

Section 1:

#1 "My old apartment in Northmead has a special meaning to me because I grew up there when I was three and moved there when I was halfway through Kindergarten. Since moving, I have never stopped thinking about it and missed it."

Strengths:

- Clear emotional connection established
- Good use of personal experience

Weakness: Limited sensory details → Your opening could be more engaging by including specific details about what made the apartment special. You mention missing it but don't show why through descriptive details.

Exemplar: *My old apartment in Northmead, with its sunny balcony where I played with my toys and the familiar creaky front door, has become a special place in my heart since I lived there from age three through Kindergarten.*

#2 "When I heard she had the same name as me, my eyes widened with joy, and I looked at Sanvika, and she was giggling like crazy. I started teasing her, and I giggled a lot, too."

Strengths:

- Good capture of childhood excitement
- Nice use of action verbs

Weakness: Connected sentences need better flow → You've used "and" multiple times to join ideas. Your writing would be stronger with varied sentence structures.

Exemplar: *My eyes widened with joy upon hearing her name. I turned to Sanvika, who burst into giggles while I playfully teased her about the coincidence.*

#3 "Since then, I have missed my friends, but I'm happy with my new friends, house, and school."

Strengths:

- Shows personal growth
- Positive conclusion

Weakness: Lacks emotional depth → Your ending feels rushed and could better connect to your earlier feelings about the apartment.

Exemplar: *Though I often think about my old friends and our wonderful memories in Northmead, I've found joy in making new friends and creating fresh adventures in my new home.*

■ Your piece shares lovely memories of your childhood home and friendships. To make your writing more engaging, try adding more specific details about your experiences. When you talk about playing with your neighbours, tell us what games you played or what made those times special. You could also describe what your apartment looked like and what specific memories make you miss it so much. Additionally, when writing about your friendships with Sanvika and Elsa, include more details about what made these friendships special to you. Your ending could be stronger if you shared specific things you enjoy about your new home while still honouring your fond memories of Northmead. Try connecting your current happiness to the lessons or experiences from your old home.

Score: 37/50

Section 2:

~~#1 My old apartment in Northmead has a special meaning to me because I grew up there when I was three and moved there when I was halfway through Kindergarten. Since moving, I have never stopped thinking about it and missed it.~~ [My old apartment in Northmead has a special meaning to me because I lived there from age three until halfway through Kindergarten. Since moving, I have never stopped thinking about it and missing it.]

I sometimes played with my neighbour's little sister while my brother played soccer with our other two neighbours.

~~#2 When I heard she had the same name as me, my eyes widened with joy, and I looked at Sanvika, and she was giggling like crazy. I started teasing her, and I giggled a lot, too.~~ [When I heard she had the same name as me, my eyes widened with joy. I looked at Sanvika, who was giggling uncontrollably, and joined in the laughter while teasing her.]

When I was in year 2, still in the same school, I had another best friend, Elsa. We loved to play tag, run around, or walk around and chat. We used to hate each other earlier in year 2, but we stopped and became best friends.

After all our fun in Year 2, I had to move schools. When I found out, I was sad. I told my friends about it, and they were unhappy, too. I didn't want to leave my friends, but I had to.

#3 ~~Since then, I have missed my friends, but I'm happy with my new friends, house, and school.~~
[While I still miss my old friends dearly, I've found happiness with my new friends, house, and school.]

This is why my old apartment in Northmead is unique.