

Writing Feedback

TERM 1 2025 | 14th April | DAY 1 WRITING HOMEWORK

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph)Strengths:

- Your sensory imagery effectively captures the feeling of warmth from the sun.
- Your use of metaphors like "cold water paint a serene landscape" creates vivid mental pictures.

Weakness: Overuse of adjectives → In your first paragraph, nearly every noun is preceded by an adjective ("dainty feet," "silky sand," "serene body," "petite feet," "gentle zephyr," "graceful ballerina," "glazed tiles," "colossal hat"). This creates prose that feels cluttered rather than evocative. For instance, "I felt the cold water paint a serene landscape on the canvas of my petite feet" uses multiple descriptors that don't necessarily enhance the imagery.

Example: *I felt the sun's warmth embrace me as my feet sank into the sand, while cool waves lapped against my skin.*

#2 (Second paragraph)Strengths:

- Your contrast between the "tumultuous calls" of birds and the "hushed melody" of waves shows good awareness of varied sound elements.
- You've captured the beach's lively atmosphere through references to children's excitement.

Weakness: Mixed metaphors → In this paragraph, you combine too many different metaphorical frameworks that don't naturally connect. "The hushed melody of the waves relentlessly crashing against the shore ecstatically struck my ears like a plethora of cymbals frantically crashing together" mixes contradictory concepts - waves can't be both "hushed" and like "cymbals frantically crashing." Similarly, the heart "thumping like a dormant volcano about to erupt" combines two different states (dormant versus erupting).

Example: *My heart quickened as I waded deeper, while children's laughter carried on the breeze, mingling with the rhythmic crashing of waves against the shore.*

#3 (Third paragraph)Strengths:

- Your attempt to incorporate taste sensations shows good awareness of the prompt requirements.
- You've effectively conveyed a sense of pleasure and contentment.

Weakness: Imprecise word choice → Words like "married," "sedately," "leisurely," and "stupendous" don't quite fit their contexts. "The taste of the cold but salty air married with the stupendous taste of ice cream" combines sensations in a way that feels forced rather than natural. "I yearned to devour every bite of the moment like a hungry beast" uses "devour" and "bite" for an abstract concept (the moment), creating confusion between literal and figurative meaning.

Example: *The salty air mingled with the sweetness of my ice cream, each taste making me smile as I savoured the perfect moment.*

■ Your piece shows enthusiasm and creative ambition in addressing the sensory prompt. However, your writing would benefit from more restraint in your descriptive elements. Try selecting fewer but more precise adjectives that truly enhance your imagery. Consider whether each comparison genuinely helps your reader understand the sensation you're describing. Your beach scene contains many sensory elements, but they sometimes compete for attention. Focus on creating a cohesive atmosphere where sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures complement each other. Additionally, try varying your sentence structure more, as many of your sentences follow similar patterns. Work on developing a more natural flow between sentences and paragraphs, perhaps by linking sensations rather than presenting them as separate experiences. This would help create a more immersive experience for your reader.

Overall score: 44/50

Section 2:

The Beach

As my dainty feet brushed against the silky sand, I felt the warmth of the sun like a blanket, tenderly wrapped around my serene body. I felt the cold water paint a serene landscape on the canvas of my petite feet and a gentle zephyr skim across my face like a

graceful ballerina, hastily sliding her feet across the glazed tiles. I could feel the sun rays pour on my face, wrapping it with heat and eagerly trying to seek through my colossal hat. #1

I made my way in, my heart frantically thumping against my chest like a dormant volcano about to erupt. The shrieks and hollers of euphoric children reverberated through the chilly breeze like ~~echos~~ [echoes]—a myriad of them. I tranquilly listened to the tumultuous calls of the pigeons and the seagulls which made music to my ears. The hushed melody of the waves relentlessly crashing against the shore ecstatically struck my ears like a plethora of cymbals frantically crashing together. #2

The taste of the cold but salty air married with the stupendous taste of ice cream which laid sedately on my tongue leisurely melted in my mouth. The repetition of this ~~phase~~ [phrase] caused a content smile to erupt across my once stern face faster than the blink of an eye. I yearned to devour every bite of the moment like a hungry beast. #3

As I spread my towel down onto the sand wearily, I found myself being lured into pure heaven. The cobalt blue water shone in the sun like a plethora of ~~stars~~ [stars] on a dreamy night. I admired the sophisticated way of people's ~~doing~~ [behaviour] whether they were asking politely for a ball or moving so I could take a picture. Innumerable heartfelt smiles took over the sweltering ~~room~~ [beach], leaving barely any space to breathe. I felt eased here-at the beach.