

Dear Greta Thunberg,

Hello, my name is Gavin McCormack, and I'm in Year 8. I've been learning about the Sustainable Development Goals at school, and there's one goal that's really got me thinking - SDG 7, Affordable and Clean Energy. It's made me wonder, what if everyone had access to clean energy? How many lives could we change?

Isn't it strange that in our world today, some people have so much energy they waste it, while others don't have any at all? Why do you think that is, and what can we do to make it fairer?

When I think about it, shouldn't clean energy be a basic right, just like clean water and food? I've been thinking, Greta, about how much you've done to raise awareness of climate issues. But what about energy? Can we live our lives without harming the planet, using only clean energy? How can we, as kids, help make this big change? Is switching off lights enough, or is there more we can do?

What if schools everywhere could run on solar power, and children like me could learn about renewable energy by seeing it in action every day? Wouldn't that inspire more of us to care about the planet? Could this be a way to teach us early on that we have the power to make a difference?

And what about people who don't believe in climate change or think clean energy is too expensive? How can we show them they're wrong? Is there a way to prove that the future needs to be green?

Do you believe, Greta, that our voices, even though we're young, can influence leaders to take action on clean energy? How many letters from kids like me would it take to make them listen?

I'm writing to you because I admire how you've stood up for our planet, and I believe together, we can make a difference. If we all speak up about clean energy, could we make it a reality for everyone, everywhere?

Thank you for reading my letter, Greta. Your fight has shown me that change is possible, but I'm wondering, can we achieve clean energy for all in our lifetime? What do you think?

Hoping for a cleaner, brighter future,

Gavin McCormack



Ten Tips to Write a Letter Filled with Rhetorical Questions

Feel First: Think about how the topic makes you feel. Happy? Sad? Share those feelings in your letter.

Tell a Story: If you or a friend has a story about the topic, include it. Stories make your letter stronger.

Ask Questions: Write like you're chatting with the reader. Ask questions to get them thinking.

Keep it Simple: Use easy words. It's better to be clear than fancy.

Paint Pictures with Words: Use words to help the reader see what you're talking about, especially if it's about a problem.

Be Real: Say what you truly think and feel. Being real shows you care.

Imagine the Future: Talk about how you wish things could be better in the future. It leaves the reader hopeful.

Take a Break, Then Review: After writing, take a short break. When you look again, you might see ways to make it clearer.

Get Feedback: Show your letter to someone you trust for their thoughts on how to make it better.

Believe in Yourself: Remember, no matter how young you are, your ideas and words can make a difference.