

Part 2 – Zahra B.

Write about 3 of your greatest achievements:

1. Winning the Spelling Bee Trophy in my School

Spelling is my favourite subject and it has always been. I love exploring new diagraphs and how they make such different sounds **than from** how they look. I also have a passion for learning new words that are very difficult and practising them so I can use them in my writing pieces to intensify my writing and vocabulary. In Year 4, my school decided to hold a spelling bee. The Year 3/4's versed each other and the Year 5/6's versed. When I heard about the spelling bee, I got awfully excited and I just couldn't wait. Before the school held the spelling bee, we had to do a qualification test. I got in with just around 1 or 2 words wrong. Then, the real spelling bee was held. One by one, people were flying away. Then **me** and a Year 4 boy **were was** the last 2 people. I put all the effort **into win wining**. The last word was "terrarium". Tyler went first to have a go and he got it incorrect. Then, it was my turn. I thought about it for a few seconds then said it out loud. Then the principal said, "Correct". I had to spell 1 more word to win. "Optician". I couldn't believe it! I won the trophy! This was when I truly found out that spelling was my passion. I couldn't have achieved this without my supportive parents who helped me read spelling lists and take little tests every day.

2. Coming 2nd in a Race at the Sports Carnival

Every year at most schools, there is a sports carnival. Although sports is my 2nd least favourite subject, it doesn't mean you don't get any awards. Anyways, in Year 4, we had a totally different set-up for the sports carnival. It was basically a rotation where you had to rotate and stop at different activities. One of the activities was the 75 m race. There were two people from each faction versing me. As soon as the sports teacher blew the whistle, I got my little legs to run as fast as they could ever go. As a result, I came second out of all 6 people. Here's the proof that if you're

bad at something, it doesn't mean that you don't get any awards. However, I couldn't have done it without my teachers who helped me practise running the course every week.

3. Winning a \$20 voucher at my Religious Academy

I've always had an ardour for public speaking. I have no problem **in** speaking in front of a huge crowd without being nervous. I love reading scripts and I have the skills to do it in front of a crowd. For example, you need to have eye contact with the crowd, you need to be expressive when you read, you can't just look at one side of the crowd, etc. At my religious academy, the principal once announced that we had to write a speech and present it in front of **your** the class. Then, the teachers decide **who** is best and that person reads their speech out in front of the whole academy. The principal would give the winner a prize. There were some really good ones in my class, but the teacher decided that I won. So, I read it in front of the whole academy and I got a \$20 Officeworks voucher as the prize. I couldn't have got the voucher without my mum who helped me write my speech and my dad who taught me the skills to be a successful public speaker. They both listened to my speech and told me what to improve on.

This was an extraordinary journey of achievements and stimulus you shared and that's great to know about your marvellous talents and potential.

Moreover, you may add a bit more emotional quotient to your writing. Employ multiple synonyms of words through wordhippo, and incorporate emotions within your writing so that others can relate to you.

You have to work on the grammar as well, there are noticeable lapses in your grammar which may be the reason for your mark deduction.

Otherwise, you did simply amazingly, keep up the hard work and keep chasing your dreams.