

## Section 1:

### #1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Vivid sensory details bring the scene to life through descriptions of colours, dance, and aromas
- Strong descriptive language creates an engaging opening that draws readers in

Weaknesses: Lack of cohesive flow → Your sentences jump between different sensory details without smooth transitions. For example, "Rivers of colours" suddenly shifts to "Samba dancers" then to "sweet and savoury aroma" without connection.

Exemplar: *The rivers of colours flow through the city streets as Samba dancers move gracefully to the infectious rhythm. Above them, the golden sun bathes everything in a warm glow, while sweet and savoury aromas waft through the air, adding to the festive atmosphere.*

### #2 (Second paragraph) Strengths:

- Good introduction to the cultural significance of the carnival
- Effectively highlights key elements of the celebration

Weaknesses: Limited detail development → Your description of the carnival's elements remains surface-level. When you mention "different stories of their life," you don't provide specific examples or elaborate on these stories.

Exemplar: *The Samba dancers move with precision, their movements telling ancient tales of triumph and tradition. Each step and gesture narrates stories passed down through generations, from tales of harvest celebrations to legends of cultural heroes.*

### #3 (Fun Facts section) Strengths:

- Interesting statistical information
- Good variety of historical and current facts

Weaknesses: Disconnected presentation → Your fun facts appear abruptly without context or connection to the main text. The transition from the Mongolian parade to Brazilian carnival facts is jarring.

Exemplar: *To truly appreciate the scale of this spectacular event, consider these fascinating details about the carnival: while 500,000 foreign visitors flock to join the celebrations each year, an impressive 2 million people fill the streets daily during the festival.*

→ Your writing shows promise in descriptive language but needs more depth and connection between ideas. The sudden shift from Brazil to Mongolia breaks the flow and confuses the main focus of your piece. Consider choosing one location and exploring it more thoroughly. You can expand your descriptions by including more specific details about the celebrations, such as traditional costume details or specific dance moves.

**Actionable task:** Rewrite your piece focusing solely on the Brazilian carnival, adding specific details about one aspect (either the costumes, dance, or food) in each paragraph.

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**Score: 38/50**

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Section 2:

A day of celebration

~~#1 Picture this Rivers of colours flowing into the city , the colourful Samba dancers step in time to the rhythm of the song as the sun pours down unto the city making everything glow. [Picture this: Rivers of colours flow into the city as colourful Samba dancers step in time to the rhythm of the song. The sun pours down onto the city, making everything glow.] The sweet and savoury aroma rises up into the air making the air a little bit sweeter than what it was before. At this time of year it makes every citizen in this country happy, where can you find such a place? [This time of year brings joy to every citizen in this country. Where can you find such a place?] ... Brazil~~

~~#2 The vibrant spirit of the Brazilian culture Here in Brazil during the time of the carnival Brazilian citizens and people from all over the world come and enjoy this celebration. [During carnival time in Brazil, citizens and people from all over the world gather to enjoy this celebration.] There are traditional songs, dance, parades, masks, food and samba competitions. Costumes in this parade are extremely creative. [The costumes in this parade showcase extreme creativity.] The main part of this carnival is the samba. The Samba dancers hit the beat on point as they dance to the music telling different stories of their life.~~

Mongolia's scenic sights and beauty From the Alpine Mountains to the Gobi Desert Mongolia is truly a sight to see. A Tableau of snowcapped mountains, Alpine lakes and beautiful valleys Mongolia's Tavan Bogd National Park is home to the highest peaks in the country, covering around 630,000 hectares.

The rhythmic parade in Ulaanbaatar This parade is filled with celebration. ~~The State Flag Day Parade~~ [The State Flag Day Parade] is part of the main state holiday in Mongolia. It includes a military parade and a ceremony to raise the Mongolian flag. The Mongolian National Costume

Festival and Parade is held on July 9th. This parade includes a fashion show, and a parade of families dressed ~~on~~ [in] traditional Mongolian clothing. It also includes traditional artistic performances and prizes for the best dressed.

### #3 Fun Facts:

1. 500,000 foreign visitors attend the carnival each year.
2. 2 million people take the streets every day.
3. 10 million litres of beer are consumed every year.
4. The carnival was introduced to Brazil by Portuguese immigrants.
5. The first Carnival was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1723
6. The Rio Carnival is the world's biggest carnival
7. The carnival in Brazil is always held 40 days before Easter
8. Samba schools were introduced in the early 1900s

~~In conclusion this joy filled city is certainly the place to go on your next holiday.~~ [In conclusion, this joy-filled city is certainly the place to go on your next holiday.] Make sure that the Brazil Carnival and the Mongolian sights are at the top of your bucket list. This colourful place is the key to adventure and fun!