

**Directed Writing- 4**  
***Traffic-Free Zone***

**Haya**

Cars are essential to the lives of families throughout the world and are one of the most expensive items they will buy. There are many varieties of cars at a range of prices so that it should be possible for every home to have one.

For many people they are the most convenient and most easily accessible form of transport and allow individuals the freedom to travel where they like and when they like. There's no need to wait in the rain for the next bus or to stand in crowds at railway stations. Not only that, cars are comfortable; all passengers have somewhere to sit as opposed to having to stand for hours during a rush-hour train journey.

Travelling by car is also an enjoyable experience - if you are the driver, you have the thrill of being in control of a powerful piece of machinery and the freedom to choose your own route and to make changes to it when the mood takes you. As a passenger, you can sit back in your seat and watch the passing scenery or read a book or just fall asleep as you wish.

If there is an emergency and someone like a friend or relative needs to be taken to a hospital urgently, then a car is an extremely efficient way of getting them there quickly and comfortably.

**Areeba**

I am going to list reasons that we should question whether owning a car is a good thing. Most cars are still powered by petrol or diesel fuel and, as a result, cause pollution to our atmosphere and affect the health of innocent people who breathe in the polluted air.

There are too many cars on the roads. Because of this, drivers frequently arrive late for meetings and appointments because they've had to spend valuable time sitting in lengthy traffic jams and while doing so, they are not only burning expensive fuel but also sending out more toxic fumes into the atmosphere. Buying a car is a very costly outlay for a family's budget, especially when you consider the cost of such things as regular maintenance and insurance.

Cars are making us lazy and unfit as many people are now so dependent on them that they use them for even the shortest of journeys instead of walking to their destination. They are not getting the same exercise that they would just from walking to a bus stop or train station.

Cars are potentially very dangerous machines and not all drivers treat them with respect. They drive irresponsibly without taking care about the road or weather conditions. Across the whole world a million people per year are killed in traffic accidents.

There has been a proposal from your local authority that the area in which you live should be made a traffic-free zone. Your local newspaper has invited readers to make their views about this known.

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper, giving your reasons for or against this proposal.

You should use some of the ideas given by Haya and Areeba, but may also add some of your own.

Remember, you might want to use some of the ideas that are opposed to your view so that you can disagree with them.

In your letter you should:

evaluate the ideas and opinions in both texts

- give your own views, based on what you have read about the advantages and disadvantages of owning a car

be careful to use your own words write about 250 to 350 words begin with Dear Editor...

## Directed Writing- 8

Text A: John, 45 years old.

Text B: Blog written by Priya, 19 years old.

I've always approached new technology with caution, and artificial intelligence (AI) is no exception. While I recognize its potential to improve our lives in many ways, I worry about the long-term implications of its widespread use. One major concern is job displacement. As AI continues to evolve, more tasks traditionally performed by humans are now being automated. This could lead to significant unemployment, especially in industries where repetitive tasks dominate. Are we prepared to deal with such large-scale changes to the workforce? Another issue is our growing reliance on AI. It's convenient to let AI handle decisions for us, whether it's choosing the fastest route to a destination or deciding what products we might like to buy. However, this convenience comes at a cost: we may become less capable of critical thinking and decision-making over time. Then there's the question of data privacy. Most AI systems rely on large amounts of personal data to function effectively, but do we really know how that data is being stored, shared, or used? AI undoubtedly has its benefits, especially in fields like healthcare, where it can analyze medical data quickly and accurately, potentially saving lives. It's also revolutionizing education by offering personalized learning experiences. These are great applications, but they need to be guided by strict ethical principles and transparency. We must understand how AI makes its decisions and ensure those decisions align with our values. Ultimately, I believe AI should be seen as a tool to assist us, not as a substitute for human intelligence.

AI is transforming our world, and I find it incredibly exciting. It's amazing how it's already making things easier and more efficient in so many ways. As a student, I've experienced how AI-powered tools can help me study better. Whether it's generating ideas for essays, learning new concepts through interactive apps, or solving new problems with step-by-step explanations, AI saves time and makes learning more engaging. But AI's impact isn't limited to education. It's everywhere, from apps that recommend the perfect playlist to systems that make navigating new places effortless. These tools simplify daily life and open up opportunities we couldn't have imagined a few years ago. For me, the most exciting thing about AI is its potential for creativity. It's fascinating how AI can compose music, create artwork, or even assist in scientific discoveries. Of course, I'm aware of the challenges AI presents. Data privacy is a concern – I want to know how my information is being stored. There's also the fear that automation could replace jobs. However, I believe we can address these issues through education and proper regulation. We need to ensure people understand how AI works and set clear rules to protect individuals and society. Instead of fearing AI, we should embrace it and learn how to use it wisely. For young people like me, AI represents endless possibilities. It's a tool that can help us achieve more, think differently, and solve complex problems. I believe we're at the beginning of a new era, one where AI will play a crucial role in shaping our future for the better.

