

## Section 1:

### #1 - Opening Paragraph Strengths:

- Strong imagery through specific technical details like "digital thermometer" and "crunch factor"
- Effective establishment of character development premise

**Weakness: Overloaded exposition** → Your opening relies heavily on directly stating Rick's transformation rather than showing it through action. The line "The nervous, uncertain boy who had first stepped into this lab six months ago was gone" tells rather than demonstrates his growth.

*Exemplar: "Rick's fingers flew across the laboratory's control panel, adjusting parameters with practised ease. The digital thermometer blinked, confirming the experimental batter had reached optimal temperature."*

### #2 - Middle Section Strengths:

- Good parallel structure comparing past and present behaviours
- Clear progression of character development

**Weakness: Repetitive character portrayal** → In your middle paragraphs, you repeatedly emphasise Rick's transformation using similar phrasing: "he had been too shy", "had first brought him here", "when she had first". This creates redundancy in your narrative flow.

*Exemplar: "The marketing director's approving nod spoke volumes - a stark contrast to the timid boy who once struggled to maintain eye contact during presentations."*

### #3 - Final Paragraph Strengths:

- Strong emotional resonance between mother and son
- Clear thematic conclusion

**Weakness: Rushed resolution** → Your conclusion attempts to pack too many learning points at once: "never give up, believe in yourself, and inside him, a new appreciation." The impact becomes diluted through this listing approach.

*Exemplar: "Meeting his mother's proud gaze, Rick realised his journey had yielded more than technical expertise - it had transformed him into a confident young professional who truly understood the value of persistence."*

Actionable Task: Rewrite the opening paragraph focusing on showing Rick's expertise through his actions and decisions, rather than directly stating his transformation. Include specific details about how he handles the equipment and interacts with data.

**Score: 43/50**

Section 2:

Rick's eyes widened as he watched the laboratory's digital thermometer display the precise temperature of the experimental chicken batter. In the test kitchen, sophisticated machines measured crunch factor, moisture retention, and flavour compounds. #1 ~~The nervous, uncertain boy who had first stepped into this lab six months ago was gone – now Rick understood exactly what this data meant~~ [Gone was any trace of uncertainty as Rick interpreted the data with practised precision]. His mother's team had finally created something special – a chicken sandwich that could compete with the industry leader that had taken social media by storm.

"Mum, look at these moisture readings," Rick exclaimed confidently, shooting a glance at the analysis screen. It reminded him of the day he had come here, clueless about all the mysterious numbers and letters around him. ~~They had all looked like boring old squiggles~~ [The data had once seemed like incomprehensible patterns]. He hadn't even tried to understand, and was too intimidated to even touch the machines and equipment in the facility. ~~Now, his brain revolved around this circulation,~~ [Now, his mind was immersed in the process,] as he moved ~~undoubtedly~~ [confidently] from one machine to another, checking the numbers and changing aspects.

#2 The older food scientists gazed happily as he explained the market analysis and product consistency to a new intern. Last summer, he had been too shy to even speak in team meetings, always shrinking back in his chair when he was questioned. However, several months of

watching, learning, and asking questions had transformed him into a confident junior team member.

His mother lifted her head to see Rick explain the concepts and statistics of brand loyalty. When she had first brought him here, she had worried that he would hate all the details and facts, and be bored by technical details. ~~Although she had doubts~~ [Despite her initial reservations], Rick had turned out to be increasingly interested in the amazing science behind his favourite food.

"Social media stats suggest that product development will rapidly increase in the next year or so," Rick announced at a team meeting. He no longer muttered quietly, but instead, he spoke in an assured voice, his voice ringing in every corner of the room. The marketing director nodded approvingly, smiling as an old memory of Rick flashed in her mind.

As the final test batch emerged from the kitchen, Rick stood tall beside his mother. Six months of learning at the lab had transformed him from a chicken sandwich lover to one who understood the journey from concept to creation. He had grown to love his role as the kitchen's youngest expert, always prepared and ready to help their new creation make its way to the competitive world of fast food.

#3 ~~Noticing his mother's proud expression written on her face~~ [Seeing the pride written on his mother's face], Rick realised he had gained something more ~~then~~ [than] the life cycle of chicken sandwiches, he had learnt to never give up, believe in yourself, and inside him, a new appreciation for all the things the workers and his mother did every day blossomed. He wasn't just ~~his~~ [her] son; he was a colleague of hers that helped and understood the hard work she undertook every day.