

Section 1:

#1 "As our boots hit the icy ground, it felt like we had stepped onto another planet, one sculpted from silence and snow. Antarctica greeted us with a blinding white grin, the landscape stretching endlessly beneath a sun that never seemed to set."

Strengths:

- Your vivid imagery creates a strong sense of place with phrases like "sculpted from silence and snow"
- Your personification of Antarctica with a "blinding white grin" effectively conveys the vastness of the landscape

Weakness: Abrupt transition to dialogue → The opening paragraph starts with beautiful descriptive language but suddenly shifts to dialogue without establishing the context of who the captain and co-host are. This creates a jarring shift for the reader. The initial poetic description doesn't smoothly connect with the subsequent narration about the narwhal whales.

Exemplar: *After taking in the breathtaking landscape, our expedition captain gathered our school group together. "Welcome to Antarctica," he announced, gesturing at the vast white expanse around us.*

#2 "I felt a little scared because James was the strong one in the class and I was always his target. He normally looks happy and funny but this time he looked serious."

Strengths:

- Your introduction of character conflict adds tension to the story
- Your inclusion of the narrator's emotional state helps readers connect with the situation

Weakness: Underdeveloped character motivation → The introduction of James as a troublemaker feels sudden and his motivations for wanting to throw a snowball at the narwhal aren't clear. The story doesn't explain why James would want to harm the narwhal or why the narrator feels specifically targeted. This makes the conflict feel unexplained.

Exemplar: *I felt a knot in my stomach watching James. As the class troublemaker, he'd been looking for ways to cause mischief since we boarded the ship. "Antarctica is boring," he'd complained earlier. "I need to make something exciting happen."*

#3 "Two seconds later the whole class sees a huge white musty ball soaring through the air aiming to hit the reckless and helpless narwhal. After it hit the narwhal he got in huge trouble."

Strengths:

- Your description of the snowball's trajectory creates a moment of suspense
- Your inclusion of consequences (James getting in trouble) shows cause and effect

Weakness: Rushed climax and resolution → The climactic moment of the snowball hitting the narwhal and the aftermath are told too quickly without sufficient detail. The reader doesn't learn about the narwhal's reaction, the specific consequences for James, or how the incident affected the rest of the trip. This makes the ending feel incomplete.

Exemplar: *We watched in horror as James's snowball arced through the air and struck the narwhal's exposed back. The magnificent creature disappeared beneath the icy water with a distressed splash. Our captain's face turned as red as the emergency flares on our ship. "You've just violated international wildlife protection laws," he thundered at James.*

■ Your piece has a promising start with strong descriptive language that captures Antarctica's otherworldly beauty. However, the narrative structure needs more development to create a cohesive story. The introduction of characters like the captain, co-host, and James happens without much context, making it difficult for readers to understand their roles and relationships. Additionally, the narwhal incident needs more build-up and a more detailed resolution. You could improve your writing by expanding the middle section to show more interaction between the characters before the snowball incident. Also, consider adding more sensory details throughout—what did Antarctica smell like? How did the cold air feel on your skin? What sounds could you hear besides people talking? The ending would be stronger if you described the specific consequences for James and how this affected the rest of your Antarctic adventure. Remember to maintain a consistent perspective throughout your story.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2:

Frozen Wonders: Our Unforgettable Journey to AntarcticaBy Abhijeet

#1 As our boots hit the icy ground, it felt like we had stepped onto another planet, one sculpted from silence and snow. Antarctica greeted us with a blinding white grin, the landscape stretching endlessly beneath a sun that never seemed to set. ~~Our captain showed us around Antarctica.~~ [Our expedition captain began guiding us across the icy terrain.] ~~People questioned whether the sun ever set down but at that moment our co-host stepped in puffing in some air and said there are narwhal whales on the south east.~~ [Several classmates wondered aloud if the sun ever truly set here, when suddenly our co-host, slightly out of breath, announced, "There are narwhal whales to the south-east!"] All the girls squealed hysterically begging our co host and captain if we could go see the narwhal whales.

~~Our co-host said that seeing narwhal whales was already on our list, the girls squealed again when they were hearing the exciting first adventure,~~ [Our co-host assured us that whale watching was already scheduled in our itinerary, prompting another round of excited squeals from the girls.] we were walking on the ~~mushy white and cold sand~~ [crunchy snow and ice] when James the class clown stopped at the back of the line and ~~snook~~ [snuck] a snowball in his ~~arid~~ [dry] pocket. Everyone except me were focusing on spotting narwhal whales but I was more focused on James. #2 I felt a little scared because James was the strong one in the class and I was always his target. He normally ~~looks~~ [looked] happy and funny but this time he looked serious. Anyways I turned my attention to look for narwhal whales, and lucky enough I found a horn poking out of the water but then... SPLASH, SLIP, SLOP! The narwhal jumped out of the water like ~~an acrobatic~~ [an acrobat] and everybody saw the narwhal. I looked at James again and saw that he was about to throw the snowball he picked ~~a few minutes ago.~~ [up a few minutes ago.]

I shouted NO! ~~At~~ [at] James but he didn't listen, the whole class shifted their eyes ~~at~~ [to] me instead ~~at~~ [of] the narwhal. I stood there frozen in embarrassment when James was going to throw the crusty snowball onto the narwhal. #3 Two seconds later the whole class ~~sees~~ [saw] a huge white ~~musty~~ [icy] ball soaring through the air ~~aiming to hit the reckless and helpless~~ [heading straight for the unsuspecting] narwhal. After it hit the narwhal he got in huge trouble.

Moreover, ~~I understand that I know~~ [I now know] Antarctica is the coolest place on ~~the planet earth.~~ [planet Earth.]