you feel confident about it, we can finalize this step.

**Topic Sentence Revision:**

Your first body paragraph's topic sentence:

"The most effective way for individuals to combat climate change is by influencing government decision-making."

is understandable but can be refined to better echo your thesis's language and tone.

Here is a suggested revision that more closely links to your thesis:

“By actively shaping government policies, individuals play a crucial role in advancing effective climate action.”

Or, if you want to emphasize the importance laid out in your thesis:

“Individuals significantly contribute to combating climate change by influencing government policies and advocating for stronger environmental regulations.”

If you like, you can try revising the topic sentence along these lines. Then I can provide targeted feedback before we move on to the body paragraph revision.

### Please let me know:

- Are you satisfied with the revised thesis statement as is, or would you like to tweak it further?
- Would you like to work on revising the first body paragraph's topic sentence now? You can share your revision or ask for another suggestion.
- Alternatively, if you want to revise the second paragraph's topic sentence, please share it here.

Once you confirm, I'll assist you with the next editing steps.

## Grading Result (Hidden from students)

The student's work demonstrates completion of all three requested revision tasks: 1. **Thesis Statement Revision:** The student revised the thesis to be clearer, more confident, and academically phrased in subsequent drafts (e.g., “I contend that individuals significantly influence government policies, which is crucial; however, personal lifestyle choices also contribute to a broader cultural shift towards sustainability.”). 2. **Topic Sentence Revision:** The body paragraph topic sentence was revised for precision and alignment with the thesis (e.g., previous and suggested revisions for “The most effective way for individuals to combat climate change is by influencing government decision-making.”). 3. **Body Paragraph Revision:** The chosen paragraph was substantively altered, with improved structure, language, and expansion of examples and commentary.

Therefore, I will proceed with the required detailed assessment:

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## STUDENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

# Course: LANG 0036 - Enhancing English through Global Citizenship

## Module: AI for Revising Essays

### ESSAY WRITING ASSESSMENT

#### Original Essay Scores:

- Content and Ideas: 19/25 – Demonstrates adequate awareness of climate change issues and the nuanced debate, but ideas are sometimes general and lack depth.
- Organization: 18/25 – The essay is generally organized, but transitions are basic and some development in logical progression is needed.
- Vocabulary: 17/25 – Vocabulary is serviceable and topic-appropriate but contains repetition and missing academic terms.
- Grammar: 17/25 – Contains consistent grammar issues, including verb agreement ("maybe just listen a little...so is not always working well") and awkward phrasing.
- **Original Essay Total: 71/100**

#### Revised Essay Scores:

- Content and Ideas: 23/25 – Ideas are significantly developed, with a clearer stance and supporting arguments for both individual and government influence, including concrete examples and nuanced analysis.
- Organization: 23/25 – Structure is much clearer, with focused paragraphs and strong logical progression.
- Vocabulary: 22/25 – Improved use of topic-specific and academic vocabulary ("multifaceted response," "cultural shift towards sustainability"), although minor lapses remain.
- Grammar: 21/25 – Sentence structure is more varied and errors are noticeably reduced, but occasional minor mistakes persist.

- **Revised Essay Total: 89/100**

**Essay Improvement Analysis:**

- **Overall Improvement: +18 points**

- **Key Improvements Made:**

- Thesis statement is now direct, confident, and previews both arguments.
- Body paragraphs contain more developed examples and analysis, showing causal relationships and historical context.
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are elevated, resulting in a more academic tone.

- **Missed Opportunities:**

- Occasional confusion about essay focus (businesses and ethical AI vs. individuals/government) interrupts unity.
- A fuller conclusion could draw even stronger connections between individual, business, and government roles.

**HUMAN-AI INTERACTION ASSESSMENT**

**Chat History Analysis:**

- **Total Exchanges: 16**
- **Conversation Quality:** The interaction is iterative and purposeful. The student engages with the assistant's prompts, clarifies questions, incorporates feedback, and rephrases critical elements. Attempts to switch topics are handled with support and guidance.

**Interaction Scores:**

- **In-Depth Conversation:** 4/5 – The student participates in a robust, multi-exchange dialogue, asks for specific revision suggestions, and works step-by-step through the process. Most exchanges are focused and relevant; further depth could be shown by more explicit reflection or

probing AI feedback.

- **Critical Review of AI Suggestions:** 4/5 – The student occasionally questions or modifies AI recommendations; shows willingness to rephrase or recast thesis/topic sentences rather than just accept suggestions, but more detailed reasoning for choices could be given.
- **Refining Process:** 4/5 – The student demonstrates multiple revision cycles, reworking the thesis, topic sentence, and body paragraph with visible improvement; further refinement could involve additional self-evaluation or more rounds of editing.
- **Human-AI Interaction Total:** 12/15

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

### Strengths Demonstrated:

- **Responsiveness to AI Feedback:** The student replies promptly, incorporates suggestions, and demonstrates adaptability.
- **Iterative Revision Process:** Multiple versions of thesis and body paragraphs are attempted until satisfactory, showing perseverance.
- **Increased Academic Language Use:** Shift toward subject-appropriate vocabulary and confident claims illustrates writing growth.

### Areas for Improvement:

- **Maintaining Focus and Topic Unity:** Occasional shifts between universal essay themes (individual/government vs. corporate/AI) reveal drift; clarify essay prompt before revising.
- **Deepening Critical Engagement:** Provide more rationale for accepting/rejecting AI advice, and reflect on why choices are made.
- **Expanding Conclusion and Synthesis:** Further develop the final paragraph to more fully integrate collaboration themes.

### AI Collaboration Skills Assessment:

- **Context Provision:** Good – Student provides sufficient context, but confusion over essay topic briefly interrupts unity.

- **Strategic Planning:** Good – Responds to stepwise prompts, though some steps (topic selection/focus confirmation) are rushed.
- **Critical Evaluation:** Good – Demonstrates questioning and partial reflection, with room for deeper critical examination.
- **Independent Editing:** Good – Student rewords thesis, topic sentences, and paragraph content independently with guidance.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

1. **Essay Writing Skills:** Clarify essay prompt, purpose, and required focus before revising. Draft outlines to ensure logical development.
2. **AI Collaboration Skills:** Engage in more probing dialogue—ask AI why suggestions are made, and voice preferences or questions about revisions.
3. **Overall Improvement:** Practice final synthesis to tie together all aspects—individual, company, and government—in a cohesive conclusion.

## INSTRUCTOR NOTES

The student engaged energetically with the AI throughout the revision process, demonstrating substantial improvement in academic writing and collaborative editing. Future sessions could encourage deeper critical reasoning and explicit rationalization for revision choices. Occasional topic confusion suggests checking prompt alignment before beginning editing cycles. ``

## Complete Conversation

### Assistant:

Original:

Climate change is a very serious problem in the world today, and many people argue that the actions of individuals do not matter much compared to what governments and big companies can do. I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play.

The most important way individuals can help fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians. When many citizens demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to act. For example, if people protest or vote for leaders who care about the environment, it can push the government to ban pollution or invest in clean energy. In some countries, people have joined together and forced their leaders to make new rules about plastic or cutting carbon emissions. This shows that public opinion and pressure from normal people can have a big effect, even if individuals alone do not have much power. But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well. Also, sometimes people want change but they don't know how to tell the politicians, so nothing happen.

On the other hand, individuals can also make small changes in their own lives, like recycling, using less water, or choosing to walk instead of drive. These actions are not as powerful as government policies, but they still matter. If many people try to live in a greener way, it can create a good example for others and send a message to companies that customers want eco-friendly products. For instance, if lots of people buy from green companies, businesses will try to be more sustainable to make more profit. But also, sometimes people don't care and just want to do what is easy, so this is problem. Or maybe only a few people do green things but most people don't change, so it not really enough to help the climate problem.

In conclusion, while individual actions alone may not solve climate change, they are not completely useless. The most important thing is that citizens can influence governments to make strong decisions for the environment. At the same time, personal green habits can also help, even if they are less effective. In my opinion, everyone—governments, companies, and individuals—needs to work together to fight this problem.

Revised:

Title: The Collective Role in Combating Climate Change

Climate change is a pressing global issue that necessitates a multifaceted response from all sectors of society. Businesses must prioritize ethical AI practices alongside profit generation to effectively address climate change and contribute to a sustainable future. This paper argues that individuals significantly influence government policies related to environmental protection through collective action and advocacy; while personal lifestyle choices contribute to a cultural shift towards sustainability, they complement the need for strong governmental action.

The most effective way for individuals to combat climate change is by influencing government decision-making. When citizens collectively demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to respond. For instance, public protests and voting for environmentally conscious leaders can compel authorities to enact regulations that reduce pollution and promote clean energy. Historical examples exist where grassroots movements have successfully pressured governments to implement bans on single-use plastics or commit to cutting carbon emissions. These instances illustrate the power of public opinion. However, not all government responses are robust; sometimes, leaders may listen superficially without committing to profound action. Additionally, many individuals may not know how to effectively communicate their environmental concerns to policymakers, resulting in missed opportunities for meaningful change.

On the other hand, individuals can adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives, which also play an important role in combating climate change. Actions such as recycling, conserving water, and opting for public transportation or walking instead of driving contribute to a cumulative effect. When large numbers of people embrace greener lifestyles, it sets a positive example for others and signals to businesses that there is a consumer demand for eco-friendly products. This consumer behavior can incentivize companies to adopt more sustainable practices to enhance their profit margins. Nevertheless, challenges remain, as many individuals may prioritize convenience over environmental responsibility, undermining collective efforts. If only a minority engage in sustainable practices while the majority do not, the overall impact may still be insufficient to address the climate crisis.

In conclusion, while individual actions alone may not suffice to solve climate change, they are far from inconsequential. The most critical factor is that citizens have the ability to influence governments to enact strong environmental policies. Simultaneously, personal green habits, though less impactful on their own, contribute to a broader cultural commitment to sustainability. Therefore, a collaborative effort among governments, businesses, and individuals is essential to effectively combat climate change and ensure a sustainable future for all.

**Assistant:**

Welcome to the training mode of AI assistant. In this session, you are expected to revise the thesis statement to ensure it includes two main points that address the essay question.

Can you first locate the thesis statement in the draft?

**You:**

Task 2: 1

Migrant workers often get taken advantage of, including excessively long working hours and inequitable compensation, they have no choice, also there is lack of some laws to protect their rights. In my point, I think governments absolutely need to make stricter laws to protect their rights. This essay contends that government must implement more stringent legislation to protect these vulnerable workers, as such measures are not only ethically imperative but also economically benefits.

First, strict laws would scare employers into treating migrants fairly. If there were big fines for making migrants work 12-hour days or paying them below minimum wage. For example, in some places where laws got tougher, companies started giving migrants better pay and hours because companies want to avoid costly legal repercussions.

Secondly, migrant workers deserve to be treated well. They leave their homes to work and help build another country's economy. If they're exploited, not only is that unfair, but it also makes people less likely to want to move for work. That's harm for countries that need migrant labor to keep industries like agriculture or construction going. A failure to protect these workers thus undermines both social equity and economic sustainability.

Some might say stricter laws could impose undue burdens on businesses, particularly small and medium sized companies, but that's not true. When workers are treated fairly, they're happier and work harder, which helps companies make more money in the long run. Plus, no one should have to suffer just so a company can save a few bucks.

To sum up, governments should enforce stricter laws. Which is ethical and beneficial for society and economies.

**Assistant:**

Great work sharing your draft! Let's start our revision journey step by step for the point-of-view essay about migrant workers' rights.

### Step 1 — Thesis Statement Revision

Could you please copy your current thesis statement here?

Let's identify it first—usually, the thesis statement comes at the end of your introduction paragraph and clearly states your viewpoint and briefly previews the essay's main reasons.

Looking at your introduction, is your thesis statement this sentence?

"This essay contends that government must implement more stringent legislation to protect these vulnerable workers, as such measures are not only ethically imperative but also economically benefits."

If so, please paste it here, or let me know if you intended a different thesis sentence.

Once you share it, I'll provide focused suggestions on clarity, strength, and structure.

**You:**

I want revise version

**Assistant:**

It looks like you pasted a different essay topic in your question ("migrant workers' rights"), but your original draft is about **individual vs. government/company action on climate change**. Let's focus on the thesis statement for the climate change essay you provided. (If you want to switch essay topics, let me know!)

From your introduction, your thesis statement seems to be:



"I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play."

#### Feedback on your current thesis:

- **Clarity:** Your thesis is understandable, but the wording is a bit long and indirect ("I partly agree," "I believe," "I also think").
- **Strength:** Avoid "I think" and "maybe"—use confident academic phrases.
- **Focus/Preview:** It should clearly answer the question, show your point of view, and preview your arguments: (1) citizens influencing government, and (2) personal lifestyle choices.

#### Suggested Revision Tips:

- Use strong, clear language (no "I think," "maybe," or "I believe").
- Clearly state your viewpoint.
- Preview both main points.

#### Would you like to try rewriting your thesis statement now, based on these tips?

You can reply with your revised version, and I'll give more feedback!

You:

revise final version

Assistant:

Absolutely, let's go step by step to guide your revision on the **climate change essay** (focusing on individual vs. government/company action). We'll work together on the thesis, one topic sentence, and the supporting details in that paragraph.

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### Step 1: Thesis Statement Revision

Here's your current thesis statement from the introduction:

"I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play."

#### Feedback:

- It's understandable, but the wording could be more direct and academic.
- Try to avoid phrases like "I believe" and "I also think."
- Make sure to preview your main points (citizens influencing government; lifestyle choices matter too).

#### Revision Tips:

- Use clear, confident language.
- Directly answer whether individual actions matter.
- Preview both main supporting reasons you'll use.

#### Your Turn!

Would you like to try rewriting your thesis now?

Example frame (for ideas—you use your own words!):

"Although the actions of individuals are less influential than those of governments and corporations, citizens play a crucial role by shaping policy and promoting green lifestyles."

Please write your revised thesis statement, and I'll help you improve it further!

*Once you're happy with your revised thesis, we'll move to the next step: picking a body paragraph and revising its topic sentence together.*

**You:**

revise final draft

**Assistant:**

Thank you for sharing your draft and being ready to improve it! We'll follow our structured, step-by-step revision process for your climate change essay. Here's how we'll proceed:

## Step 1: Thesis Statement Revision

First, **let's focus on revising your thesis statement** (the last sentence of your introduction):

### Original Thesis Statement

"I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play."

### Feedback

**Clarity:** The idea is clear, but the sentence is long and has too many hedges (e.g., "I believe," "I also think").

**Strength:** Academic essays need strong, direct statements. Avoid "I believe," "I think."

**Focus & Preview:** You do mention both of your main ideas (citizen influence on government & personal green choices).

**Language:** Try to use more concise and formal language.

### Guidelines for Revision

Remove hedging language ("I believe," "I also think").

Directly answer the essay prompt (How much do individual actions matter for climate change?).

Briefly show your two main arguments.

Use academic, confident tone.

## Revision Time

Here is a possible frame you could try (in your own words):

Although the actions of individuals have less impact than those of governments and corporations, they are essential for encouraging environmental policies and for promoting everyday green practices that contribute to the fight against climate change.

Now you try!

Can you rephrase your thesis statement in one or two sentences, following these suggestions?

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***\*Please reply with your revised thesis statement.\****

Once you're happy with it, let me know and we'll move to Step 2: Topic Sentence Revision.

You:

Climate change is a very serious problem in the world today, and many people argue that the actions of individuals do not matter much compared to what governments and big companies can do. I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play.

The most important way individuals can help fight climate change is by influencing the government and politicians. When many citizens demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to act. For example, if people protest or vote for leaders who care about the environment, it can push the government to ban pollution or invest in clean energy. In some countries, people have joined together and forced their leaders to make new rules about plastic or cutting carbon emissions. This shows that public opinion and pressure from normal people can have a big effect, even if individuals alone do not have much power. But sometimes, the government maybe just listen a little and not really make strong action, so is not always working well. Also, sometimes people want change but they don't know how to tell the politicians, so nothing happen.

On the other hand, individuals can also make small changes in their own lives, like recycling, using less water, or choosing to walk instead of drive. These actions are not as powerful as government policies, but they still matter. If many people try to live in a greener way, it can create a good example for others and send a message to companies that customers want eco-friendly products. For instance, if lots of people buy from green companies, businesses will try to be more sustainable to make more profit. But also, sometimes people don't care and just want to do what is easy, so this is problem. Or maybe only a few people do green things but most people don't change, so it not really enough to help the climate problem.

In conclusion, while individual actions alone may not solve climate change, they are not completely useless. The most important thing is that citizens can influence governments to make strong decisions for the environment. At the same time, personal green habits can also help, even if they are less effective. In my opinion, everyone—governments, companies, and individuals—needs to work together to fight this problem.

Assistant:

Thank you for sharing your draft and being open to feedback! Let's start with **Step 1 – Thesis Statement Revision**.

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## Step 1: Thesis Statement Revision

First, here's your original thesis from the introduction:

"I partly agree with this idea because I believe citizens can still influence the government, which is very important, but at the same time, I also think that personal green lifestyle choices, while less impactful, still have a role to play."

**My feedback:**

- The thesis does show your position and previews your two main points (citizen influence, personal choices).
- However, it could be more confident and concise, without "I partly agree," "I believe," or "I think."
- Try to use stronger, clearer language and connect the thesis precisely to the essay question.

**Guidelines for revision:**

- Remove personal hedges ("I think," "I believe").
- State your position clearly: Do individual actions matter? In what ways?
- Briefly preview your two key points: (1) influencing governments, (2) practicing green lifestyles.

**Here's a suggested approach to get you started (but please write it in your own words):**

Although individual actions have less impact than those of governments and corporations, citizens are crucial in influencing policy decisions and in promoting environmentally friendly habits that contribute to the fight against climate change.

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**Would you like to try revising your thesis statement now?**

Please write your new thesis below. I'll review it and help you polish it further.

Let me know when you feel satisfied with your revised version!

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Once your revised thesis is ready and you confirm you're happy, we'll move to **Step 2: Topic Sentence Revision**.

**You:**

Businesses must prioritize ethical AI practices alongside profit generation to effectively address climate change and contribute to a sustainable future.

**Assistant:**

Thank you for providing your details and drafts! Let's make sure you get the most out of this revision session.

It seems that your final thesis statement is:

**"Businesses must prioritize ethical AI practices alongside profit generation to effectively address climate change and contribute to a sustainable future."**

However, your original essay was about **individual vs. government/company action on climate change**, not specifically about businesses and AI.

Before we move on—

## Step 1: Thesis Statement Revision

### 1. Clarification

Would you like to **continue revising the essay on individual vs. government/company action on climate change** (your original draft)? Or would you like to switch topics to climate change and ethical AI in business?

Your final thesis sentence is a new topic, so this is important for your essay's clarity, coherence, and logical progression.

**Please confirm which essay you want to revise, and paste your current thesis statement below.**

- If you are revising the **original essay** ("Do individual actions matter compared to government and company actions?"), share your thesis for that topic.
- If you want to write on the **business and AI/ethics & climate change** topic, share your thesis for that one.

### 2. Next Steps

Once you confirm your topic and thesis statement, I'll give clear, actionable feedback on your thesis statement's clarity, strength, and preview of main ideas.

**Sample prompt for your reply:**

"I want to revise my climate change essay about individuals vs. governments/companies. My current thesis statement is: [paste here]."

or

"I want to switch to the essay about businesses and ethical AI. My thesis statement is: [paste here]."

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**Please reply with**

- Which essay you want to revise (individuals vs. governments? Or businesses/AI?)
- Your current thesis statement for that topic

Once you confirm this, I'll help you polish your thesis and move step-by-step through topic sentence and paragraph revision.

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*Would you like to try rephrasing your thesis statement now, so we can begin?*

**You:**

**Revised Thesis Statement:**

Businesses must prioritize ethical AI practices alongside profit generation to effectively address climate change and contribute to a sustainable future.

**Preview of Main Arguments:**

- . Individuals significantly influence government policies related to environmental protection through collective action and advocacy.

2. While individual lifestyle choices have limited impact compared to government regulations, they foster a cultural shift towards sustainability and signal consumer demand for eco-friendly products.
3. Collaboration among governments, businesses, and individuals is essential in combating climate change and promoting responsible practices in the corporate sector.

**Assistant:**

Thank you for clarifying and sharing your revised thesis statement as well as your preview of main arguments. Just to confirm our next steps:

It looks like you would now like to focus your essay on **businesses, ethical AI practices, and climate change** (as stated in your revised thesis:

"Businesses must prioritize ethical AI practices alongside profit generation to effectively address climate change and contribute to a sustainable future.")

If you are satisfied with this revised thesis statement and ready to continue, **let's proceed to Step 2:** revising a topic sentence for one of your body paragraphs. If you want additional feedback on your thesis or wish to make further changes, please let me know before moving on!

**For the next step, please do the following:**

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## Step 2: Topic Sentence Revision

**Please choose ONE body paragraph you wish to work on.**

You can copy and paste the current topic sentence for that paragraph here.

For example, if your paragraph focuses on "businesses' responsibility to develop ethical AI for environmental governance," paste its topic sentence.

**Your task:**

1. Tell me which paragraph you want to revise.
2. Copy the topic sentence (the first sentence of the paragraph) for me to review.

Once you provide the topic sentence, I'll give targeted feedback and guide you to revise it so it strongly and directly supports your new thesis statement about businesses, ethical AI, and climate change.

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**Ready to move forward?**

Please reply with:

- Which paragraph you want to work on, and
- Its current topic sentence.

I'll then support your revision process step-by-step!

**You:**

**Title: The Role of Individuals and Businesses in Combating Climate Change**

Climate change is a pressing global issue that necessitates a multifaceted response. While the actions of individuals may seem minor compared to those of governments and large corporations, they nonetheless play a critical role. I contend that individuals significantly influence government policies, which is crucial; however, personal lifestyle choices also contribute to a broader cultural shift towards sustainability.

The most effective way for individuals to combat climate change is by influencing government decision-making. When citizens collectively demand better environmental laws, governments are more likely to respond. For instance, public protests and voting for environmentally-conscious leaders can compel authorities to enact regulations that reduce pollution and promote clean energy. Historical examples exist where grassroots movements have successfully pressured governments to implement bans on single-use plastics or to commit to cutting carbon emissions. These instances illustrate the power of public opinion. However, it is important to acknowledge that not all government responses are robust; sometimes, leaders may listen superficially without committing to profound action. Additionally, many individuals may not know how to effectively communicate their environmental concerns to policymakers, resulting in missed opportunities for meaningful change.

On the other hand, individuals can adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives by recycling, conserving water, and opting for public transportation or walking instead of driving. Although these actions may appear small in isolation, they contribute to a cumulative effect. When large numbers of people embrace greener lifestyles, it sets a positive example for others and indicates to businesses that there is a consumer demand for eco-friendly products. This consumer behavior can incentivize companies to adopt more sustainable practices in order to enhance their profit margins. Nevertheless, the challenge remains that many individuals may prioritize convenience over environmental responsibility, which undermines collective efforts. Furthermore, if only a minority engage in sustainable practices while the majority do not, the overall impact may still be insufficient to address the climate crisis.

In conclusion, while individual actions alone may not suffice to solve climate change, they are far from inconsequential. The most critical factor is that citizens have the ability to influence governments to enact strong environmental policies. Simultaneously, personal green habits, though less impactful on their own, contribute to a broader cultural commitment to sustainability. In my view, a collaborative effort among governments, businesses, and individuals is essential to effectively combat climate change and ensure a sustainable future for all.

#### Assistant:

Wonderful work refining your draft and thesis! Your revised thesis statement is much clearer, more confident, and fits the academic style well:

I contend that individuals significantly influence government policies, which is crucial; however, personal lifestyle choices also contribute to a broader cultural shift towards sustainability.

#### Step 1: Thesis Statement Revision – Feedback

##### Clarity & Confidence:

- The thesis is direct and removes unnecessary hedging (“I believe,” “I think”).

##### Focus & Structure:

- It previews both key points: (a) influence on government policy, and (b) impact of lifestyle choices on broader culture.

##### Academic Tone:

- The language is precise and professional.

Do you feel satisfied with this thesis? If so, please confirm, and we’ll continue. If you’d like to tweak it further, let me know what you want to adjust (for example, making the contrast between the two points stronger, or emphasizing “cultural shift”).

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#### Step 2: Topic Sentence Revision

Next, **select ONE body paragraph** to revise.

Let’s work with your first body paragraph (about influencing government policy), unless you prefer the second paragraph (about lifestyle choices).

Please reply with:

Which paragraph you want to focus on (first or second)?

The current topic sentence for that paragraph.

For reference, your **first body paragraph's topic sentence** is:

The most effective way for individuals to combat climate change is by influencing government decision-making.

**Feedback:**

- This sentence is clear, but let's make sure it now strongly connects to your thesis. Your thesis highlights "individuals significantly influence government policies, which is crucial."
- Try to echo the thesis language for unity.
- You may clarify "why" it is the most effective way, linking "significant influence" and "crucial" role.

**Revision Suggestions/Prompts:**

- Start with a confident claim that matches your thesis wording.
- Example prompt: "By actively shaping government policy, individuals play a crucial role in advancing effective climate action."

Want to revise your topic sentence yourself? Here's a guide—try rewording it so it tightly connects to your thesis.

**Would you like to try revising your topic sentence for this paragraph now?**

When you write your revised version, paste it here.

I'll review and offer concise feedback.

When you're happy with it, we'll move to Step 3: revising the rest of the paragraph!

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**Recap of Next Steps:**

1. Confirm your thesis statement if you are satisfied.
2. Decide which paragraph to work on—first or second.
3. Paste your current topic sentence (& try revising it).

Let me know when you're ready to continue!

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