

Section 1:

#1: Opening paragraph Strengths:

- Strong scene-setting with the "cold icy morning" establishing atmosphere
- Effective introduction of the main character Rick and the plot catalyst

Weaknesses: Run-on Sentences → Your writing contains multiple ideas joined without proper punctuation or transitions, particularly in "So the children, one of them was Rick, started to pack..." Consider breaking these into clearer, distinct sentences.

Exemplar: "Rick was among the chosen children. With excitement, they began packing their clothes, toys, and other belongings for the train journey."

#2: Middle section (description of train journey) Strengths:

- Vivid sensory details about the food quality
- Good use of environmental descriptions with windmills and wheat farms

Weaknesses: Inconsistent Tense Usage → Your narrative shifts between past and present tense: "Time passed and they got their first meal" then "Next was time to eat the had nice fresh warm bread." This disrupts the story flow.

Exemplar: "Time passed slowly until their first meal arrived. They received a slice of rock-hard meatloaf and a cup of warm water."

#3: Final paragraph Strengths:

- Emotional depth in describing Rick's disappointment
- Satisfying resolution with the surprise adoption

Weaknesses: Rushed Pacing → Your ending feels hurried, particularly in "as he heard footsteps coming after him." The emotional impact could be stronger with more developed moments.

Exemplar: "As Rick trudged back to the train, tears streaming down his face, unexpected footsteps echoed behind him. He turned to find a lady holding flowers, her warm smile offering hope he had almost abandoned."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the train journey sequence focusing on Rick's emotional state during each failed adoption attempt. Include specific details about his thoughts and feelings rather than just stating he was "upset" or "crying."

Score: 41/50

Section 2:

#1 ~~One cold icy morning in America, a boy called Rick was in an Orphanage. He was playing with his friends. Until one day~~ [On one cold, icy morning in America, a boy called Rick was playing with his friends at the orphanage. Then] the people in charge decided to pick a few people to go on a train ride to find their parents. ~~So the children, one of them was Rick, started to pack their clothes, toys and other items to hop on the train.~~ [Rick and the other chosen children began packing their clothes, toys, and other items for the train journey.] They took a bus to the train station then walked to the right train. ~~As one by one started to go in they started to get excited, yet they did not know it was a really long drive.~~ [One by one, they boarded the train with excitement, unaware of the long journey ahead.]

#2 Time passed and they got their first meal which contained a rock-hard meat loaf slice and a cup of warm water. Rick started to drink the water, but he started to feel little bumps, so he stopped drinking and looked at the water really closely, yet to find pieces of dirt. They arrived at the first destination. ~~All nervously standing straight in a horizontal line.~~ [They all stood nervously in a straight line.] People ~~come~~ [came] examining each individual. ~~As two leave then turns into 5 after 12 kept being tacking friends leaving and coming.~~ [Two children left with new families, then five more, as friends kept leaving and arriving.]

Next ~~was~~ [came] time to eat ~~the~~ [they] had nice fresh warm bread and a clean glass of cold, fresh water. ~~finally~~ [Finally], a proper meal in a really long time" said Rick.

#3 ~~They went to a few more places, but Rick was not picked.~~ [They visited several more places, but Rick remained unchosen.] Now three people remain. The people in charge announced they will be stopping at one more place, and if they were not picked, they will return them to the orphanage. As they arrived at their last and final destination two people were picked. Unfortunately, Rick was not picked, ~~he was crying as he headed back to the train as he heard footsteps coming after him,~~ [he headed back to the train crying, when he heard footsteps behind him,] he turned around and found a lady with flowers. Rick wiped his tears and went running to the lady who was now his mum hugging her. She gave him the finest clothes and the finest foods and took care of him perfectly.