### TERM 1 2025 - WEEK 3 | Year 4 Reading Comprehension

#### Section 1:

#1 "In the mines a boy named Jake was mining suddenly a rock fell from the sky. Inside was map. As soon as he touched it he was sucked in it."

# Strengths:

- You've created an interesting hook that immediately draws the reader in with action
- The magical element of being "sucked into" a map shows good imagination.

Weakness: Underdeveloped opening  $\rightarrow$  Your opening lacks proper sentence structure and punctuation, making it difficult to follow the sequence of events. The transition between mining and finding the map happens too abruptly without giving readers time to understand the setting. There's also no description of Jake's reaction to finding a map inside a rock, which would help readers connect with him emotionally.

"In the mines, a boy named Jake was carefully digging when suddenly a strange rock fell from above. His eyes widened as he cracked it open to reveal an ancient-looking map. The moment his fingers touched the worn parchment, Jake felt a powerful force pulling him inward."

#2 "When he awoke he screamed to the sight of pyothens all around him. Take me soe where else he though. Surpisingly he found him self on another island."

# Strengths:

- You've introduced fantasy creatures which shows creativity.
- The idea of magical teleportation based on thoughts is clever.

Weakness: Unclear world-building  $\rightarrow$  It's not clear what "pyothens" are, which makes it hard for readers to picture the danger Jake faces. The teleportation happens without explanation of how this power works, leaving readers confused. The writing also contains spelling errors that interrupt the flow of your story.

"When Jake awoke, he screamed at the sight of scaly pyothens surrounding him, their forked tongues flicking menacingly. 'Take me somewhere else!' he thought desperately. To his amazement, the world blurred and suddenly he found himself on a sandy island shore."

#3 "Finally reached land and Jake still could not figure how to go home. Then a pirat un tied him and he bolted. He ran for several days before he relised he was in the mines again. Then he found him self just standing there he touched him self and he was suked into his body and he was normal again."

## Strengths:

- The circular story structure of returning to the mines shows good planning.
- The resolution provides closure to Jake's adventure.

Weakness: Rushed ending  $\rightarrow$  The conclusion feels rushed with too many events happening in quick succession without enough detail. The explanation of how Jake returns to normal is confusing because it's not clear what "touched himself" means or why that would bring him back. The story uses too many "and" connections rather than varied sentence structures.

"After finally reaching land, Jake still couldn't work out how to return home. When a pirate unexpectedly untied him, he seized his chance and bolted away. After running for what felt like days, he was shocked to discover he'd somehow reached the mines again. Strangely, he spotted himself standing motionless nearby. When he touched his other self, Jake felt a powerful sensation as he was pulled back into his own body, finally returning to normal."

■ Your adventure story has a promising foundation with magical elements and danger that young readers would enjoy. However, you need to slow down and expand important moments rather than rushing through them. Your character Jake needs more personality so readers can care about what happens to him. Consider adding more details about how he feels during his journey - is he scared, brave, or homesick? The story would benefit from clearer explanations of the magical elements, especially how the map works and what rules govern its magic. Also, adding sensory details would make your different settings (the mines, the monster island, the pirate ship) feel more real to readers. Breaking your writing into proper paragraphs would help organise the different parts of Jake's adventure.

Overall Score: 37/50

#### Section 2:

In the mines a boy named Jake was mining suddenly a rock fell from the sky. [In the mines, a boy named Jake was mining when suddenly a rock fell from the sky.] #1 Inside was map. [a map.] As soon as he touched it he was sucked in it. [As soon as he touched it, he was sucked into it.] #1 When he awoke he screamed to the sight of pyothens all around him. [When he awoke, he screamed at the sight of pyothens all around him.] #2 Take me soe where else he though. [Take me somewhere else, he thought.] Surprisingly [Surprisingly] he found him self [he found himself] on another island.

- #2 Roughly, a pirate picked him up and tie [tied] him to a wooden pole. Jake was so scared he fogot [forgot] he could teleport. Then the boat began to move. They sailed for days and days. Finally reached land [They finally reached land] and Jake still could not figure how [out how] to go home.
- #3 Then a pirat [pirate] un tied [untied] him and he bolted. He ran for several days before he relised [realised] he was in the mines again. #3 Then he found him self just standing there he touched him self and he was suked into his body and he was normal again. [Then he found himself just standing there. He touched himself and he was sucked into his body, and he was normal again.] #3 He droped [dropped] the map and ran, to [too] afraid to go back.