

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Intriguing opening that sets the scene and introduces characters
- Creative concept of a space cruise

b. Weaknesses: Main issue: Lack of detail and context Your opening paragraph leaves the reader with many questions. Who are these cousins? Why are they on a space cruise? What is the significance of the X-roid? Providing more context would help engage the reader from the start.

c. Exemplar: "The four cousins, each with their unique personalities, found themselves aboard the X-roid, a state-of-the-art spaceship doubling as a luxury cruise liner. It was their annual family holiday, but this year promised to be unlike any other."

#2 (Sixth paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Reveals an interesting plot twist about the adults' secret organisation
- Introduces conflict and raises stakes

b. Weaknesses: Main issue: Rushed exposition You introduce a significant amount of information in a single paragraph without allowing the reader to process it. The revelation about the secret organisation and the alien invasion feels abrupt and lacks proper build-up.

c. Exemplar: "As Maisie delved deeper into her aunt's tablet, her eyes widened with each discovery. The annual holiday wasn't just a family tradition; it was a cover for something far more significant. Their parents and aunts and uncles were part of a secret organisation, tasked with protecting Earth from alien threats."

#3 (Eighth and ninth paragraphs): a. Strengths:

- Introduces conflict and resolution
- Attempts to provide a moral lesson

b. Weaknesses: Main issue: Underdeveloped resolution The conflict resolution feels rushed and lacks depth. The transition from potential violence to understanding happens too quickly, and the moral lesson at the end feels forced rather than naturally developed through the story.

c. Exemplar: "As tensions escalated, Maisie's voice cut through the chaos. 'Wait!' she shouted, her eyes locked on the smallest alien. 'Let's hear them out.' In the tense

silence that followed, the cousins learned a valuable lesson about assumptions and the importance of communication."

Actionable task: Rewrite the sixth paragraph, focusing on pacing the reveal of information about the secret organisation and alien invasion. Break it into smaller chunks and weave it throughout the story to create a more engaging narrative arc.

Overall score: 41/50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

Problem of Planets

There they were, the four gibbering cousins on their annual holiday again. It wasn't just on any plane or cruise, they were on a Spaceship and a Cruise! A Cruise ship! It was named the X-roid, short for XR. #1

Since the cousins were always arguing, the adults had gotten bored of it, and told them to not argue. Of course they couldn't, after all, they all had different opinions. So the soon to be architect, Archie, decided to build a secret room that had sound panels everywhere.

So they went, unaware of anything happening beyond the room. But there it was the blaring alarm that even they could hear inside the room. Maisie, the creator of the alarms, knew that they would only sound if there was an intruder or if something major happened.

So she rushed out and in the scene, were all the adults in a deep sleep. Maisie hurriedly called Jasper who was the scientist of the group. He discovered that there was a potion that only affected people over the age of eighteen. And the adults were given that.

Meanwhile Maisie the tech wizz [whiz] was looking into her aunt's tablet, which had gotten hacked, but as her fingers danced across the keyboard, she came to a shocking truth. The adults were in fact, in a secret organisation, and the point of their annual holiday was actually for them to prevent aliens from Earth. #2

So as Clover tried to take control of the ship, Maisie did some more research on the secret organisation. Turns out years ago, aliens invaded planet Earth, they took away many things, including a microchip used to protect the planet. Since then people have resented aliens with extreme hatred, especially their family. The microchip was actually created by them, so ever since they have been searching for it.

Although, due to unforeseen circumstances, the ship had to do an emergency landing on planet Starpiter. So, the four siblings went out to have a look, there were weird looking aliens everywhere!. Suddenly, "Greetings, this is planet Starpiter, how may I help you?" And through a bit of dialogue they realised they were the ones that had activated the odour on the adults. Clover hastily activated the weapons, ready to fight. The tiniest one of the aliens, tried to explain. But was cut out by the start of the bombing. Suddenly Maisie shouted "CUT!" Silence was born. Maisie kindly asked the tiny aliens' reasoning. "You see, it wasn't us who invaded your ~~plant~~ [planet], generations before us did, we were kidnapped and placed in an entirely different world. We wanted to stop them but they had control over us, we didn't, we cast that spell on the adults because we were scared of them threatening us, they'll eventually wake up, don't worry." It was that very moment that they woke up, and the aliens left the children to explain to the adults themselves... #3

Now these four cousins don't argue anymore, in fact they're the entire opposite. They care for each other, love each other, and best of all listen to each other's opinions.