

## Section 1:

### #1 (Mawlynnong excerpt) Strengths:

- Vivid sensory details that create an immersive experience ("water clashes with smooth steady rocks")
- Effective use of personification in describing natural elements ("leaves whispering secrets")

Weaknesses: Run-on Sentences → Your sentences contain multiple ideas joined without proper punctuation or conjunctions. For instance, "Birds singing odes to this unfolding day, while sitting on tall ancient trees that reach towards the sky, the leaves whispering secrets to the wind" would benefit from clearer sentence structure.

Exemplar: "Birds perch on ancient trees reaching skyward, singing odes to the unfolding day, whilst leaves whisper their secrets to the wind."

### #2 (Exmouth excerpt) Strengths:

- Engaging use of second-person perspective that draws readers into the experience
- Dynamic description of beach activities that captures the excitement

Weaknesses: Tense Consistency → Your writing shifts between present and present continuous tenses, creating confusion. "Surfing when a huge wave hits" and "Going deeper to the water and running back" demonstrate this inconsistency.

Exemplar: "You surf as a huge wave approaches, then dive deeper into the water before sprinting back to shore."

### #3 (Wānaka excerpt) Strengths:

- Strong emotional resonance in describing the end of the journey
- Effective blend of immediate and future activities

Weaknesses: Paragraph Structure → Your ideas flow without clear organisation, mixing evening activities with next-day plans. The transition between "saying goodnight to us" and "Feeling hungry" needs more development.

Exemplar: "As the sunset bids us farewell, we seek out a restaurant for our final feast, preparing ourselves for tomorrow's mountain adventures."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the Mawlynnong paragraph, focusing on breaking down the longer sentences into shorter, more focused ones whilst maintaining the sensory details. Ensure each sentence contains one or two related ideas only.

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**Score: 41/50**

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Section 2:

**Mawlynnong, 7:30 am, 5th December, India. #1** ~~It's the cleanest place in India, where its water clashes with smooth steady rocks.~~ [This is the cleanest place in India, where water clashes with smooth, steady rocks.] Birds singing odes to this unfolding day, while sitting on tall ancient trees that reach towards the sky, the leaves whispering secrets to the wind. ~~The sun shining bright for us to get tan.~~ [The sun shines brightly upon us.] Touching the smooth leaves and smelling the fragrance of the flowers blooming. ~~The villagers feeding us with many palatable dishes, and lastly, you being welcomed.~~ [The villagers feed us many palatable dishes, and welcome us warmly.]

**Exmouth, 3:30 pm, 8th December, Australia. #2** ~~The hot sand burning your feet feels weirdly satisfying, cool water reducing the burning at the same time.~~ [The hot sand burns your feet in a weirdly satisfying way, whilst cool water soothes the heat.] ~~Surfing when a huge wave hits.~~ [You surf as huge waves hit.] Going deeper to the water and running back as fast as you can when you see that you are gonna get soaked, and how fast you run you still get wet. Wanting to dive, say hi to every animal you meet. In this hot weather getting an ice cream or 2. ~~Lastly having your best time of your lives.~~ [Lastly, having the best time of your life.]

**Shimoda, 7:50 pm, 10th December, Japan.** Sailing on a boat towards the hilltop watching the sun saying goodbye to you. Houses lighting up, people stepped out to fulfill their appetite in [the] restaurant. Seeing hill tops growing taller and taller as you go forward. Birds returning to their corresponding homes and the little ones anxiously waiting [for] their parents to come and feed them. The next day you explore, the villagers offer you food of different varieties. You feel that you belong.

**Lorong Buangkok, 9:00 am, 13th December, Singapore.** Coming into a bright country with unparalleled beauty, with nature, sky scrapers, theme parks, and many more to explore. From animals to frères wheels, everything looks fun. Eat the food, sleep on cozy [cosy] beds, learn the culture, and lastly, being yourself.

**Wānaka, 5:30 pm, 17th December, New Zealand. (last destination) #3** ~~Our final spot, where we see the sunset in a calm way saying goodnight to us.~~ [In our final spot, we watch the sunset

calmly bidding us goodnight.] Feeling hungry, going to the restaurant and order [ordering] heavy meals for you to have a good night sleep and waking up tomorrow for a fresh start. Tomorrow [is] a new day waking up to climb mountains and hilltops and enjoying this breezy weather. Doing many activities you have planned and having a great time where it feels like you are a part of ~~the~~ nature.

**I have noticed that all the places have their own beauty in their own way. Whether its [it's] traditional or formal, everyone and everything equal [is] the same.**