

Section 1:

#1 (INTERVIEWQUESTION): a. Strengths:

- You provide specific examples to support your claims about your strengths.
- Your writing shows self-awareness and reflection on your personal qualities.

b. Weaknesses: Lack of cohesion Your response jumps between ideas without smooth transitions. For instance, you abruptly shift from discussing charity events to integrity without a clear connection. This makes your writing feel disjointed and affects the overall flow of your response.

c. Exemplar: "My compassion drives me to participate in charity events like 'Kids Giving Back', where we prepare meals for those in need. This experience has deepened my understanding of others' struggles and reinforced my commitment to integrity, another of my key strengths."

#2 (HOMEWORKWRITING - Beginning): a. Strengths:

- Your opening effectively sets the scene and introduces the main character.
- You create intrigue with the mention of the cursed treasure map.

b. Weaknesses: Inconsistent tense usage You switch between past and present tense, which can confuse the reader. For example, you write "I am Jack Hawkins" in present tense, but then use past tense for the rest of the narrative: "My loyal crew experienced many setbacks".

c. Exemplar: "I, Jack Hawkins, a sailor, write to inform you of a perilous voyage my crew and I undertook to the ominous Skeleton Isle."

#3 (HOMEWORKWRITING - Ending): a. Strengths:

- You provide a satisfying resolution to the adventure.
- The final message about the journey being the true reward is thoughtful and well-expressed.

b. Weaknesses: Rushed conclusion The ending feels abrupt and lacks detail compared to the rest of the narrative. You quickly jump from facing your greatest fear to the final realisation without fully exploring this pivotal moment in the story.

c. Exemplar: "As the visions of greed and cruelty faded, I found myself standing in the cavern, the shattered amulet at my feet. In that moment, I understood the true nature of the treasure - not gold, but the wisdom gained through our harrowing journey."

Actionable task: Rewrite the opening paragraph of your homework writing, focusing on maintaining a consistent past tense throughout. Pay attention to how this affects the flow and clarity of your narrative.

Overall score: 42/50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

Dear ~~honourable~~ [honourable] members of the Royal Geographical Society,

I am Jack Hawkins, a sailor who would like to inform you of the perilous voyage to the ominous Skeleton Isle. My loyal crew experienced many setbacks and dangers along the journey, just to go home empty-handed. #1 One day I found a tattered treasure map in my grandfather's sea chest, embroidered with the words "Skeleton Isle". On the parchment was a small print, which read: "Beware the curse of the treasure of Skeleton Isle.". That was when my grandfather came in and confirmed my fear. The curse was real.

After ~~acquiring~~ [acquiring] a galleon named the "Salty Maiden", we embarked on a treacherous journey. On the third day at sea, the cook "accidentally" set fire to the galley, destroying half of our provisions. Now looking back, I highly doubt this was accidental, but a case of sabotage. A little time after this, I uncovered a plot about stealing the treasure. I eavesdropped on a rendezvous about mutiny. I quickly reported this to the captain, but shortly after this, we were fighting back to back against the traitors. I used my cutlass to fend off the enemy, but soon the remaining of our loyal crew decided that we had to abort the ship. We jumped into the sea, swimming for our lives to the Skeleton Isle, a blurry blotch of black in the distance.

As we stepped onto the black sand, we saw thousands of bones lying on the shore. I glanced around and saw a skeletal hand pointing towards a cavern entrance. I gulped and started to walk towards it. As soon as we were going to enter the cavern, a spectral figure appeared. The apparition declared, "To find the treasure, you must face your greatest fear or have eternal torture with our lost souls!". I had seconds to decide my fate. I willed myself to step forward. "Show me my greatest fear."

I writhed in pain as the serpentine amulet slithered around my neck. Suddenly visions sprung into my head, the greed and cruelty of all failed seekers of the treasure. I thrust the thoughts away. I had to maintain my sanity. #3 I understand now. The gold wasn't the treasure, it was the wisdom the journey had brought myself. I pulled off the amulet and threw it onto the ground, shattering it all over the cavern floor. As I look back, I realise how blind and foolish people have been to their greed. All they have wanted is the reward, but now I know, the real reward is the journey to it.

Yours, Jack Hawkins