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Review of Achievement Standards (RAS) Exemplar

Level 1 English

Achievement Standard 91926

Develop ideas in writing using stylistic and written conventions

Achievement

TOTAL 04

Statement of intent

Pest Apocalypse

The intended purpose of this persuasive essay is to inform readers about New Zealand's pest problem and what we can do to counter it. I got my inspiration from the ute prompt, after I saw the bush in the background. It made me think about how our native birds are going extinct. I hope my piece has made people think.

Formal Writing

New Zealand's pest problem is getting out of hand. Our pristine bushes are under attack from possums, rats, stoats and many. Pests claim the lives of over 25 million native birds, eggs, and chicks each year. This is a colossal problem for New Zealand; if we don't take immediate action all our native species will be rendered extinct. In this essay, I will explore New Zealand's pest problem and share ways our community can bring this infestation to an end.

The majority of New Zealand's pests were introduced in hopes of creating a positive impact. Possums were first introduced in 1837 by European settlers to establish a fur trade. While their fur is exceptionally profitable, they have no natural predators here so consequently, the population spiraled out of control. Stoats were introduced by Britain because of rabbits spoiling sheep pasture. Pests are good for certain things, but unfortunately the bad outweighs the good.

Our native birds are on the very edge of extinction because of pests. Many people don't realize quite how important birds are for our ecosystem. Birds play a big part in pollination which is essential for growing food. They also transport and spread seeds efficiently around New Zealand, without them our bushes wouldn't be as thick and lush. We as a Nation, can not afford to let our fauna die at the hands of these furry devils. But we can't win this war as individuals, if we work together, if everyone does their bit I know we can save our birds.

The best and most efficient way to manage pest populations is by actively hunting them. The problem with hunting though, is that not many people can do it, so the next best option is trapping. Trapping is where you walk through a bush track and empty, clean, and rebate traps. It's a great way to spend your time as you will be saving New Zealand's endangered species, and cleaning up the bush. (From personal experience I can say that it's quite peaceful.) They have been proven to bring down pest populations drastically and you can help.

In conclusion, pests are wreaking havoc on our native bird life and they need to be put to a stop. We as a nation have, and still are making efforts to eradicate pests. But is what we are doing really enough?

Achievement Exemplar 2022

Subject	L1 English RAS	Standard	91926	Total score	04
	Grade score	Annotation			
	A4	<p>Prompt: "The Ute"</p> <p>Genre: Formal writing</p> <p>This formal writing uses a clear structure to draw the reader in and then take them through the cause, effect, and solution to Aotearoa New Zealand's pest problem.</p> <p>For each paragraph, details are given and some sentences are linked – however, more logical links could be made to develop ideas within paragraphs.</p> <p>A selection of vocabulary and syntax helps to keep the reader interested.</p> <p>There are errors but no evidence of intrusive error patterns.</p>			