

#1: First paragraph a. Strengths:

- Clear self-reflection on personal traits
- Good use of specific examples to illustrate points

b. Weaknesses: Lack of cohesion The paragraph jumps between different ideas without smooth transitions. For instance, you abruptly shift from discussing your cautious nature to mentioning how you would cultivate this strength, without a clear connection between these thoughts.

c. Exemplar: "One of my strengths is my cautious nature. For instance, I once declined to go on a large, fast slide, recognising my fear. Similarly, I resisted peer pressure to try spicy chips, knowing my low spice tolerance. This careful approach helps me avoid overcommitting or attempting tasks beyond my current abilities."

#2: Introduction of the story a. Strengths:

- Engaging opening that introduces the main character
- Sets up the conflict between Jack's dreams and his mother's expectations

b. Weaknesses: Underdeveloped characterisation Your introduction of Jack lacks depth. While we learn about his age and dream, we don't get a sense of his personality or motivations beyond a surface-level desire for adventure. For example, when you write "At twelve years old Jack was quite immature," you tell rather than show this trait.

c. Exemplar: "Jack Hawkins, a twelve-year-old with tousled hair and eyes that sparkled with mischief, clutched the weathered map in his trembling hands. His bedroom walls, plastered with pirate posters and hand-drawn treasure maps, bore witness to his lifelong obsession with swashbuckling adventures."

#3: Climax of the story a. Strengths:

- Builds tension with unexpected events
- Incorporates the curse element mentioned earlier

b. Weaknesses: Rushed resolution The resolution of the conflict feels abrupt and underdeveloped. You write, "To his surprise he saw that Tyler had got up and was now back to normal like nothing had ever happened," which doesn't provide a satisfying explanation for the sudden reversal of the curse.

c. Exemplar: "As Jack approached the ship, his heart pounding with guilt and worry, he saw Tyler standing on the deck, looking confused but unharmed. 'Jack?' Tyler called

out, 'What happened? The last thing I remember is a flash of light.' Jack's relief was palpable as he realised that by persevering through his fears and choosing friendship over treasure, he had unknowingly broken the curse."

Actionable task: Rewrite the climax of your story, focusing on developing a more gradual and satisfying resolution to the curse. Ensure to include more details about Jack's emotional journey and how his actions specifically contribute to breaking the curse.

Overall score: 41/50