

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths:

- Your opening effectively creates intrigue with the mention of an "Enchanted forest"
- Your use of dialogue adds life to the interaction with the shopkeeper

Weaknesses: Inconsistent punctuation and run-on sentences → Your writing combines multiple thoughts without proper punctuation. For example: "so I went to the local village" should be a new sentence. The exclamation marks are overused, making the writing feel rushed.

Exemplar: *Dear diary, I have just returned from my enchanting trip to the Enchanted Forest. After hearing rumours about this mysterious place, I decided to see it for myself.*

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths:

- Your descriptive language brings the forest to life through sensory details
- Your creative element of the self-writing paper adds mystery

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped scene setting → Your descriptions jump quickly between events without fully developing each moment. The transition from falling to discovering the sign feels rushed. "After what seemed like one million years" could be expanded with more detail about the fall.

Exemplar: *The fall seemed endless as I tumbled through darkness. When I finally landed with a soft thud, my eyes adjusted to reveal a broken wooden sign partially covered in moss.*

#3 (Third paragraph): Strengths:

- Your dialogue with the Venus fly trap is engaging
- Your ending shows thoughtfulness about keeping the forest secret

Weaknesses: Rushed resolution → Your escape from the forest happens too quickly and the ending feels abrupt. The interaction with the Venus fly trap could be expanded to show more emotion and detail about why you chose to keep it secret.

Exemplar: *As I considered the Venus fly trap's request, I felt a mix of excitement and responsibility. Having a magical friend in this secret place would be wonderful, even if I couldn't tell anyone else.*

■ Your diary entry shows creativity and imagination in creating a magical world. However, you could deepen the emotional impact by spending more time describing your feelings during key moments. Try adding more details about your fears when meeting the tiger and your wonder when discovering the forest's magical elements. Consider expanding on why keeping the forest secret is important to you.

Rewrite the scene where you fall into the sinkhole, focusing on describing your thoughts and feelings during the fall, and what you saw and heard as you descended.

Score: 37/50

Section 2:

Dear diary,

~~I have just returned from my enchanting trip to the Enchanted forest. It was a wonderful time though some things annoyed so much, that it drove me up the wall! Here is what happened. [I have just returned from my enchanting trip to the Enchanted Forest. It was a wonderful time, though some things annoyed me so much that they drove me up the wall! Let me tell you what happened.] #1 I had heard rumours about the enchanted forest so I thought, why don't I go see it for myself? so I went to the local village to get the map. [Having heard rumours about the Enchanted Forest, I decided to see it for myself. I went to the local village to get a map.] "you'll get hard time trying to find it," the shopkeeper exclaimed, " everyone is trying to find it so they will be famous but no one has seen it!" [You'll get a hard time trying to find it," the shopkeeper exclaimed. "Everyone is trying to find it to become famous, but no one has seen it!" I thanked the shopkeeper for his "useful" information and set off. I followed the map until the very very end of the trail but the rest was all old and faded. [I thanked the shopkeeper for his "useful" information and set off. I followed the map until the very end of the trail, but the rest was old and faded.] No! I will not give up, I told myself. ["No! I will not give up," I told myself.] I walked around for a while until. Rustle, rustle, there was something coming. [I walked around for a while until... Rustle, rustle! Something was coming.] My ears pricked up, trying to hear any sounds. Nothing[.] ~~, With~ [. With] the blink of my eye, a tiger came pouncing at me. I backed up and tripped over a stone. Thump, thump. A sinkhole formed underneath me, I fell with it. [A sinkhole formed underneath me, and I fell with it.] The last thing I saw was the tiger looking terrified, then it was all dirt.~~

~~#2 After what seemed like one million years (times one hundred) I hit the ground. [After what seemed like one million years (multiplied by one hundred), I hit the ground.] I surveyed my new~~

surroundings and noticed a broken sign. It read, ~~_____ me _o the En_ha_ted F_rest. That must of read welcome to the Enchanted Forest!~~ [That must have read 'Welcome to the Enchanted Forest!'] ~~I have found it! I sat down and took in my environments.~~ [I had found it! I sat down and took in my environment.] ~~I could hear some birds chirping happily in the distance, the grass was so fluffy it was as though I was sitting on cotton!~~ [I could hear birds chirping happily in the distance, and the grass was so fluffy that it felt like sitting on cotton!] ~~I took a deep breath, my nose immediately became so overwhelmed.~~ [I took a deep breath, and my nose was immediately overwhelmed.] ~~There was so many flowers and plant with different smells, they all smelt as sweet as sugar.~~ [There were so many flowers and plants with different smells, all as sweet as sugar.] I stood ~~u~~ [up] again, wanting to explore the forest. ~~Suddenly, it hit me like lightning, I realised that there was no way out of here!~~ [Suddenly, like a bolt of lightning, I realised there was no way out of here!] Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a piece of paper falling from the sky and landed in front of my feet. ~~I picked it up, and saw it was blank.~~ [I picked it up and saw it was blank.] The paper started to write by itself as if there was an invisible hand writing on it. I read it. ~~Dear reader, well done, you have found the rare Enchanted forest.~~ [Dear reader, well done! You have found the rare Enchanted Forest.] ~~I know you're wondering, how do I get out of here, then don't fret, I will help you.~~ [I know you're wondering how to get out of here. Don't fret, I will help you.] First, go to the Venus fly trap [;] it will help you from there.

#3 ~~I wandered around the forest trying to find this, Venus fly trap.~~ [I wandered around the forest trying to find this Venus fly trap.] Snap! That sound came from behind me! ~~I turned around and came face to face with hundreds of pointy teeth.~~ [I turned around and found myself face to face with hundreds of pointy teeth.] ~~"What are you doing here human?" It hissed.~~ ["What are you doing here, human?" it hissed.] ~~I jumped about a metre into the air, I didn't think the Venus fly trap could talk!~~ [I jumped about a metre into the air—I didn't think the Venus fly trap could talk!] Gathering myself, I answered, ~~I'm~~ [I am] trying to find the way out of this forest," I replied. "Oh! All you have to do is bounce on that mushroom." It used its head to point to the mushroom. "Bounce?! ~~I'm~~ [I am] too old for that child's games!" I exclaimed. It shook its head and replied, ~~than~~ [then] there is no way out." In the end, I agreed and hopped onto the mushroom. "One last thing before you go," the Venus fly trap said. "Yes?" "Could you visit me? I do feel lonely sometimes." "Sure!" I replied. I bounced once and immediately shot up like a bullet. ~~I was going to crash into the thick layers of leaves!~~ [I was going to crash into the thick layers of leaves!] In a flash, a portal appeared and I shot through it. ~~And~~ [, and] landed ~~n~~ [in] front of the stone that I had tripped over ~~from~~ before. ~~Instead of running straight to the news agent. I walked home merrily.~~ [Instead of running straight to the news agent, I walked home merrily.] The forest would be my little secret. Or so I thought.

Yours sincerely, Olivia