

Section 1:

#1: "Tokyo was my first trip to Japan, and it was incredible, the sights, the food, the culture, everything about it was unbelievable and out of the world." Strengths:

- Strong personal connection shown through first-person narrative
- Good use of enthusiastic tone to convey excitement

Weakness: Limited descriptive details → Your opening lacks specific details about what made these experiences special. You mention sights, food and culture but don't paint a clear picture of any of them.

Exemplar: *My first trip to Japan took me to the bustling streets of Tokyo, where the aroma of fresh ramen filled the air and ancient temples stood proudly next to gleaming skyscrapers.*

#2: "Mount Fuji is breathtaking when weather is in good conditions and Disneyland/DisneySea is a delightful and joyful place." Strengths:

- Good choice of attractions to highlight
- Nice use of positive adjectives

Weakness: Underdeveloped descriptions → Your description of these major attractions feels rushed. You could add more details about what makes Mount Fuji breathtaking or what specific things make DisneySea delightful.

Exemplar: *Mount Fuji's snow-capped peak pierced through the morning clouds, creating a magical sight that left me speechless, while DisneySea's Mediterranean Harbor transported me to a world of wonder with its venetian gondolas and twinkling evening lights.*

#3: "Japan makes me feel belonged, joyful, safe and happy!" Strengths:

- Strong emotional connection expressed
- Good use of exclamation to show enthusiasm

Weakness: Brief emotional description → Your feelings about Japan could be better supported with specific moments or experiences that created these emotions.

Exemplar: *The warmth of Japanese hospitality, from the shopkeeper's cheerful "Konichiwa!" to the helpful stranger who guided me through the train station, made me feel truly at home in Japan.*

■ Your piece shows great enthusiasm for Japan and covers many interesting aspects of your experience. To make it even better, try breaking up your writing into clear paragraphs about different topics - maybe one about shopping, another about attractions, and one about Japanese culture. Also, when you describe places or experiences, include more details about what you saw, heard, smelled or felt. You could talk more about what specific foods you tried or what exactly made the hotel feel luxurious. Additionally, try to give examples when you talk about Japanese culture - maybe share a specific moment when you used the Japanese phrases you learned. Your ending about meeting friends is lovely, but you could tell us more about what made that dinner special.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

Tokyo, Japan, my special place. ~~Tokyo was my first trip to Japan, and it was incredible, the sights, the food, the culture, everything about it was unbelievable and out of the world.~~ [On my first trip to Japan, Tokyo amazed me with its incredible sights, food, and culture - everything about it was unbelievable and out of this world.] #1 The streets filled with shops and attractions, one shop after the other. ~~You could go into one shop and say, "I'm not buying anything else!"~~ [I would walk into a shop declaring, "I'm not buying anything else!"] Then walk a few steps and spend more money. The shops are sucking everyone in, either children or adults, they all want to go to the shops or restaurants. When I went to Tokyo, I obviously bought so many things. But Tokyo isn't great because of their shops; their culture is so beautiful and wonderful to learn. To say hello in Japanese is 'Konichiwa!' and to say excuse me or sorry is 'Sumimasen!' To say thank you is 'Arigatō!' These words are vital if you want to go to Japan, as these are the most used words in Japan.

In Japan [,]rubbish bins along the streets are uncommon. When you hear this[,] you might feel Japan is dirty and full of rubbish. But Japan is actually very clean! If you are going to Japan, I recommend you bring plastic bags so you can put your rubbish in there. Japan is also full ~~with~~ [of] technology, and if you ride a bike, there are parking places underground where there is a machine that takes your bike and puts it in place for your bike.

~~Mount Fuji is breathtaking when weather is in good conditions and Disneyland/DisneySea is a delightful and joyful place.~~ [Mount Fuji stands breathtaking against clear skies, while Disneyland/DisneySea offers a delightful and joyful escape.] #2 Sometimes in DisneySea, there is a boat which you can go on at night and it [is] a magical and ethereal view. Harry Potter Land is for Harry Potter fans and you can get wands, robes and hats. There are many merch and

attractions. You can even ride a broom which is a once in a lifetime experience. It felt so good, my smile beamed like a light bulb.

The hotel I went in was very luxurious and I felt so grand like a queen. The toilets were very advanced and their robots could deliver food to us. The airline I went on was ANA airline and they were also very nice and helpful. They could always give out snacks and they were so kind. Food was delicious and drinks were perfect. The screen was large so my movie time was a good experience. They had pillows and blankets for comfort and sleeping in an overnight plane.

~~Japan makes me feel belonged, joyful, safe and happy!~~ [Japan fills me with a sense of belonging, joy, safety, and happiness!] #3 One last thing about Japan is that it was the first place I went overseas and met my friends. When I was having dinner on my ~~frist~~ [first] day in Japan, it turned out to be a surprise dinner with my friends. I was so shocked and surprised that I clenched my friend in a tight hug. Japan is my special place.