

Section 1:

#1 "Olivia took out her lunch the instant the school bell rang..."Yum! A pickle sandwich! It's my favorite food!" she exclaimed."

Strengths:

- Your opening immediately engages readers with action and dialogue
- Your character's personality shines through with enthusiastic exclamations

Weaknesses: Show vs Tell —> You've relied on direct statements rather than revealing Olivia's excitement through actions. The phrase "it's my favorite food" tells rather than shows her enthusiasm.

Exemplar: "Olivia's hands trembled with excitement as she pulled out her lunch the instant the school bell rang. 'Yes! A pickle sandwich!' she exclaimed, already tasting the tangy crunch."

#2 "The door creaked loudly but luckily the cheering was too loud for anyone in the house to hear it. Michael peeked into the house.'There's a clandestine meeting in this secret building!' he whispered."

Strengths:

- Your use of sensory details with the creaking door creates tension
- Your pacing builds suspense effectively

Weaknesses: Vocabulary Integration —> The word 'clandestine' feels abruptly inserted and doesn't match the overall voice. The phrase "secret building" immediately after redundantly repeats the concept.

Exemplar: "The door creaked loudly, but the thunderous cheering drowned out the sound. Michael pressed his eye to the gap. 'They're having some kind of secret meeting!' he whispered."

#3 "Why choose? Let's celebrate both!" A villager shouted."

Strengths:

- Your resolution promotes unity and compromise
- Your ending ties the conflict together succinctly

Weaknesses: Resolution Development —> The conclusion feels rushed with the solution coming from an unnamed character. The villager's statement lacks emotional weight.

Exemplar: "'Why must we choose?' Old Mr Thompson called out from the crowd, his eyes twinkling. 'Our village has enough room to celebrate both!'"

Actionable Task: Rewrite the greenhouse discovery scene (when they find the pickles) and include specific sensory details about what they see, smell, and hear to make the moment more impactful.

Overall Score: 44/50

Section 2:

Olivia took out her lunch the instant the school bell rang. "Yum! A pickle sandwich! It's my favourite food!" she exclaimed. She took the sandwich out of her lunchbox but immediately froze. "Where are the pickles?!" she roared, with rage boiling in her. "Look! There's a note!" her friend cried as the note appeared on the side of Olivia's lunchbox. The note was from her ~~Mum~~ [mum], and it read: "Dear Olivia, every jar of pickles in Gherkinville has disappeared so ~~Mum~~ [mum] can't make you pickle sandwiches anymore. Sorry." #1

"What? How did every jar of pickles in Gherkinville just disappear? I'm getting to the bottom of this." She rapidly ate her lunch, then waited impatiently for school to finish. Ring! School ~~has~~ [had] finished. Olivia called her three best friends to go investigate the case of the missing pickles with her.

"Let's go to the forest near my house! Maybe we'll find some clues there!" ~~Suggested~~ [suggested] Michael. "Okay! Let's go!" replied Daisy. So, they set off into the dark forest. After a while, Ella spotted a big house covered with paintings of cucumbers and a ~~numerous amount~~ [large number] of vines, plants, and leaves. ~~It has made~~ [It made] the house seem like it ~~is~~ [was] part of the forest as well. They faintly heard some cheering in the house.

Olivia opened the door slightly as the cheering went on. The door creaked loudly but luckily the cheering was too loud for anyone in the house to hear it. Michael peeked into the house. "There's a clandestine meeting in this secret building!" he whispered. #2 Suddenly, a voice boomed over the PA system, "Fellow cucumber club fans! Tomorrow will be the Crunchy Cucumber Parade! We need fresh, not brine!"

"I recognize [recognise]that voice! That's mayor Mcbroccoli's voice!" Daisy gasped.

"We have hidden Gherkinville's entire supply of pickles in the abandoned greenhouse near the brine river! No one will ever eat any pickles ever again!" Mayor Mcbroccoli's voice announced.

"Quick! Let's go to the abandoned greenhouse now!" Olivia cried. She leapt onto her bike and sped off, the others following her. They had to go to Michael's house to ask for directions before going to the greenhouse. Soon, they arrived at his house. Michael went in and told the others to wait outside. When he came out, he said his Mum didn't want him to be out late, so she told him

to tell them to go home and rest and continue their journey tomorrow. They went home reluctantly and went to sleep.

The next morning, Olivia woke up to discover that she was late! She quickly put on her clothes, and pedaled [pedalled] as fast as her legs could pedal towards Michael's house. When she arrived, everyone was already ready to go.

“Thank God you're here! Let's go!” Michael exclaimed; he was holding a map. They sped off towards the greenhouse. Soon, they arrived at the greenhouse. Mountains of pickles appeared in the greenhouse.

“Found it!” Ella cried.

“Oh-no! The parade is starting!” Daisy shouted as she checked her watch. They rushed back to the village and as mayor Mcbroccoli raised his sceptre to announce that the Crunchy Cucumber parade is starting, Olivia ran up the stage and shouted,

“We have found the pickles! Gherkinville, the choice is yours!” A murmuring started in the crowd.

"Why choose? Let's celebrate both!" A villager shouted. #3