



**Try to apply what you have learnt to the mock writing topic below:**

Studies show that urban farming has many positive effects on food security and environmental sustainability. Write an article for your school magazine examining its benefits. You should also discuss why it should be incorporated in future city planning.

### **The Rise of Urban Farming**

*→ I love including participle clause because it makes the writing very neat.*  
Walking through modern cities today, visitors are encountering an unexpected sight: gardens flourishing on rooftops and vacant lots. The movement towards urban farming, which started as a grassroots initiative, has transformed into a significant trend in sustainable living. Both environmental consciousness and food security concerns have driven this remarkable shift in urban planning.

*→ Omitting the relative pronoun is extremely common.*  
*Dedicating an independent sentence for this seems too excessive. It looks more like a footnote, then the main content.*  
*'In that' is a great way to start an explanation.*  
The idea that cities can produce their own food is not only revolutionary in that it challenges traditional agricultural models but also practical in that it reduces transportation costs. Standing on the rooftop of the Metropolitan Building, which houses one of the city's largest hydroponic farms, one can witness an impressive array of lettuce, tomatoes, and herbs growing in carefully maintained rows. Such innovative use of urban space demonstrates how modern technology and traditional farming practices can be combined effectively.

To address the growing demand for locally sourced produce, many businesses have begun incorporating urban farms into their operations. The Hayes Hotel, whose kitchen depends entirely

on its rooftop garden, attributes its success to this farm-to-table approach. ‘Not only more sustainable but also more profitable,’ states the management team, convinced that their model represents the future of urban food production.

*I always feel sorry for 'be' because it is the only verb that is omitted in all situations, even when it is the main verb.*

The impact has been so significant that city planners are now designing buildings with urban farming in mind. Developed with sustainability as a priority, these new structures feature specially reinforced roofs and integrated irrigation systems. The latest architectural designs are not only environmentally friendly but also remarkably efficient in terms of space utilisation.

*By explaining why I find the impact significant using that-clause, the sentence sounds so much more sophisticated and is much longer.*

Looking to the future, experts believe that urban farming will play a crucial role in feeding growing city populations. The notion that traditional rural farming alone can sustain future food needs seems increasingly outdated. Furthermore, studies have shown that urban farms, which require minimal transportation for distribution, significantly reduce carbon emissions.

*This entire chunk is the subject. High-five if you already know this.*

To fully realise this potential, communities are working together to establish more urban farming projects. The movement has become so popular that waiting lists for community garden spaces often extend several months. Walking through these urban gardens, observing elderly residents teaching young children about plant care, one can see how these spaces foster not just sustainable food production but also community connections.

*Two participle clauses back-to-back, now this is some refined technique that requires delicacy. You should first master using one participle clause before attempting this.*

Urban farming represents such a promising solution that many cities are now incorporating it into their sustainability plans, marking a significant shift in how we think about urban spaces and food production.

*Complexity is great and anything, but make sure you can harness it. Or else, you will only make a fool of yourself.*