

Section 1:

#1 "I once called the vibrant city of Sydney my home, convinced I would never leave its familiar embrace. Yet, life has a way of surprising us. Four years ago, my mom faced an important interview for a doctor position, and when the news came that she had passed, our lives took an unexpected turn. We began packing our belongings, bidding farewell to the city I loved, and set off for the sun-soaked shores of Perth."

Strengths:

- Great use of descriptive language ("vibrant city," "familiar embrace," "sun-soaked shores")
- Strong opening that captures the reader's attention with personal connection

Weakness: Lack of emotional depth → You've mentioned leaving Sydney, but you could explore more feelings about this major life change. Your words "bidding farewell to the city I loved" hints at sadness, but readers would connect more with specific memories or what you missed most. ***I once called the vibrant city of Sydney my home and leaving it behind was heartbreaking. I missed the familiar streets where my friends and I would ride our bikes after school, and the neighbourhood park where we celebrated my tenth birthday.***

#2 "My last day there was bittersweet; as our farewell approached, I could see the tears in my friend's eyes, reflecting the bond we had formed. Our journey continued as we drove to Innaloo. Though the drive was exhausting, the experiences in Northam had expanded my worldview. I had the unique opportunity to learn about Aboriginal history and traditions, which added depth to my understanding of this beautiful land."

Strengths:

- Good use of transition between locations in your journey
- Mentions cultural learning which adds meaning to your experience

Weakness: Incomplete details → You mention learning about Aboriginal history and traditions but don't share any specific examples. This makes it hard for readers to picture what you actually learned. ***During my time in Northam, I learned that the Ballardong people are the traditional owners of the land. Our class visited a special site where an Elder showed us how to identify traditional bush medicine plants and explained their stories about the night sky.***

#3 "My note for you is that whatever is more important in your family should be done in any cost and your parents can decide because they want you to live the best life ever. I am happy to be living in Perth and soon I will start on making new friends."

Strengths:

- Shows personal growth and acceptance of family decisions
- Ends on a positive, forward-looking note about making friends

Weakness: Underdeveloped conclusion → The ending feels rushed and doesn't fully connect with the rest of your story. The sudden advice about family priorities comes without much context. *I've learned that family decisions sometimes require sacrifices, but they often lead to unexpected opportunities. Though leaving Sydney was difficult, Perth has offered me new experiences and growth. I'm grateful for my mum following her dream, and I'm excited to build new friendships here while keeping in touch with my Sydney mates.*

■ Your piece has a compelling story about moving across Australia, but it jumps between locations and events too quickly. Try focusing on fewer places but with more details about what you saw, felt, and learned. Your writing would be stronger if you added specific examples, like describing one special memory from Sydney that you missed, or one Aboriginal tradition you learned about in Northam. Also, you mentioned bushfires but didn't explain how they affected you emotionally. Were you scared? Did your school have to close? Adding these details helps readers connect with your experience. You could improve your piece by organising it into clear paragraphs that follow a timeline of your journey. Lastly, try adding more about how you feel now about Perth—what do you like about your new home? What makes you "happy to be living in Perth" as you mentioned?

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2:

From Sydney to Perth I once called the vibrant city of Sydney my home, convinced I would never leave its familiar embrace. Yet, life has a way of surprising us. Four years ago, my ~~mom~~ [mum] faced an important interview for a doctor position, and when the news came that she had passed, our lives took an unexpected turn. We began packing our belongings, bidding farewell to the city I loved, and set off for the sun-soaked shores of Perth. Perth greeted us with its impressive skyline, filled with towering buildings that seemed to touch the sky. However, I soon discovered that while the city was grand, it lacked a safe crossing system, which made

navigating the streets a bit daunting. #1 During this change, I felt a deep yearning for my friends back in Sydney; their laughter and companionship were sorely missed. After a short while, we transitioned to a charming small city called Northam, where the rich culture of the Aboriginal people enveloped us for two and a half months. My last day there was bittersweet; as our farewell approached, I could see the tears in my friend's eyes, reflecting the bond we had formed. #2 Our journey continued as we drove to Innaloo. Though the drive was exhausting, the experiences in Northam had expanded my worldview. I had the unique opportunity to learn about Aboriginal history and traditions, which added depth to my understanding of this beautiful land. Once settled in Innaloo, excitement filled the air as a local celebration was just around the corner. Eagerly, we booked an appointment for stunning henna designs and set out on a shopping spree. However, this newfound bustle was overwhelming, and I often found myself feeling stressed amidst the flurry of activity. I clung to my old friends, calling them on weekends to share my experiences while balancing my studies. Each Saturday, I woke up early, ready to dive into my classes, driven by the goal of achieving good results in my trial tests. As I received my progress report, I remained dedicated to my studies, even as bushfires blazed in the distance [.] ~~thankfully~~ [Thankfully], they were not near my home, and everything remained under control. In a moment of pride, I received a merit award at my school, a testament to my hard work. Reflecting on all that I have experienced, a whirlwind of emotions swells within me, blending stress and pride into a rich tapestry of growth and resilience. ~~My decisions of picking wasn't my responsibility because my mom wanted to become a doctor no matter where she will be going,~~ [The decision to move wasn't mine to make, as my mum wanted to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor wherever that opportunity arose,] and it was her dream since her childhood, so I ~~agree~~ [agreed] with my family.#3 My note for you is that whatever is more important in your family should be done ~~in any~~ [at any] cost and your parents can decide because they want you to live the best life ever. I am happy to be living in Perth and soon I will start ~~on~~ making new friends.From Yashal]