

Section 1:

#1: "I held the hose steadily as I watered the vivid plants. But then my eyes caught a crystalline object shining in the crispy morning air, that struck unusual. I kneeled with caution as I pushed the elegant lilies out of my sight. I uncovered a complex gold carved key"

Strengths:

- Strong sensory details with words like "crystalline" and "vivid"
- Good use of suspense building towards discovering the key

Weakness: Limited scene development → Your opening could be enriched by establishing the setting more fully. The morning atmosphere and garden details feel rushed, particularly in "that struck unusual."

I held the hose steadily, watching droplets sparkle in the crisp morning air as I watered the vivid plants. A flash of light caught my eye - something crystalline gleaming between the elegant lilies. Kneeling carefully, I pushed aside the flowers to uncover an intricately carved golden key.

#2: "I put the key and the unexpected happened. I was visualizing seeing garden tools like it had been But instead ghosts stood in front of me. Not any ghosts though. It was my elders' ghosts."

Strengths:

- Creative supernatural element
- Personal connection with family members

Weakness: Unclear progression → Your transition from unlocking the door to seeing the ghosts needs more detail. "I put the key" is incomplete, and the sequence of events is hard to follow.

With trembling hands, I inserted the key into the lock. Instead of the dusty garden tools I expected to find, I gasped as ghostly figures materialised before me - the familiar faces of my departed elders.

#3: "Then I came across a ladder pointing straight up. I looked up hopelessly. Then I noticed a vent door. "That's why grandma was always on the roof," I sighed as I shook my head."

Strengths:

- Nice revelation about grandmother's past behaviour
- Good use of dialogue for internal thoughts

Weakness: Underdeveloped emotional moment → Your discovery of the ladder and connection to grandmother's past feels rushed. The emotional weight of this revelation could be explored more deeply.

My eyes followed the wooden ladder stretching upward into shadows. A smile tugged at my lips as I spotted the vent door above - suddenly, all those times I'd seen Grandma climbing to the roof made perfect sense.

■ Your story has a wonderful magical element that connects family relationships with mystery. You could strengthen the emotional impact by spending more time describing your feelings about seeing your departed family members. Consider expanding on the significance of the garden shed in your grandmother's life and what this discovery means to you. Try making your piece longer by adding more details about your interactions with the ghosts.

Actionable task: Rewrite the scene where you encounter the ghosts, focusing on describing your emotional reaction and including specific memories of your elders that make the moment more meaningful.

Score: 38/50

Section 2:

#1 I held the hose steadily as I watered the vivid plants. ~~But then my eyes caught~~ [My eyes were drawn to] a crystalline object shining in the ~~crispy~~ [crisp] morning air, ~~that struck unusual~~ [which seemed oddly out of place]. I kneeled with caution as I pushed the elegant lilies out of my sight. I uncovered a complex gold carved key.

#2 ~~I put the key and the unexpected happened.~~ [I inserted the key into the lock, and something extraordinary happened.] ~~I was visualizing seeing garden tools like it had been~~ ~~But instead~~ [Instead of the garden tools I had expected to find,] ghosts stood in front of me. Not any ghosts though. It was my elders' ghosts.

#3 Then I came across a ladder pointing straight up. I looked up hopelessly. Then I noticed a vent door. "That's why grandma was always on the roof," I sighed as I shook my head. I climbed up the ladder slowly and punched the vent door open. Quickly green hills came ~~in the view~~ [into view]. I slowly sat down and grasped the key tightly [.]

"That's why grandma loved the shed so much."