

## Section 1:

### #1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Strong opening establishing the preparation and determination
- Effective use of foreshadowing with "little did I know what was coming"

Weakness: Inconsistent Tense Usage → Your writing shifts between past and present tense, creating confusion. For instance, "I saw my parents watching me as I crossed the finish line in my head" mixes both tenses in a single sentence.

Exemplar: "Even at the starting line, I felt the heat, but I visualised my parents watching me cross the finish line."

### #2 (Third paragraph) Strengths:

- Clear portrayal of the internal struggle
- Effective emphasis on perseverance

Weakness: Repetitive Expression → Your writing repeats similar ideas about exhaustion and determination without developing them further. For instance, "I was exhausted and wanted to give up" is followed immediately by "I knew I had to do this."

Exemplar: "At the two-and-a-half-hour mark, exhaustion threatened to overwhelm me, but the memory of my rigorous training steeled my resolve."

### #3 (Final paragraph) Strengths:

- Good reflection on the experience
- Vivid details about the natural environment

Weakness: Underdeveloped Conclusion → Your conclusion lists experiences without fully exploring their impact. The phrase "Some memories I had while doing this" introduces ideas that could be better integrated into a cohesive reflection.

Exemplar: "The untouched desert landscape, with its fascinating wildlife from foxes to snakes, taught me that true achievement lies not just in reaching the finish line, but in appreciating the journey itself."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your piece in a radio transcript format. Focus on maintaining consistent past tense throughout, and ensure each sentence flows logically into the next by using clear transitional phrases.

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Score: 39/50

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Section 2:

#1 Mark: ~~Even before the marathon, I worked tirelessly to do this and I would work everyday 1 month before the day making it a routine to help me run 42 kilometres through the desert.~~ [Even before the marathon, I worked tirelessly, establishing a daily routine one month prior to help me complete the 42-kilometre desert run.] Thankfully I had the courage and effort to pull through the hard work and improve. ~~Even when I got to the starting line I could feel the heat but I saw my parents watching me as I crossed the finish line in my head.~~ [At the starting line, despite feeling the intense heat, I visualised my parents watching me cross the finish line.] As soon as we started I took off at a steady pace but little did I know what was coming for me next.

1 hour in my legs were starting to give in, they were stiff, sore, and tired from the long haul. But I was determined as a bear hunting ~~some~~ [its] tuna. ~~I~~ [I] was starting to have a stitch and I couldn't breathe well causing me to slow my pace. I felt as if something was tugging me back. Though running was hard, I enjoyed the scenery and beauty of the desert. Something that I will always remember. Halfway in, I felt dehydrated and hot though, I kept on running without stop.

#2 By the time we had passed the ~~2hours~~ [hour] ~~30-minute~~ [thirty-minute] mark, I was exhausted and wanted to give up, but I remembered how hard I worked for this. I knew I had to do this. Through my resilience and hard work, I was able to ~~succeed~~ ~~keep~~ [to keep] myself going.

I was starting to crumble and I was feeling very sick and slow. I couldn't tell if I had been running for 3 hours or 4. Along the way I encountered various animals and creatures that I loved. Seeing them in their natural habitat was fun and kept me going ~~I~~ [I] was nauseous, very sick and slow. All of those things were starting to lay down on me. That's when I saw the finish line.

I summoned all of my strength and pushed through, kept on running. The finish line was near, maybe 1 kilometre away. Everyone was cheering for me but I hardly noticed. As soon as I pushed through the ribbon, the crowd burst with a huge cheer. I had finally done it [.] I had done a full marathon through the Sahara desert. I looked at my time. 4 hours and 23 minutes, not bad.

All in all I learned a lot from this wonderful, hard, achieving experience. I saw lots of animals, the beautiful desert and the feeling so exhausted you could collapse and go to sleep. I had fulfilled my journey. Overall I would definitely do this again as it would help me learn more, be more fit, and be more knowledgeable.

#3 ~~Some memories I had while doing this is seeing the nature and the feeling of no humans impacting the area the wonderful animals I saw like foxes or snakes and the heat that exhausted even the best of runners.~~ [The enduring memories of this journey include the pristine nature

untouched by human influence, the wonderful animals like foxes and snakes, and the relentless heat that challenged even the strongest runners.] The journey and experience was the thing that would help me get to the end of the finish line.