

## Writing Feedback

**TERM 1 2025 | 16th April | DAY 3 | HOLIDAY WRITING**

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### Section 1:

**#1 (Diary Entry 15.1.24)** Strengths: Your opening effectively establishes a relatable emotional situation about losing a close friend. Your use of rhetorical questions creates an authentic diary voice. Weakness: Limited emotional depth. → You mention being "quite sad" but don't fully explore or describe these feelings, missing an opportunity to engage readers with your emotional journey. For example, when you write "It is such a bummer," this understates what must be a significant emotional event. Exemplar: *I've been devastated since Emily moved away. My chest feels hollow each morning knowing she won't be there at our usual spot, laughing about nothing and everything.*

**#2 (Diary Entry 16.1.25)** Strengths: Good use of dialogue integration and showing the positive resolution to your social concerns. Your excitement comes through clearly. Weakness: Telling rather than showing. → You simply state that drawing in the library was "so much fun" without providing sensory details or specific moments that made it enjoyable. When you write "We got told off by Mrs Laird for laughing so much," you mention laughter but don't share what caused it. Exemplar: *In the library, Ariane's cartoon of Mr. Peterson with elephant ears had me giggling uncontrollably until Mrs Laird shot us that famous stern look over her glasses.*

**#3 (Diary Entry 18.1.25)** Strengths: Strong voice in your complaints about school being boring. The specific details about the talent show competition create a vivid picture. Weakness: Underdeveloped narrative structure. → The entry jumps quickly from boring school to talent show discussions without transitions. When describing Zeke's performance, you list the elements without creating a vivid scene for readers. The ending feels abrupt without reflection on how you felt about not winning. Exemplar: *While I practised my Megan Trainor number in the corner, Zeke commanded the room's attention, his hands a blur as he solved the Rubik's cube while maintaining three juggling balls in the air—the perfect showman preparing to steal the spotlight yet again.*

■ Your diary entries show promise with their conversational tone and genuine voice that feels authentic for a young person. However, your writing would benefit from more sensory details to bring scenes to life rather than simply telling readers what happened. Also, consider exploring your emotions more deeply—how did Emily's departure truly

affect you beyond just making you sad? Additionally, you could structure your entries with clearer narrative arcs that build tension and resolution. Try focusing on fewer events but describing them in greater detail to create more engaging entries. When you mention events like playing tag with Ariane or performing in the talent show, bring readers into those moments through specific descriptions of sights, sounds, and feelings.

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**Score: 42/50**

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## Section 2: Revised Writing Piece:

**Diary Entry 15.1.24.** Dear diary, I have been quite sad lately. My best friend Emily has gone and moved far away from me. The only two ways that I will be able to connect with her is by flight and using a phone. It is such a bummer. Who will I sit with at morning tea and lunch time? Will people be ok with it if I sit with them? Will other people want to be my friends? Oh, there ~~is~~ [are] so many questions that I am unsure of diary. Hold on, I have just had a thought. I can just sit with my other (kind of) friends. I am sure they would not mind if I sat with them. Oh, who knows diary. I certainly do not. ~~Huge~~ [Hugs] and kisses Alex.

**16.1.25 #1** Dear diary, I have the best news ever. My friends said that they would love it if I sat with them. They said that they felt sad and sorry for me, so they want me to sit with them every day. They are extremely kind. So today we went down to the library and drew. It was so much fun. We got ~~told of~~ [told off] by Mrs Laird for laughing so much. And this afternoon I have swimming and Ariane goes to the same place that I do, so we can play together before our lessons start. That would be so much fun. Hugs and kisses Alex.

**17.1.24** Dear diary, Yesterday at swimming Ariane and I played tag and went on the monkey bars. She almost ~~fell of~~ [fell off]. Ariane got me twice and I got her three times. After a little while of playing games, it was time to get ready for swimming lessons. After my lesson I was exhausted from all that swimming. So, I had a quick shower and then we went out to grab burgers for dinner from OMC Burgers. After dinner mum said that I could call Emily. I was so happy that I was jumping up and down with excitement. So, I called Emily, and we had a quick catch up on life. Something exciting was happening in ~~Em's~~ [Emily's] life. She was getting a new dog. I asked how her new school was, and she

said that it was really boring compared to my school. Emily said that she wishes that we could see each other more. ~~Frequently~~ [Frequently,] instead of on the phone all the time. I wish that we could do that ~~to~~ [too], but it is ~~to~~ [too] late. Emily has already moved, and it is done. After our call, I went to get my things ready for school and then I hopped into bed. I will tell you lots more tomorrow diary I promise. Hugs and kisses Alex.

**18.1.25** #3 Dear diary doo, School was super boring today. First, we had a headmaster's assembly that lasted two whole hours. ~~The~~ [Then] we had maths. We are learning about percentages. Why, oh why, do percentages have to be so boring? The teachers can make it fun and turn it into a fun game, ~~can't they~~. [can't they?] Anyway, after maths we had morning tea, so I got to see all my friends. We talked about the talent show at the school camp that was happening next term. Jenny, Izzy, and Ariane were doing a comedy show, and I was going to sing ~~better~~ [Better] when I am dancing by Megan Trainor. Of course, Zeke (the winner of the talent show last year because he did a back flip) this year had to do juggling, solving a ~~rubix~~ [Rubik's] cube, do a backflip, and do a side flip. Because he did all of it, it was still pretty cool, but because he did all of this he won first place again. Hugs and kisses Alex.