

WRITING PIECE 1 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1: "The majestic, elegant carpet completely stood against the tedious floor of basic wood. The carpet was infused with rich shades of burgundy with light patterns of fire in a burnt sienna colour."

Strengths:

- Rich vocabulary choices like "majestic," "elegant," and "burgundy" create vivid imagery
- Detailed colour descriptions help readers visualise the carpet's appearance

Weakness: Limited sensory engagement → Your writing focuses mainly on visual descriptions. Adding texture and feel would make the carpet come alive. The phrase "completely stood against" doesn't fully capture the contrast you're trying to convey.

Exemplar: *The majestic, elegant carpet's plush fibres created a striking contrast against the plain wooden floor, its rich burgundy hues and burnt sienna patterns dancing like flames across the surface.*

#2: "The shades flowed into each other like watercolour, swirling and swirling, but drying without mixing completely."

Strengths:

- Creative use of simile comparing colours to watercolour
- Effective use of repetition with "swirling"

Weakness: Unclear colour progression → Your description of the colours' interaction needs more specific details. The phrase "drying without mixing completely" leaves readers unsure of the final appearance.

Exemplar: *The burgundy and sienna shades merged like watercolours on canvas, creating mesmerising swirls whilst maintaining their distinct identities at their edges.*

#3: "The last one was earth, the meaning of life and nature. On the outside was a green sea turtle with delicate carvings and in the glass on the inside was somewhere where life was created."

Strengths:

- Thoughtful connection between earth and life themes
- Interesting detail of the carved sea turtle

Weakness: Vague ending → Your final description lacks specific details about the "somewhere where life was created." The connection between the turtle and life creation needs more development.

Exemplar: *The earth medallion celebrated life itself, featuring an intricately carved sea turtle swimming across its surface, while its glass centre revealed a miniature garden where tiny flowers bloomed from rich soil.*

■ Your piece shows wonderful creativity in describing this unique carpet. You've created a magical object that combines natural elements in an interesting way. To strengthen your writing, try to develop each element's description more fully before moving to the next one. Consider adding more details about how these elements interact with each other and their symbolic meanings. Make your descriptions longer by exploring the emotions or memories these decorative elements might evoke.

Actionable Task: Rewrite the paragraph about the wind medallion, focusing on creating a fuller picture by describing its appearance, movement, and the feelings it evokes when people look at it.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

#1 ~~The majestic, elegant carpet completely stood against the tedious floor of basic wood.~~ [The majestic, elegant carpet created a striking contrast against the tedious floor of basic wood.] The carpet was infused with rich shades of burgundy with light patterns of fire in a burnt sienna colour.

#2 ~~The shades flowed into each other like watercolour, swirling and swirling, but drying without mixing completely.~~ [The shades flowed into each other like watercolour, swirling endlessly while maintaining their distinct character.] Under gleaming lights, the border showed with a golden glow blinding the eyes of everyone who saw it. At the four corners were beads and pendants. Each one resembled an element. The one at the top right corner was wind. The medallion was lustrous, representing the calming and soothing breeze of wind. Fire on the other hand, contrasted with the wind. Its rugged surface was carved with stone, and was created using wild, ardent colours giving the fiery effect. The bottom left jewel was similar to wind. It shone with an iridescent glow and had many shades of blue and white, representing the tranquil background.

~~#3 The last one was earth, the meaning of life and nature. On the outside was a green sea turtle with delicate carvings and in the glass on the inside was somewhere where life was created. [The final medallion represented earth, embodying life and nature. A green sea turtle with delicate carvings adorned its outer rim, while the glass centre contained a miniature garden where life flourished.] There was soil and small flowers turning it into life.~~

WRITING PIECE 2 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 "Deep beneath the city, in the unilluminated darkness where no light ever touched, Aiden uncovered a shrouded door that portrayed a disturbing sinister glow." Strengths:

- Strong atmospheric opening that sets a mysterious tone
- Effective use of sensory details to create imagery

Weakness: Limited variety in describing darkness → Your opening contains three similar references to darkness ("beneath", "unilluminated darkness", "no light"). This makes the description feel repetitive rather than building tension.

Exemplar: *Deep beneath the city's forgotten tunnels, Aiden uncovered a shrouded door that pulsed with a disturbing, sinister blue glow.*

#2 "He ran his fingers against it, wondering what could possibly be hidden behind it. The cedar wood was carved with intricate shapes of all different sizes." Strengths:

- Good use of physical interaction to engage readers
- Nice specific detail about the door material

Weakness: Disconnected details → Your description jumps from touching the door to describing its patterns without linking these observations together meaningfully.

Exemplar: *As his fingers traced the intricate patterns carved into the cedar wood, Aiden wondered what secrets lay hidden behind such elaborate craftsmanship.*

#3 "He remembered when they went to a carnival, eating corn dogs and fries. He reminisced about the time where it was his tenth birthday and they threw him a huge party." Strengths:

- Good inclusion of specific memories
- Effectively shows the character's emotional state

Weakness: Sudden shift in tone → Your transition from the mysterious door to happy memories feels abrupt without establishing why these memories surface at this moment.

Exemplar: *The door's welcoming glow reminded him of happier times - carnivals with corn dogs and fries, and the huge celebration on his tenth birthday.*

■ Your piece creates an intriguing setup with the mysterious door and Aiden's backstory. You could deepen the emotional impact by connecting the door's appearance more closely with his memories of loss. Try expanding on how the door's blue glow specifically triggers these

memories. Your writing would benefit from more details about Aiden's current feelings about potentially finding a new family.

Actionable task: Rewrite the memory sequence focusing on linking each happy memory directly to something about the door's appearance or feeling, showing why these specific memories surface at this moment.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

#1 Deep beneath the city, in the unilluminated darkness where no light ever touched, Aiden uncovered a shrouded door that portrayed a disturbing sinister glow.

#2 ~~He ran his fingers against it,~~ [His fingers traced along the surface,] wondering what could possibly be hidden behind it. The cedar wood was carved with intricate shapes of all different sizes.

He lay his head against the door and imagined what was behind the door. ~~It could be a new adventure, filled with anticipation and courage or it could be an entry to a new family that loved and cared for everyone.~~ [It could be a new adventure filled with anticipation and courage, or perhaps an entry to a new family that would love and care for him.]

#3 He scanned through his history. He remembered when they went to a carnival, eating corn dogs and fries. He reminisced about the time ~~where~~ [when] it was his tenth birthday and they threw him a huge party. He sighed.

One day he heard a loud scream and after a few hours there was silence. ~~Then there was a loud slam.~~ [A loud slam echoed through the house.] That was it. Then his mum left.

He thought about the door. Through all the darkness he found that the eerie light was also welcoming. It could be his future, with a new set of loving parents.