

Section 1:

#1 Strengths:

- Your vivid imagery of "blistered foot" and "aching muscle" effectively conveys the physical challenges of wilderness experiences.
- You've created a thought-provoking opening that immediately engages the reader with a question about preparedness.

Weakness: Inconsistent flow → Your opening paragraph jumps between different ideas without clear transitions. You move from describing physical challenges to asking a question about preparedness, then make a broad statement about wilderness survival, without connecting these thoughts cohesively. Phrases like "The unforgiving terrain beckons" and "How prepared would you be" feel disconnected without proper linking.

Exemplar: *The unforgiving terrain beckons with its harsh challenges—each blistered foot, each aching muscle, and each gasping breath at high altitude transforms not just the body but the very character of those who dare venture beyond civilisation's comfortable boundaries. This transformation raises an important question: how prepared would you be in such a situation?*

#2 Strengths:

- Your exploration of resourcefulness as a survival skill is well-articulated and practical.
- You effectively contrast modern conveniences with wilderness realities through phrases like "without modernised tents or cabins."

Weakness: Sentence structure errors → Several sentences in this section contain grammatical issues that affect clarity. For example, "And when your not prepared, resourcefulness becomes a useful tool" contains a spelling error and feels disjointed from the previous sentence. Similarly, "This is where rain soaks through inadequate shelter resourcefulness emerges" lacks proper punctuation to separate complete thoughts.

Exemplar: *This is where rain soaks through inadequate shelter and resourcefulness emerges. When venturing into the wilderness, unexpected situations can arise at any moment, from getting lost to encountering dangerous animals, making preparation essential.*

#3 Strengths:

- Your connection between wilderness experiences and character development creates a meaningful purpose for the piece.
- Your inclusion of spiritual growth adds depth to the discussion of outdoor experiences.

Weakness: Paragraph organisation → The third paragraph contains too many unrelated ideas without logical organisation. It starts with "Have you ever stood at the edge of a vast canopy," then shifts to discussing character as a component of spiritual growth, and later moves to wilderness experiences creating bonds with the universe. These are valuable ideas but need better organisation and development.

Exemplar: *Character is an essential component of an individual's spiritual growth, encompassing the journey from thoughts and ideas to speech and action. Wilderness experiences accelerate this development as individuals embrace challenges and overcome obstacles, leading to a deeper understanding of themselves and their desires.*

■ Your piece shows great passion for wilderness experiences and their benefits, but could be strengthened through better organisation. Try grouping similar ideas together into distinct paragraphs with clear topic sentences. For example, you could have one paragraph focusing solely on physical challenges, another on mental benefits, and a third on spiritual growth. Also, your writing would benefit from more specific examples. Instead of general statements like "resourcefulness becomes a useful tool," consider including a specific scenario that demonstrates this concept in action. You might describe a situation where someone used tree bark and leaves to create an emergency shelter during unexpected rain. Additionally, consider adding clearer transitions between paragraphs to guide your reader through your ideas. When you mention character development, try connecting it directly to previous points about physical challenges to show the relationship between these concepts.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

The unforgiving terrain beckons- ~~each~~ [with each] blistered foot, each aching muscle, each gasping breath at a high altitude transforming not just the body, but the very character of those who dare to venture ~~beyond~~ [beyond] civilisation's comfortable boundaries. How prepared would you be in such a situation? The wilderness can be a harsh and unforgiving environment, and being equipped with essential survival skills can mean the difference between life and death.

#1 How can we expect young people to develop resilience when ~~never-felt~~ [they've never felt] the sting of wind driven against their face? When they have battled the fierce mountain winds, they discover reserves of inner strength that no classroom could ever reveal. Surviving in the wilderness poses unique challenges that can test your physical and mental capabilities, with experiences in nature pushing you beyond your perceived limitations. Outdoor adventures aren't just recreational—they're powerful tools for enhancing creativity and sharpening problem-solving skills. The combination of physical activity, natural surroundings, and mental stimulation creates a perfect environment to unlock your brain's full potential. Each outdoor challenge presents unique obstacles, including unpredictable elements and

treacherous landscapes. It helps you build confidence and emotional strength as you learn to overcome physical challenges while you discover inner resources you never knew you had.

#3 Have you ever stood at the edge of a vast canopy, your heart aching with both fear and wonder? Character is an essential component of an individual's spiritual growth, encompassing the journey from thoughts and ideas to speech and action. By embracing challenges and overcoming obstacles, individuals develop character, leading to a deeper understanding of themselves and their desires. It emphasizes the importance of cultivating a positive attitude and personality, which are visible to others and contribute to an individual's growth. A wilderness experience is not just about being in the wilderness physically, but also about immersing yourself emotionally and spiritually. It's about opening your heart and mind to the grandeur of the environment around you and allowing it to evoke a sense of awe and wonder. It's in those moments of tranquility and stillness that you can really feel a [an] immeasurable bond with the vastness of the universe and with something greater than yourself.

#2 This is where they learn to navigate when paths disappear and GPS signals fail. This is where rain soaks through inadequate shelter ~~resourcefulness~~ [and resourcefulness] emerges. When venturing into the wilderness, unexpected situations can arise at any moment. From getting lost to encountering dangerous animals, it's important to be prepared for any scenario. And when ~~you~~ [you're] not prepared, resourcefulness becomes a useful tool. Resourcefulness is the ability to find quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties. It means using what you have to succeed, rather than what you'd like to have. Resourcefulness is the ability to make decisions and act on your own. It is known as working smarter, not harder. Being resourceful is a skill many overlook, but is crucial to your survival. Knowing how to build a simple, but effective shelter can greatly increase your chances of survival. Having a shelter to withstand exposure to extreme weather conditions will protect you from the elements. Without modernised tents or cabins, the wilderness teaches you to think for yourself and use the resources that it provides.

I am certain of the importance of wilderness experiences, as they are necessary to developing character in young people. Remember, the wilderness is indifferent to your survival — your preparedness is the only thing standing between catastrophe and continuation.