

Section 1:

#1 "Rick trembled as he delicately held the sapling in his hand... After that, he watered it with the amount his mother had told him to."

Strengths:

- Effective use of sensory details showing Rick's nervousness
- Clear sequential steps demonstrating the planting process

Weaknesses: Show vs Tell → Your portrayal of Rick's anxiety relies heavily on direct statements rather than revealing his emotions through actions and reactions. The phrase "Rick trembled" simply tells the reader about his fear.

Exemplar: "Rick's hands shook slightly as he cradled the sapling, its delicate leaves brushing against his palm. He drew in a deep breath before continuing with each careful step his mother had taught him."

#2 "What!? 2 million trees! That's impossible!... Just be careful, stay calm, and you will gradually speed up as you gain more experience!"

Strengths:

- Natural dialogue that effectively conveys Rick's overwhelmed state
- Good use of exclamation to emphasise emotional response

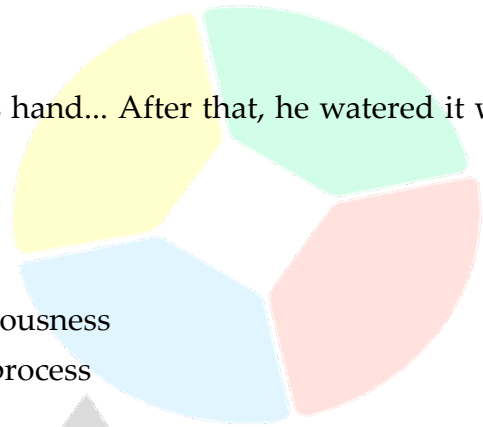
Weaknesses: Dialogue Integration → Your dialogue feels abrupt and disconnected from the surrounding narrative. The transitions between speech and action need smoothing.

Exemplar: "The number on the poster made Rick's stomach drop. 'Two million trees...' he whispered, the magnitude of the task finally sinking in. When he sought his mother's guidance, her calm response helped steady his nerves."

#3 "Currently, it showed 593,862 trees have been planted... He was now right behind his mother, not only as a son, but a partner in the project."

Strengths:

- Strong emotional resonance in showing Rick's growth
- Effective use of specific numbers to show progress



Weaknesses: Pacing → Your transition from Rick's initial efforts to his significant achievement feels rushed. The progression needs more development to feel authentic.

Exemplar: "Day by day, Rick's tree count grew alongside his confidence. After months of dedication, he found himself neck-and-neck with his mother's impressive numbers - no longer just following in her footsteps, but matching her stride for stride."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the **opening scene** focusing on showing Rick's nervousness through his physical actions and internal thoughts rather than directly stating his emotions. Include at least three specific details about his body language or movements that reveal his anxiety.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

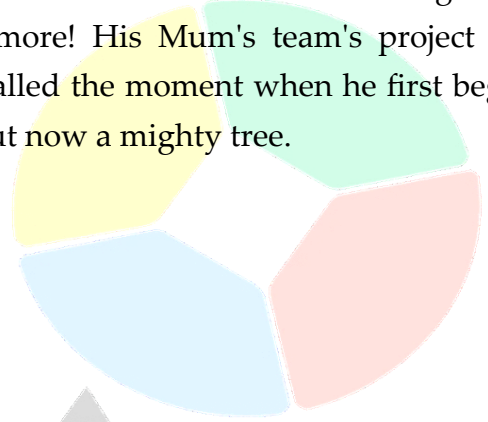
#1 Rick trembled as he delicately held the sapling in his hand. ~~"What...What if I accidentally break this sapling's stem?"~~ [His whispered words caught in his throat: "What if I accidentally break this sapling's stem?"] He carefully put the sapling aside and dug a small hole in front of him. Then, he cautiously put the sapling into the hole and covered the stem with soil. After that, he watered it with the amount his mother had told him to.

#2 He went back to his Mum's office and looked at the poster again. "What!? 2 million trees! That's impossible!" He told himself. He had already spent a quarter of an hour to plant one sapling! ~~He decided to go and ask his Mum for advice.~~ [Gathering his courage, he went to ask his Mum for advice.] "Just be careful, stay calm, and you will gradually speed up as you gain more experience!" She answered. Rick understood and ran over to get more saplings, he was going to change the animal's lives.

#3 In the following month, Rick planted saplings almost every day and watched as more and more animals came to live. He felt something warm in his chest as he looked at the computer as it showed the exact number of trees in the forest. Currently, it showed 593,862 trees ~~have been~~ [had been] planted. Rick ~~has~~ [had] planted 25,734 trees, just behind his mother, who ~~has~~ [had] planted 27,513 trees. He was now right behind his mother, not only as a son, but a partner in the project.

"There's a Golden Tamarin family up in the trees!" A voice yelled. Rick looked up. Something gold and shiny caught his eye, it was a Golden Tamarin family! Soon, after 5 more weeks of hard work, the number of trees in the forest finally reached 2,000,000! The forest now not only

attracted Golden Tamarins, but it also attracted other wonderful creatures such as kangaroos, echidnas, dingoes, emus, wombats, eagles, and many more! His Mum's team's project has succeeded, and the Golden Tamarins were safe. Rick recalled the moment when he first began planting, he had grown, as if he was also once a sapling but now a mighty tree.



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