

□ WRITING PIECE 1 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1: "The wrinkled Map lay in Adams palms as the ruthless waves hit the ship. Adams hair was soaking wet from the heavy rain, his lips shivering as he navigated the ship to find what could be the last emeralds on earth."

Strengths:

- Your opening creates a tense atmosphere through vivid sensory details
- Your use of weather elements builds suspense effectively

Weakness: Missing emotional depth → Your opening focuses mainly on physical descriptions. While "Adams hair was soaking wet" and "his lips shivering" show his physical state, we don't see his inner thoughts or feelings about this dangerous situation.

Exemplar: *The wrinkled map trembled in Adam's shaking hands as ruthless waves battered the ship. His soaked hair clung to his face while icy rain pelted down, but determination burned in his heart - these emeralds could change everything.*

#2: "Adams head was about to explode because of the thoughts. He had grown up in a poor village and taken on this journey to help find money for his family to help support a better lifestyle."

Strengths:

- Your background information helps readers understand Adam's motivation
- Your character shows clear goals and purpose

Weakness: Underdeveloped backstory → The mention of Adam's poor village life feels rushed. Phrases like "taken on this journey" and "better lifestyle" could be more detailed to help readers connect with Adam's struggles.

Exemplar: *Memories of his village flooded Adam's mind - the leaking roof of his family's tiny home, his mother's tired eyes after long days of work. This journey wasn't just about emeralds; it was about giving his family the life they deserved.*

#3: "And with that he jumped into the fearsome ocean with only the map as his last trace."

Strengths:

- Your ending shows a powerful sacrifice
- Your conclusion ties back to the map mentioned at the start

Weakness: Rushed ending → The final moment feels too quick. The phrase "And with that" doesn't give enough weight to Adam's brave choice.

Exemplar: *Taking one last look at his crew, Adam clutched the weathered map to his chest and stepped into the churning waves below, knowing his sacrifice would give his family a chance at a better future.*

■ Your narrative shows promise in creating exciting moments and building tension through weather descriptions. Adding more details about Adam's feelings throughout would make readers care more about him. Try showing us more about his relationship with the crew members he saves. Your ending could be stronger if you took more time to describe Adam's final moments and thoughts. Focus on making your reader feel what Adam feels in each scene.

Try to rewrite your piece and follow the story starter provided in the writing prompt.

Score: 37/50

Section 2:

The wrinkled Map lay in ~~Adams~~ [Adam's] palms as the ruthless waves hit the ship. ~~Adams~~ [Adam's] hair was soaking wet from the heavy rain, his lips shivering as he navigated the ship to find what could be the last emeralds on earth. #1 His crew was ready to give up for weeks however ~~Adam~~ [Adam,] believed they could find it. However, the weather wasn't making it easier. The boat trembled from side to side as Adam tripped and half of the soggy map fell into the petrifying dark ocean. This was a huge blow. Now Adam had to remember half of the map from memory. ~~As he and his team were mourning the loss the water started retreating.~~ [As he and his team mourned their loss, the water began to retreat.] ~~The~~ [They] were confused at first but then ~~realised~~ [realised] that this could only mean one thing. A colossal wave hit the ship, and the water started flooding. An emergency helicopter was called to save the crew on the ship. Until then ~~the~~ [they] had to do everything. They all grabbed life vests and floaties and climbed to the top of the ship [;] soon enough the helicopter arrived. They all fitted in except for 1. #2 ~~Adams~~ [Adam's] head was about to explode because of the thoughts. He had grown up in a poor village

and taken on this journey to help find money for his family to help support a better lifestyle. However, it wouldn't be fair if he sacrificed his crew's life for something he'd wanted. So, he gave the map to his crew [,] ~~Told~~ [told] them to give some money to his parents if they ended up finding the emeralds and said his final goodbyes. #3 And with that he jumped into the fearsome ocean with only the map as his last trace.

□ WRITING PIECE 2 - FEEDBACK

Section 1:

#1 "As the fearsome sun blazed into the nylon, covering the new statue about to be revealed to millions of people. The crowd's eyes twinkling in excitement to showcase what had taken 3 years in mystery make."

Strengths:

- Your vivid description of the sun creates a striking opening image
- Your inclusion of the time frame adds intrigue to the setup

Weakness: Incomplete scene setting → Your opening lacks clear details about the location and atmosphere. Phrases like "mystery make" leave readers wondering about basic context. The scene needs more specific details about where this unveiling is taking place.

Exemplar: *The fearsome sun blazed down onto the nylon-covered statue in Central Square, where millions had gathered for the mysterious unveiling that had taken three years to complete.*

#2 "His eyes a shade of emerald his beard so majestic. He grabbed the cloth pulled it out and showed the statue."

Strengths:

- Your descriptive details about the character's appearance are memorable
- Your build-up to the reveal creates suspense

Weakness: Disconnected descriptions → Your sentences feel choppy and separate from each other. The phrases "shade of emerald" and "so majestic" need proper connections to flow smoothly.

Exemplar: *His emerald eyes gleamed as he stroked his majestic beard, then with dramatic flair, he grabbed the cloth and revealed the statue.*

#3 "The shot people turning them into vermillion flames and then the firefighters had to be called. The colossal army was just too much for everyone."

Strengths:

- Your creative use of colour imagery with "vermillion flames"
- Your building of tension through escalating danger

Weakness: Rushed action sequence → Your description of the attack moves too quickly through important events. Phrases like "had to be called" and "too much for everyone" need more detail about what's happening.

Exemplar: *The aliens' weapons transformed their victims into towering vermillion flames, overwhelming the firefighters who rushed to battle both the fire and the colossal alien army.*

■ Your story has an exciting premise but needs more development of key moments. The alien invasion feels sudden without enough build-up to make it believable. Try adding more hints about something strange before the reveal. Your description of the crowd's reaction could be stronger by showing individual reactions rather than just general chaos. Focus on making each scene flow naturally into the next. Add more details about what makes these aliens threatening beyond just turning people into flames.

Actionable task: Rewrite the revelation scene (when the statue is unveiled) focusing on building tension through the crowd's specific reactions and adding subtle hints that something otherworldly is about to happen.

Score: 36/50

Section 2:

#1 ~~As the fearsome sun blazed into the nylon, covering the new statue about to be revealed to millions of people. The crowd's eyes twinkling in excitement to showcase what had taken 3 years in mystery make.~~ [The fearsome sun blazed onto the nylon covering the new statue, which was about to be revealed to millions of people. The crowd's eyes twinkled with excitement as they waited to see what had taken three years of mysterious work to create.]

The person showing it ~~fabulously dressed~~ [was fabulously dressed] in a formal suit. #2 ~~His eyes a shade of emerald his beard so majestic.~~ [His eyes shone like emeralds, complementing his majestic beard.] He grabbed the cloth ~~pulled it out~~ [and pulled it away] and showed the statue. Groans from crowds turned to shrieks. It was a statue of an alien. Suddenly ~~the man in the suit bursted~~ [the man in the suit burst] into malachite jelly blobs and formed together to show alien. Soon all the organisers did the same. "ATTACK". Chaos spread. Screaming, crying everything was happening. #3 ~~The shot people turning them into vermillion flames and then the firefighters had to be called.~~ [The aliens shot people, turning them into vermillion flames, forcing emergency services to summon the firefighters.] The colossal army was just too much for everyone. So will earth survive this outer space attack, Or will this be the end for humanity?

□ INTERVIEW

Section 1:

#1 "My family, mostly my parents have influenced my actions by influencing my decisions..."

Strengths:

- Clear personal connection showing parental guidance
- Good use of specific examples about jealousy and handling situations with cousins

Weakness: Limited reflection on personal growth → Your response focuses mainly on following parents' advice without showing how these teachings shaped your character or values. The phrase "I listen to them because I know they have more experience" suggests passive acceptance rather than active learning and personal development.

Exemplar: ***"My parents' guidance on managing emotions like jealousy has helped me develop into a more understanding person, especially when dealing with younger family members."***

#2 "One family custom me and my parents never break is praying in the morning..." Strengths:

- Honest sharing of family values
- Shows flexibility in maintaining traditions

Weakness: Surface-level discussion of beliefs → Your answer touches on religious practices but doesn't delve into how these beliefs shape your daily choices or personality. When you mention "God means everything," you could explore what this means for your character development.

Exemplar: ***"Our morning prayers aren't just a ritual - they centre me for the day ahead and remind me to approach challenges with patience and kindness."***

#3 "My auntie inspires me the most because of her resilience..." Strengths:

- Strong narrative flow
- Clear connection between inspiration and personal motivation

Weakness: Missing personal application → While you tell your aunt's story well, you don't connect it to your own life choices or goals. The phrase "by working hard and staying resilient you can turn your fate around" remains general rather than personal.

Exemplar: ***"My aunt's journey from hardship to success has taught me to face my own challenges with determination, such as when I struggled with..."***

■ Your answers would benefit from more personal reflection and detailed examples from your own life. Try connecting family influences directly to your actions and decisions. Share specific

situations where these teachings helped you grow. Consider expanding each answer by adding your own experiences that show how family values and inspiration have shaped your choices.

Score: 3/50

Section 2:

#1 ~~My family, mostly my parents have influenced~~ [My family, especially my parents, have influenced] my actions by influencing my decisions. They always tell me not ~~be~~ [to be] jealous and not excessively ask for something just because I had seen someone bragging about it. They also told me not to get angry at my younger cousins for telling on me for the tiniest accidental things and exaggerating it because they weren't old enough to understand. So, my parents play a significant role in my decision making. I listen to them because I know they have more experience than me and I know they always want the best for me.

#2 ~~One family custom me and my parents never break~~ [One family custom my parents and I never break] is praying in the morning. We value our beliefs extensively and we also don't mind other religions because we view God as one, however ~~different people see it different ways~~ [people see it in different ways] and it signifies different things to some people. If we must go somewhere early [in] morning and we don't have time to pray, we just pray in our minds while travelling or doing the works because it only takes like 3 minutes. For us God means everything, and we cherish to celebrate Him/her every day.

#3 My auntie inspires me the most because of her resilience to the problems in life. She was living life happily until she got a divorce and insisted on having custody of both her children. She started a job, at first rented a small house near my grandmother. ~~Slowly she rose threw~~ [Slowly, she rose through] the ranks of the company and saved enough money to buy a great house and take care of her children greatly. This story inspires me that no matter what situation you are in, or what you have gone through, by working hard and staying resilient you can turn your fate around. She stands as a catalyst for motivation in my family and for people who hear her story.