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Writing Feedback
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TERM 2 - 2025: HOLIDAY | Day 3 - Writing Homework | 10-Day Intensive Writing

Section 1:

#1 "As Neelo grew up as a plant lover since he was 2, he had a dream to own his own garden. When he was old enough, he fulfilled his dream. His favrioute plant was a water plant. So, he decided to grow a water plant first. After a few years, his water plant became an adult. He dug under it, since people said that it gives the most freash water under it after it reaches adult age."

Strengths: Your introduction establishes Neelo's character motivation well, showing his passion for plants from a young age. You've created an interesting premise with the mysterious water plant.

Character development needs depth \rightarrow Your main character Neelo lacks sufficient background detail to help readers connect with him. The transition from his childhood to adulthood happens too quickly, leaving gaps in his story. You might consider adding details about how his love for plants developed or what challenges he faced in creating his garden.

Neelo had been fascinated by plants since he was just 2 years old, often spending hours watching seedlings grow in his mum's garden. By the time he turned 18, he had saved enough money from his weekend job to buy a small plot of land where he could finally create the garden of his dreams.

#2 "Eventually, Neelo grew a connection with the cup, and took it where ever he went. It gave him confidence, and made him never give up any hope. He thought, "If the cup gives him all the positive mindsets, what will happen if I drink from it". Since he had never drank in the cup before, he wanted to see what would happen. He went to the tap, and filled it up. He drank from it, and it was the best water he had drank, even better than the water from the water plant."

Strengths: Your magical element of the cup is intriguing and creates a sense of wonder. The way you've shown the cup's influence on Neelo's mindset adds depth to the story.

Dialogue formatting needs attention \rightarrow The internal thoughts aren't properly formatted, which creates confusion for readers. Direct thoughts should be italicised or formatted with proper punctuation. Also, the cup's magical properties aren't clearly explained, leaving readers wondering about its origins and powers.

Neelo carried the mysterious cup everywhere, feeling a strange sense of confidence whenever it was near. One afternoon, while sitting in his garden, he wondered, "If just holding this cup makes me feel so positive, what might happen if I actually drink from it?" With trembling hands, he filled the cup with water from the garden tap and took his first sip.

#3 "Not long after he passed away, the water plant shot some seeds out, and a worker a gardening shop had collected them to sell. After a month, a boy young boy named Neelo camed to buy the seeds for a water plant, since it was his favrioute plant."

Strengths: Your ending creates a circular narrative that hints at reincarnation or a continuing cycle, which adds depth to your story. This gives readers something to think about after finishing the story.

Ending lacks development \rightarrow The ending feels rushed and doesn't provide enough closure or explanation. The connection between the original Neelo and the new boy named Neelo isn't fully explored, leaving readers with too many questions. The final paragraph would benefit from more details about how the seeds were special or how the cycle connects to the cup's magic.

Several weeks after Neelo's funeral, the water plant produced shimmering seeds unlike any seen before. Maria, who worked at the local gardening shop, collected them carefully, sensing they were special. Exactly one year later, a bright-eyed boy visited the shop with his grandfather. "I'd like to grow a water plant, please," he said eagerly. "It's my favourite." When Maria asked his name, she wasn't entirely surprised to hear him reply, "I'm Neelo."

■ Your piece has a fascinating magical concept with the cup that gives special powers, but you could make this story even better by developing your characters more fully. Neelo's personality doesn't shine through clearly enough—what makes him unique besides loving plants? Additionally, you could improve your story by explaining the magical elements more clearly. Where did the cup come from? Why was it buried under the water plant? Also, you've created an interesting cycle at the end with the new Neelo, but this connection needs more explanation to feel satisfying. You might consider adding more sensory details throughout your writing—what does the garden smell like? How does the water from the cup taste? What does the cup look like? By adding these details, your readers will feel more immersed in the story. Try reading your work aloud to catch awkward sentences and spelling mistakes. Focus on creating smoother transitions between paragraphs to help your story flow better.

Overall score: 40/50

Section 2:

The Cup of Infinity

As Neelo grew up as a plant lover since he was 2, he had a dream to own his own garden. When he was old enough, he fulfilled his dream. His favrioute [favourite] plant was a water plant. So, he decided to grow a water plant first. After a few years, his water plant became an adult. He dug under it, since people said that it gives the most freash [fresh] water under it after it reaches adult age. But he didn't find a small pond of water, instead, he found an object that was covered in soil. His curiosity took fliged him [propelled him] over to the hose to clean it up and find out what it was. He realised that it was a cup. He had no idea what it did, but after he planted back the water plant, he realised that it wouldn't fit back in. Something was blocking it's [its] way. #1

Eventually, Neelo grew a connection with the cup, and took it where ever [wherever] he went. It gave him confidence, and made him never give up any hope. He thought, "If the cup gives him all the positive mindsets, what will happen if I drink from it" ["If the cup gives me all these positive mindsets, what will happen if I drink from it?"] Since he had never drank [drunk] in the cup before, he wanted to see what would happen. He went to the tap, and filled it up. He drank from it, and it was the best water he had drank [drunk], even better than the water from the water plant. It also didn't spill. It was as functional as a bottle, but better since it filters out any bacteria or viruses the solution has. #2

As the years past [passed], Neelo was getting towards the age that he had to start saying goodbye. He said it to everything that was important to him. Everything. Finally, he had saved best [the best] for last, his water plant. He knew that he had to pay it back, so he gave the cup back to him [it], and after that, he died.

Not long after he passed away, the water plant shot some seeds out, and a worker a [at a] gardening shop had collected them to sell. After a month, a boy young boy [young boy] named Neelo eamed [came] to buy the seeds for a water plant, since it was his favrioute [favourite] plant. #3