

Section 1:

#1: First Paragraph Strengths:

- Strong hook introducing the central conflict
- Effective scene-setting in a professional environment

Weaknesses: Plot Development → Your opening lacks clear context about why this discussion suddenly arose. "As he drew closer, he joined them as they planned" feels abrupt without prior buildup.

Exemplar: "As Rick entered the NASA workspace, he noticed an unusual tension in the air. His colleagues were huddled around the middle table, their faces grave as they debated the latest budget allocation concerns."

#2: Dr Thompson's Scene Strengths:

- Clear character position through dialogue
- Effective use of specific monetary reference

Weaknesses: Character Development → Your portrayal of Dr Thompson appears one-dimensional. The dismissive "silly space exploration" comment reduces the complexity of her environmental stance.

Exemplar: "While Dr Thompson passionately advocated for Earth's immediate needs, she acknowledged the scientific merits of space research. 'But with 5 billion pounds, we could implement critical environmental solutions now.'"

#3: Final Paragraph Strengths:

- Shows character growth
- Provides resolution

Weaknesses: Resolution Rush → Your ending feels hurried. The jump from developing technology to launching into space lacks sufficient development.

Exemplar: "After months of rigorous testing and refinement, Rick's dual-purpose technology proved its worth. The breakthrough earned him a spot on the Mars mission, where he would implement his innovation firsthand."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the final paragraph, expanding it to include specific details about Rick's technology and the steps taken to validate its effectiveness before the space launch.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

~~#1 As Rick entered the NASA workspace, he found his fellow workers gathered around the middle table discussing a serious matter. What was it? As he drew closer, he joined them as they planned on whether or not to cancel this exploration and focus on environmental problems. Soon, they were discussing how to balance space exploration with the environmental crisis.~~ [As Rick entered the NASA workspace, he found his fellow scientists gathered around the middle table, their voices tense with concern. Drawing closer, he realised they were debating whether to redirect their exploration budget towards addressing environmental problems. The discussion evolved into finding ways to balance space exploration with the mounting environmental crisis.]

#2 Dr Thompson, however, was determined ~~for~~ [that] Earth's environmental problems ~~to be~~ [should be] addressed first. "Think about how many trees we could plant with 5 billion dollars! Why waste it on some silly space exploration?"

~~#3 As he lay in bed, he realised he didn't need to choose one, but, like Dr Smith, balanced them. So he went on to think about an alternate solution, which he drew out the next morning, feeling a sense of triumph.~~ [As he lay in bed, he realised he didn't need to choose between the two priorities but could balance them, just as Dr Smith suggested. Through the night, he developed an alternate solution, which he meticulously drew out the next morning, feeling a sense of triumph.]

The next day, Rick showed everyone his excellent solution- a [an innovative] piece of technology that both reduced greenhouse gases and enabled survival on Mars. Dr Thompson nodded in agreement, smiling proudly at her son. After a year, Rick climbed onto his spaceship and took off into space...