Writing Feedback

TERM 2 - 2025 | WEEK 4 - Writing | Year 4 Selective RW

Section 1:

#1 "One day there was a group of penguins In Antarctica were preparing to go on an adventure to the Arctic to steal the golden fish stick from the polar bears."

Strengths: Your opening immediately establishes an exciting adventure setting and introduces clear conflict between penguins and polar bears.

Weakness: Sentence structure confusion → The sentence contains two different sentence beginnings that don't connect properly. "One day there was a group of penguins In Antarctica were preparing" mixes "there was" with "were preparing," creating a grammatical tangle that makes the meaning unclear.

Exemplar: One day, a group of penguins in Antarctica began preparing for an adventure to the Arctic.

#2 "They would have to sail for a long time; therefore, they spent 2 years hunting for food to pack on the adventure. The whole penguin army was going to go, and each one was given a special job on the gigantic ship that had three levels just to store fish and another two for weapons that are going to be given to every penguin to fight the polar bear guards and another one for ice when they reach the equator."

Strengths: Your writing shows good planning details and connects ideas with "therefore." The ship description demonstrates creative thinking about the expedition needs.

Weakness: Run-on sentence complexity \rightarrow The second sentence becomes too long and confusing with multiple "and another" phrases piled together. Readers lose track of the ship's layout because too many details are crammed into one sentence without proper breaks.

Exemplar: The gigantic ship had six levels: three for storing fish, two for weapons, and one for ice supplies.

#3 "Once they arrived home again, the penguins made a pile of ice and stuck the sticks in so that they got one thousand because if something is separated, it counts as one thing."

Strengths: Your ending attempts to explain the magical properties of the fish sticks, showing creative problem-solving.

Weakness: Unclear logic connection \rightarrow The explanation about getting "one thousand because if something is separated, it counts as one thing" doesn't make sense to readers. The reasoning behind this magical rule needs clearer explanation so readers can follow your creative thinking.

Exemplar: The penguins discovered that when the two sticks were placed together in ice, they multiplied into one thousand magical fish sticks.

Your adventure story contains exciting elements like treasure hunting, sea battles, and magical objects that will capture readers' attention. The penguin expedition concept shows strong imagination and creativity. However, your writing would benefit from shorter, clearer sentences that help readers follow the action more easily. Additionally, many of your creative ideas need more explanation so readers can understand the magical rules and logic of your story world. Also, consider adding more descriptive details about the characters' feelings and the exciting moments during their journey. Furthermore, the story structure could be strengthened by dividing the adventure into clearer stages with better transitions between events. Your vocabulary shows good variety, but some sentences become too complicated when you try to include too many ideas at once. Breaking these complex sentences into shorter ones will make your excellent adventure story much more enjoyable to read.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2:

One day there was a group of penguins In Antarctica were preparing [One day, a group of penguins in Antarctica began preparing] to go on an adventure to the Arctic to steal the golden fish stick from the polar bears. #1 The penguins already have [had] the silver fish stick, and they need [needed] both so they can [could] turn anything that the pair touch [touched], become [into] fish. They would have to sail for a long time; therefore, they spent 2 years hunting for food to pack on [for] the adventure. #2 The whole penguin army was going to go, and each one was given a special job on the gigantic ship that had three levels just to store fish and another two for weapons that are going to be given to every penguin to fight the polar bear guards and another one for ice when they reach the equator. [The entire penguin army would join the expedition, with each penguin assigned a special role. Their gigantic ship had six levels: three for storing fish, two for weapons to fight the polar bear guards, and one for ice supplies needed when crossing the equator.]

The month before they set off, all the penguins got together and discussed their plan to obtain the golden fish stick. After thinking of the plan, they spent the rest of the time memorising [memorising] it and checking it as well as packing everything that they needed. The day before the voyage, the penguins did some last-minute preparation like putting up the sails and loading the cannons. The next day they set sail across the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean while stopping to steal treasure from the people of Australia and New Zealand. After robbing them, the penguins had enough supplies to last the rest of the voyage. When they reached the equator, each penguin had to eat two ice cubes every twenty-five minutes so they could stay cool. Once they reached the arctic ocean [Arctic Ocean], the penguins encountered a group of polar bears on a mission to find the silver fish stick in Antarctica which the penguins have [had] been guarding for many years. Both ships had a violent fight, and the penguins ended up winning because they had loaded their cannons before they had left. Both sides had lost many soldiers, but they [the penguins] had ended up finding the golden fish stick. The penguins sailed back home only stopping at Australia and New Zealand to put down both sticks on the sand that turned into billions of fish. #3 Once they arrived home again, the penguins made a pile of ice and stuck the sticks in so that they got one thousand because if something is separated, it counts as one thing. [Once they arrived home, the penguins placed both sticks in a pile of ice, which magically multiplied them into one thousand fish sticks according to an ancient rule about separated magical objects.] Now they just sit back, relax, and eat ice-cream because who said ice-cream can only be eaten when it is cold.