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Writing Feedback
TERM 2 - 2025: HOLIDAY | Day 7 - Writing Homework | 10-Day Intensive Writing
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Section 1:

#1 "Dear Harry, I have a fantastic idea for a movie and its going to blow everyone's mind. It is about a super-intelligent scientist who is secretly a superhero but loses all his power when traveling to Neptune because he was attempting to conquer Sizer of the Blue spot, the beast. He then also becomes very weak but has a plan. He tries to get stronger and stronger and keeps on persisting. He works very hard and after months of training, he becomes a superhero again. He even grows extra power because he still trains extremely hard and gives more than enough power to all the weak people on Earth."

Strengths:

- You've created an imaginative storyline with an interesting character journey
- You've established a clear beginning, middle, and end to your story concept

Weakness: Underdeveloped plot details \rightarrow Your opening paragraph introduces many ideas quickly without developing them fully. For example, you mention "Sizer of the Blue spot, the beast" but don't explain who this character is or why the scientist wants to "conquer" them. Your story has interesting elements, but they need more explanation to help your reader understand and connect with your movie idea.

Exemplar: Dear Harry, I have a fantastic idea for a movie that will blow everyone's mind. It follows Dr Leo Parker, a brilliant scientist who secretly protects Earth as the superhero Nebula. When Nebula travels to Neptune to stop Sizer, the fearsome beast of the Blue Spot who threatens our solar system, he mysteriously loses all his powers. Stranded and weakened on the distant planet, Nebula doesn't give up.

#2 "This potential blockbuster movie is amazing because it is about persistence, sharing and helping people. These three things are the three most important things. It even shows a superhero. Everyone loves superheros. They are smart and super kind."

Strengths:

- You've clearly identified the themes of your movie
- You've recognised the appeal of superhero characters to audiences

Weakness: Limited development of themes \rightarrow You've listed important themes (persistence, sharing, helping) but haven't explained how your story will actually show these qualities. Simply naming these values doesn't help the reader understand how your movie will bring these themes to life. The sentences "These three things are the three most important things" and "Everyone loves superheros" don't add new information to strengthen your pitch.

Exemplar: This potential blockbuster would captivate audiences because it shows how true strength comes from within. Through Nebula's journey, viewers will see that persistence matters more than superpowers, that sharing our gifts helps everyone grow stronger, and that helping others is the true mark of a hero. The superhero genre is perfect for exploring these themes because it allows us to see ordinary values magnified through extraordinary characters.

#3 "Persistence is of immense importance because if we didn't have persistence, we wouldn't overcome our challenges and would never learn. If we didn't have persistence, we would be as smart as we were when we were born."

Strengths:

- You've attempted to explain why persistence is important
- You've made a connection between persistence and learning/growth

Weakness: Repetitive explanation pattern \rightarrow Your explanation repeats the same idea twice without adding depth. Both sentences say essentially the same thing: "without persistence, we wouldn't grow." You haven't connected this explanation specifically to your movie idea or shown how the superhero demonstrates persistence in a unique or interesting way.

Exemplar: Persistence drives your story when Nebula finds himself powerless on Neptune, millions of kilometres from home. Rather than giving up, he begins training despite his weakness, showing viewers that true heroes don't rely only on special abilities. His daily struggles on the hostile planet demonstrate that persistence isn't just about trying again—it's about adapting to new challenges and finding different approaches when the first attempt fails.

■ Your movie pitch shows great imagination and enthusiasm, but needs more specific details to make it truly compelling. Your superhero's journey has interesting elements like travelling to Neptune and losing powers, but you could make it stronger by developing the characters more. Who exactly is your superhero? What's his name and personality? What makes Sizer of the Blue spot a threatening villain? Additionally, while you've identified important themes like persistence and kindness, try showing these qualities through specific scenes or character actions rather than just telling the reader they're important. For example, instead of saying persistence is important, describe a specific challenge your superhero faces and how he overcomes it through repeated efforts. Also, consider explaining how your superhero's journey changes him—does he learn something new about himself or his powers? Your writing would be much stronger if you connected each paragraph back to your specific story rather than discussing general ideas about kindness and sharing. With these improvements, your movie pitch could really capture Harry's interest!

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

Dear Harry,

I have a fantastic idea for a movie and its [it's] going to blow everyone's mind. It is about a super-intelligent scientist who is secretly a superhero but loses all his power when traveling to Neptune because he was attempting to conquer Sizer of the Blue spot, the beast. He then also becomes very weak but has a plan. He tries to get stronger and stronger and keeps on persisting. He works very hard and after months of training, he becomes a superhero again. He even grows extra power because he still trains extremely hard and gives more than enough power to all the weak people on Earth. #1

This potential blockbuster movie is amazing because it is about persistence, sharing and helping people. These three things are the three most important things. It even shows a superhero. Everyone loves superheros. They are smart and super kind. [This potential blockbuster movie would captivate audiences because it explores persistence, sharing and helping others through an exciting superhero journey. These three values form the foundation of the story. The superhero genre is perfect for this tale, as audiences connect with characters who use their extraordinary abilities for good.] #2

Persistence is of immense importance because if we didn't have persistence, we wouldn't overcome our challenges and would never learn. If we didn't have persistence, we would be as smart as we were when we were born. [Persistence is of immense importance in this story, as our hero must overcome seemingly impossible challenges on Neptune. Without his determination to train despite his weakened state, he would never regain his powers or discover his true potential.] #3

Sharing is of terrible importance because if we didn't share, people wouldn't like anyone and we would be left on our own. We wouldn't be happy and we wouldn't have any friends.

Helping people is of great importance because failing to help people would mean the person that needs help would fail their task. After failing their task, they won't help you achieve your task.

Kindness is of remarkable importance as it makes people feel happy. He [If] we didn't show or have kindness, everyone wouldn't like anyone else and we would have to survive on our own. If we did have kindness, everyone would like you and you would have loads of friends.

This is why this potential blockbuster movie would be excellent.

Yours sincerely, Ethan Ong.