

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Strong opening with immediacy through the mayor's announcement
- Effective establishment of the central conflict and stakes

Weaknesses: Plot Development Issue → Your introduction of the conflict feels rushed and lacks sufficient context about why this tree-planting initiative is suddenly imposed. The phrase "consequences will follow" needs more development to build tension.

Exemplar: "A notification chimed on Rick's phone - an urgent message from the mayor that would change everything: 'By month's end, our city must have one million new trees. Document each one in our official app, or face severe penalties.' The vague threat sent a chill through Rick's spine."

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Good use of community involvement and progression
- Nice integration of various helping parties

Weaknesses: Paragraph Structure → Your paragraph combines too many ideas without clear transitions. The phrase "getting more trees done per day" leads into an abrupt jump to "people from nationwide."

Exemplar: "As volunteers multiplied, Rick's planting techniques improved steadily. What began as a local initiative soon caught national attention, drawing expert gardeners, news agencies, and ordinary citizens alike. From private balconies to the town square, trees became the city's singular focus."

#3 (Fourth paragraph): Strengths:

- Dramatic climax with the storm
- Strong character moment for Rick showing leadership

Weaknesses: Dialogue Flow → Your dialogue presentation needs smoother integration with action. The phrase "this voice fighting the raging wind" disrupts the flow and contains grammatical issues.

Exemplar: "Rick's voice cut through the howling wind. 'Everyone, listen! We must protect our seedlings! Who's with me?' Hands rose throughout the crowd, and Rick felt a surge of pride, knowing his mother would approve."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the first paragraph, focusing on developing the mayor's announcement and its impact. Include the city's current environmental state and why this initiative is crucial, using specific details about the consequences.

Overall Score: 42/50

Section 2:

#1 A notification chimed on Rick's phone with a new message from the mayor announcing, "Attention to all residents: By the end of this month, we aim to have 1 million trees planted anywhere in the city. There is going to be an app posted below and photograph each tree you see. ~~If there are not enough trees posted, consequences will follow.~~ [If we fail to reach this target, severe consequences will follow for our community.]" Rick sprinted to inform his mother, only to find her already rummaging through a box for gardening tools. Since she was an expert gardener, she was well-equipped with knowledge to plant any type of trees, yet Rick understood that such a large number of trees ~~needed~~ ~~required~~ [required] collective effort. Without hesitation, she planted 10 seeds elegantly, taking roughly three minutes to do so.

#2 ~~Posters slowly went on the street walls and authorized graffiti soon advertised the need of reaching the expectation.~~ [Posters appeared on street walls whilst authorised graffiti advertised the urgent need to meet their goal.] As the volunteers had risen significantly, Rick's own planting skills were slowly, but steadily improving. At the start, Rick thought they would be hopeless, receiving the dreadful punishment but Rick's community helped him start a flame of hope which quickly took over the darkness of despair. They were getting more trees done per day and people from nationwide started helping including news agencies, expert gardeners and even ~~as~~ your average person sitting in your backyard, enjoying your day! Hundreds were working on the town's project from as simple as your own balcony to the town square, all you could see was trees.

Suddenly, a crackle of thunder and a flash of lightning appeared out of nowhere and it started pouring rain. *If saplings get easily washed away from rain, that will erase most of our progress! We can't let that happen.* Rick thought.

#3 "Attention everybody!" Rick yelled, ~~this~~ [his] voice fighting the raging wind and rain. "To keep all our progress, we must protect our younger seedlings! If you agree, put your hand up!" Almost at once, everyone started chuckling, but as the crowd started making sense of themselves, hands went up, winning the majority of the crowd, ~~Rick's~~ [Rick] felt a sense of

self-discipline and he knew his mother was proud of him. People started to fetch umbrellas and parasols, digging them to the ground, trying to protect the younger saplings from the storm.

Soon, the grey clouds started clearing up, revealing the mighty and great Sun and Rick knew they had already accomplished the requirement but as the photographs of trees slowly got to 1 million, instead of getting scolded by the mayor by taking so long, they got a gift. The mayor sent forms out to everyone who helped out and he ordered a statue to be built, shaping a behemoth tree but, in the middle, two names were written big and bold. Rick and Maria (Rick's mother).

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