

2 Drafting

Now, you have to draft a letter to the editor concerning air pollution in Hong Kong.

Text Type: Letter to the editor  Reader(s): Newspaper readers 
 Tone: Formal  Tense(s): Present tenses 

Dear (Editor),

• Why do you write to the editor?

An environmental group protested against (an environmental problem) yesterday.

I (stance)

Therefore, I am writing to (purpose of writing this letter).

Do you agree with the group? Why?

What are the main sources of air pollutants in Hong Kong?

What has the government done?

Write about the amount of pollutants given off by power stations.

How do you feel towards the situation?

• What is the cause of the problem?
• How do your feel towards the situation?

At present, the main sources of air pollutants include (sources of air pollutants).

Although (government action), the result is not very encouraging. For power stations, (situation).

I (feelings towards the situation).

• What is another cause of the problem?
• How do you feel towards the situation?

Apart from local sources, the pollutants from (source of air pollutants) also (result). Since the economy of China (reason), factories in China are becoming busier. As a result, they produce more and more pollutants, which are (effect on Hong Kong) (reason).

This situation is (adjective), isn't it?

• What is the effect of the problem?

Since air pollution is (effect), our government must (government actions).

• Can you sum up your ideas?

To conclude, (summary & appeal)

(Yours faithfully),

Monica
 Monica Tam

Why are the factories in mainland China becoming busier?

How are the pollutants brought to Hong Kong?

Carry on explaining how factories in China have worsened the air pollution.

Use an adjective to describe the situation.

What advice can you give the government?

Repeat your stance and make an appeal to readers.