

□ WRITING PIECE 1 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1: "She felt the ridges of the map she was carving and wondered if the storms below still whispered secrets to those who dared listen." Strengths:

- Creates strong imagery through sensory details
- Sets an intriguing mysterious tone

Weakness: Limited context → Your opening lacks connection to the main conflict. While poetic, phrases like "storms below" and "whispered secrets" don't link clearly to Anna's career dilemma that follows.

Exemplar: *As Anna traced the ridges of her carved map, the weight of her impending decision pressed heavily upon her thoughts, each path whispering different possibilities.*

#2: "Anna had the chance to come home, to find a well paying job in the hospital, as a surgeon, which would pay enough money to save her family from poverty" Strengths:

- Clear presentation of one side of the conflict
- Shows character's motivation

Weakness: Rushed development → Your writing moves too quickly through this important choice. Phrases like "well paying job" and "save her family from poverty" need more emotional depth to help readers understand Anna's struggle.

Exemplar: *Returning home as a surgeon would mean security for her family - her father's medical bills paid, their mounting debts finally cleared, and a chance to see hope return to her mother's tired eyes.*

#3: "The map that she looked at seemed to change colour with every change in thought that she had" Strengths:

- Creative use of symbolism
- Links external object to internal conflict

Weakness: Underdeveloped metaphor → Your metaphor of the changing map needs more detail. The phrase "change colour with every change in thought" doesn't show how specific colours relate to Anna's feelings.

Exemplar: *As Anna contemplated staying, the research district glowed with brilliant gold promise, while thoughts of home tinted her family's neighbourhood in warm, healing greens.*

■ Your narrative presents an interesting conflict between personal achievement and family duty. The map serves as a clever symbol, but you could make it work harder for your story. Each option needs more emotional weight - what exactly would Anna discover about kidneys? How exactly would she help her father? Adding these details would help readers feel the real weight of her choice. Try showing Anna's thoughts through small actions or memories rather than just telling us what she's thinking.

Your task: Rewrite the paragraph about Anna's potential kidney discovery, focusing on specific details about her research and what this breakthrough would mean for medicine. Include at least two concrete details about the research itself.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

#1 She felt the ridges of the map she was carving and wondered if the storms below still whispered secrets to those who dared listen. #2 As Anna walked through the hallway, she gazed at her map, trying to find the secrets of her past. She thought of her big decision. ~~Anna had the chance to come home, to find a well-paying job~~ [Anna could return home to secure a well-paying position] in the hospital, as a surgeon, which would pay enough money to save her family from poverty, and furthermore help her father's deteriorating health condition. As time ticked by, and she saw the deadline of her decision awaiting on the map, she realised how much in need her parents were. On the other hand, she was about to make a giant discovery in the kidney, and if she stayed, she would make a discovery that would change the world. With time ticking, Anna's life changing decision was about to make an impact on the world, whether she chose to stay or not. #3 ~~The map that she looked at seemed to change colour with every change in thought that she had~~ [The map's colours shifted with each passing thought], with giant circled areas in a city on where she would go if she chose an option. She was stuck at a massive crossroad in her life, and this decision would foreshadow how she lived out her life, and it would also change how her family's deteriorating situation would go.

□ WRITING PIECE 2 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1: "In the soft glow of the alien sunset, the crowd gasped at the intricate sculpture, unaware it was created by the one thing they feared most." Strengths:

- Your opening creates an intriguing atmosphere with vivid sensory details
- Your use of dramatic irony builds tension effectively

Weakness: Unclear Connection → Your opening line introduces an alien setting and fear, but these elements aren't developed in the rest of your narrative. Phrases like "the one thing they feared most" leave readers wondering what exactly is feared and why.

Exemplar: *In the ethereal glow of sunset, the crowd gathered around Allen's intricate sculpture, their gasps of wonder masking their underlying fears of his mysterious creative process.*

#2: "Allen still faces a great fear everytime one of his magnificent pieces were shown to the public." Strengths:

- Your emphasis on the character's internal struggle adds depth
- Your inclusion of character motivation helps readers connect

Weakness: Show vs Tell → Your writing directly states Allen's fear rather than letting readers experience it through his actions and thoughts. Phrases like "great fear" and "magnificent pieces" tell rather than show these qualities.

Exemplar: *Allen's hands trembled as he unveiled his latest masterpiece, his heart pounding with memories of past failures.*

#3: "His screams of pain but also glory echo through the house, with every tantalising mistake crossing out the glory that is revealed after his great actions of prevailing this odd reality." Strengths:

- Your attempt to convey emotional complexity
- Your use of contrasting emotions (pain/glory)

Weakness: Unclear Imagery → Your description mixes different ideas without clear connection. Phrases like "tantalising mistake" and "prevailing this odd reality" create confusion about what's actually happening.

Exemplar: *Each creative session brought both agony and triumph, as Allen fought to overcome his past failures and create something truly extraordinary.*

■ Your narrative presents an interesting exploration of an artist's struggle with fear and ambition. You've created a character whose past trauma affects his present work, which gives your story emotional weight. However, you need to ground your abstract concepts in concrete details. Consider showing how Allen's fear manifests physically - through trembling hands, racing thoughts, or specific memories. Your story would benefit from a clearer timeline of events and more specific details about the artwork itself. Try focusing on one specific moment rather than covering multiple time periods.

Actionable Task: Rewrite the scene focusing on one specific art session, showing Allen's internal struggle through his physical actions and specific memories rather than stating his emotions directly.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

#1 ~~In the soft glow of the alien sunset, the crowd gasped at the intricate sculpture, unaware it was created by the one thing they feared most.~~ [In the soft glow of sunset, the crowd gasped at the intricate sculpture, unaware of its creator's haunting secret.] ~~Despite Allen being~~ [Although Allen was] the most talented and naturally gifted student in art, ~~Allen still faced~~ [he still faced] a great fear ~~everytime~~ [every time] one of his magnificent pieces ~~were~~ [was] shown to the public.

#2 Allen is ~~in great need to win~~ [desperately needs to win], as he is just a young boy who wants to follow his dreams of becoming an artist, and winning his first major art tournament could be a ~~large stepping stool~~ [significant stepping stone] towards his future. Although ~~this~~ [this fear persists], he still has a fear. His great unavoidable fear was caused by his first art competition when he was 12, as when the judges lifted off the cover, a melted, horrific artwork was revealed underneath.

#3 ~~Ever since this incident, Allen has always strived to be better, and he has promised himself to never make a mistake like that ever again.~~ [Since that incident, Allen has strived for perfection, vowing never to repeat such a mistake.] Allen still fears though, with his sessions to make this work of ~~the~~ art, reminiscing throughout his home. His screams of pain but also glory echo through the house, with every tantalising mistake crossing out the glory that is revealed after his great actions of prevailing this odd reality. Because of this, every session that Allen creates his

sculpture in, becomes a battle between his love for art, and his need to win, battling his fear of the past.

□ INTERVIEW

Section 1:

#1: "My parents always look out for me as their number one priority and make me feel happy when I'm down. Me and my family also remember to have fun, and not get too pressured."

Strengths:

- Shows emotional connection with parents
- Demonstrates positive family dynamics

Weakness: Surface-level description → Your re stays at a basic level without diving into specific examples of how your parents support you or make you feel happy. The phrase "make me feel happy when I'm down" could be enhanced with a concrete situation.

Exemplar: *When I feel overwhelmed with school work, my parents help me create study schedules and encourage me to take breaks, showing their care through practical support.*

#2: "When I was 7, I broke my leg. I saw this as a bad thing, as I couldn't play sports or walk around for a year. But my family saw this differently, and they helped me adopt a new instrument to play, the piano."

Strengths:

- Good use of personal experience
- Shows family's role in turning challenges into opportunities

Weakness: Limited reflection → Your response needs more details about how learning piano changed your outlook. The phrase "I walked away as a better child" leaves readers wondering how exactly you grew from this experience.

Exemplar: *Through learning piano during my recovery, I discovered my love for music and learned that setbacks can lead to unexpected talents.*

#3: "My mum also helps me in my life, as she takes care of me, valuing me and my sister as her number 1 priority. Because of this, I have been able to live my life to the most enjoyable level, and the fullest."

Strengths:

- Shows appreciation for mother's sacrifices
- Links past to present impact

Weakness: Vague appreciation → The description needs specific examples of how your mum helps you enjoy life fully. The phrase "live my life to the most enjoyable level" could be more concrete.

Exemplar: *My mum's dedication shows in how she attends all my school events, helps me with homework, and creates special family moments that make each day meaningful.*

■ Your piece would benefit from more detailed examples and deeper reflection. When you mention family traditions, try to describe the atmosphere, conversations, and feelings during these moments. Share more specific ways your family supports you beyond general statements. You could expand on how your mum's journey from Vietnam specifically influences your own goals and values.

Score: 35/50

Section 2:

~~Me and my family~~ [My family and I] also remember to have fun, and not get too pressured. My family also always cheers me on in my victories, and takes mistakes positively. #1 My parents always look out for me as their number one priority and make me feel happy when I'm down. #2 When I was 7, I broke my leg. I saw this as a bad thing, as I couldn't play sports or walk around for a year. But my family saw this differently, and they helped me adopt a new instrument to play, the piano. This was not what I dreamed of, but in the end, I walked away as a better child.

One family tradition that I cherish the most is playing board games with my family, as it brings joy to the whole house. The games we play are games like Wordle, when we all solve the words together as a family, or we play card games like Uno. When we play games like this, it is usually before we sleep, and it helps us sleep better the next day. I love this, as it brings some light-competitive spirit into the family, and it helps us ~~rewind~~ [unwind] and relax.

The person that inspires me the most in my family is my mum, because she was a person that grew up in Vietnam, a third world country, but she had one chance to improve her life. ~~If she went to university overseas, she would have the opportunity to move overseas to live.~~ [Going to university overseas gave her the opportunity to move and build a new life.] Her determination in her life to achieve moving to Australia is something that has acted as a catalyst, making me able to enjoy life in Australia. #3 My mum also helps me in my life, as she takes care of me, valuing me and my sister as her number 1 priority. Because of this, I have been able to live my life to the most enjoyable level, and the fullest.

