

#1: "It was an average plain day, it was raining and I had nothing to do. Gazing up at the precipitating, ashen sky, I gloomily laid my head on my hands. At first, I thought that it would be a horrible day of boredom, but little did I know that it would take a turn soon."

a. Strengths:

- Effective use of descriptive language to set the mood
- Good build-up of tension, hinting at a change to come

b. Weaknesses: Run-on Sentences Your opening contains run-on sentences that can be improved. For instance, "It was an average plain day, it was raining and I had nothing to do" is a run-on sentence that could be more impactful if broken up or restructured.

c. Exemplar: "It was an average, dreary day. Rain pattered against the windows as I sat with nothing to do. Gazing up at the ashen sky, I rested my head in my hands, anticipating a day of utter boredom. Little did I know how quickly things would change."

#2: "Letting my instincts take over me, I jammed some music tones and hits. "Wow man!" He exclaimed, shocked. "You should play in the chicken wings area, they want some rocker music like that." I thought about it for a while, and then suddenly.. " YES!" I squeaked. Realising what I said, I tried to decline but my brain wouldn't let me."

a. Strengths:

- Good use of dialogue to advance the plot
- Conveys the character's internal conflict effectively

b. Weaknesses: Inconsistent Tone Your writing shifts abruptly between formal and informal language. The phrase "jammed some music tones and hits" clashes with more formal narrative descriptions, creating an inconsistent tone.

c. Exemplar: "Guided by instinct, I began to play, my fingers dancing across the strings. 'Wow, mate!' he exclaimed, visibly impressed. 'You should perform in the chicken wings area. They're after some rock music like that.' I pondered for a moment before blurting out, 'YES!' Realising what I'd said, I tried to backtrack, but something stopped me."

#3: "Walking back off the stage , I reflected about my miraculous day."

a. Strengths:

- Provides a satisfying conclusion to the narrative arc

- Effectively conveys the character's emotional state

b. Weaknesses: Lack of Descriptive Detail Your concluding sentence lacks the vivid descriptive details present in earlier parts of your writing. This missed opportunity could have provided a more impactful ending to your story.

c. Exemplar: "As I walked off the stage, the thunderous applause still ringing in my ears, I reflected on the extraordinary turn my day had taken. From gloomy boredom to unexpected stardom, it had truly been a miraculous journey."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the opening paragraph, focusing on creating shorter, more impactful sentences. Pay attention to varying your sentence structure to create a more engaging rhythm in your writing.

Overall Score: 40/50