

Section 1:

#1 First Paragraph Strengths:

- Your emotional connection draws readers in through Rick's wonder about the small seed
- Your effective use of specific details about wildlife animals creates context

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Setting Details → Your opening lacks specific details about the park's location and appearance. The phrase "at the local park" could be enhanced with sensory details to help readers visualise the scene.

Exemplar: "Rick was a mere 11-year-old boy when he first arrived at Oakwood Park, where towering eucalyptus trees swayed gently in the morning breeze, to help his mother, a former biologist, plant new saplings."

#2 Second Paragraph Strengths:

- Your progression of time shows character development
- Your inclusion of specific goals adds purpose to the narrative

Weaknesses: Rushed Timeline → Your transition from seeing the sapling to discovering the two million tree project feels abrupt. The phrase "As Rick arrived at the local park again" doesn't establish how much time has passed.

Exemplar: "Three months later, Rick returned to find his seed had transformed into a sturdy young sapling, its leaves dancing in the summer breeze."

#3 Fourth Paragraph Strengths:

- Your climactic ending with the harpy eagle creates impact
- Your emotional resolution effectively ties back to the beginning

Weaknesses: Unbalanced Pacing → Your conclusion feels rushed with multiple events compressed together. The phrase "As the last sapling sprouted" doesn't provide enough build-up to the significant moment.

Exemplar: "Months of dedication culminated in that pivotal moment - as the two millionth sapling took root, a collective gasp rippled through the crowd."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the second paragraph focusing on establishing clear time markers and emotional transitions between Rick's initial tree planting and his discovery of the larger project goal.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

#1 Rick was a mere 11 year old boy when he first arrived at the local park with his mother, a former biologist, to help plant some trees. Wildlife animals and plants had decreased in the past few years, and ~~they had came~~ [they had come] to help. As he was handed a small, delicate seed, he wondered how this little thing could grow into a tree and help save tree kangaroos and harpy eagles. Gingerly, he lowered it into the hole in the soil, covering it up. He decided to come back and check on it soon.

#2 ~~As Rick arrived at the local park again, his seed had grown into a young sapling.~~ [When Rick returned to the park several weeks later, he discovered his seed had grown into a young sapling.] He marvelled at how fast it had grown and went on to water it. As he looked on his mother's computer at the project she was leading, he was surprised. It read 'Let's work hard and plant two million trees'. Rick was determined to achieve that goal, and, looking at his little sapling made him want to do it more. So, while everyone was working on it, he buried more seeds, and looked after all of them. He realised he wanted to do more, so everyday, after school, he gave out posters and flyers, encouraging people to plant trees.

Slowly, the local park was filled with many different kinds of trees, from evergreens to to oaks. The community alongside Rick and his mother, had planted a million trees already, whether in their backyard, or just in the park. His knowledge and strength was building up, before long, he was almost an expert on trees. Looking at the chart of 'How many trees we have planted', Rick noticed, they were close to the goal. His mother was beside him, looking at him proudly ~~ass~~ [as] she noticed the growth in him.

#3 ~~As the last sapling sprouted, a worker gasped and pointed to something hiding in the treetops.~~ [On the day they planted their two millionth tree, a worker gasped and pointed to something hiding in the treetops.] "LOOK! A HARPY EAGLE! Wow!" shouted another. Everyone else watched in awe as it flew overhead, landing in one of the oaks, which was once also a tiny little sapling. Rick felt a wave of triumph wash over him, and he too, watched as it soared from one tree to another.