

## Writing Feedback

**TERM 2 | WEEK 1 WRITING | 07th May | Y5 SCHOLARSHIP**

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#1 - Paragraphs 1-2 Strengths: Your vivid description creates a beautiful setting with phrases like "trees' leaves were dancing and twirling" and "warm hugging breeze." Your introduction of the mysterious shadow effectively builds curiosity.

Weakness: Underdeveloped transition → The shift from noticing the shadow to packing for the spelling bee happens too abruptly. The reader doesn't understand why you're immediately moving to pack your bag without exploring your initial reaction to the shadow. For example, in "I was a bit puzzled but I had to pack my bag," the connection between these two thoughts feels disconnected. ***I was puzzled by the moving figure, but remembering the SpellersSpellingBee® competition later that day, I reluctantly turned my attention to packing my bag.***

#2 - Paragraph 4 Strengths: Your use of specific details about the spelling bee creates tension and authenticity with phrases like "49 word streak" and the specific challenging words.

Weakness: Unclear shadow behaviour → The shadow's actions during the competition aren't clearly explained. You mention "my shadow wasn't being a shadow" and that it was "swirling about and dancing," but it's not clear how this relates to the competition or affects you. The significance of the shadow going to the stage isn't developed. ***During the competition, my shadow began behaving strangely—instead of simply following me as shadows should, it swirled about independently and danced across the floor. When they called me to the stage, the shadow moved ahead of me, as if eager to participate itself!***

#3 - Paragraphs 5-6 Strengths: The twist with the disqualification creates an interesting plot development. Your emotional reaction of feeling "happy and sad" shows complexity.

Weakness: Rushed conclusion → The disqualification and your victory happen very quickly without much detail about your emotions or reaction. The revelation about the shadow's predictive powers also feels sudden without previous hints. ***As I stood on the podium feeling mixed emotions, I glanced down and noticed my shadow doing something extraordinary. It curved and looped excitedly before settling directly over the spot where the first-place winner stood! Minutes later, the host announced that the winner had been disqualified for lying about his age. Suddenly, everything made sense—my shadow had been trying to show me the future all along!***

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■ Your story has a creative concept with the shadow that predicts the future, but it would be even better if you developed this idea throughout the story rather than only at the end. Try adding more details about how the shadow behaves differently in earlier parts of the story. Also, include more of your feelings and thoughts when you notice strange things about your shadow. Adding dialogue between you and other characters would make the story more engaging and help show your personality.

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**Score: 4150**

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Section 2:

**On a perfectly sunny day, I was sitting on the swing that was in my beautiful backyard. The grass was lush and mowed, the trees' leaves were dancing and twirling in the warm hugging breeze. As I was sliding off the swing, I noticed a figure moving on the grass. I was a bit puzzled but I had to pack my bag for the 'SpellersSpellingBee®'.#1**

**But as soon as I stepped forward the silhouette kept on going with me. I realised that wherever I faced it would linger around me. I walked to the door and put on my shoes.**

**I spotted my ~~i-pad~~ [iPad] on the kitchen desk, and put it in my bag to clear my curiosity of the figure. I hopped in the car with my mum and then researched on my ~~i-pad~~ [iPad]. After my quick search, I discovered that it was called a 'shadow' and that it was normal for it to be behind or next to ~~you-you~~ [you]. I felt relieved that I learnt something new.**

**After some time we had reached the most prestigious centre for spelling bees. My aim was to come first place. The comp had started but then my shadow wasn't being a shadow. It was swirling about and dancing when they called me to the stage. The figure then went up to the stage. I quickly ran trying to retrieve my shadow. Rounds and rounds of intense spelling passed, I kept on getting bombarded with crazy words and also words like 'future', 'winner', and 'trophy' but succeeded. That had**

**rung a bell that it was my biggest wish to be a winner. I was on a 49 word streak until I fumbled the word 'runner-up'.#2**

**The comp ended and I sat on my assigned seat. I was praying to be the winner but instead I was called up as a runner-up for being second place. I ran up the miniature staircase feeling happy and sad. I stood on the podium dryly and looked at the floor. Excitement rose up as I spotted the moving shadow! It curved and looped and landed on the 'winner'.#3**

**All of a sudden the host made an announcement saying that the 'winner' was disqualified because he lied about his age, helping him attain 50/50! Then my chest swelled with pride as I was officially crowned 'CHAMPION!'"**

**Then I realised that the shadow predicted everything! Every step, what's ahead and who will be the winner was all in front of me!**