

## Section 1:

**#1** - Opening paragraph: "The first crash of thunder silenced the crowd, but only briefly—moments later, they began to scream. One of the lightning strikes had hit the stadium, and everyone was running for their lives."

**Strengths:** Your opening creates immediate tension and draws readers in with action. The contrast between silence and screaming effectively shows the sudden change in atmosphere.

**Weakness: Unclear scene establishment** → Your writing jumps straight into action without helping readers understand where James is or what's happening around him. The phrase "everyone was running for their lives" feels disconnected because we don't know how serious the danger actually is or what the stadium looks like during this moment.

**Exemplar:** *James watched from the stands as the first crash of thunder silenced the crowd of thousands, but only briefly—moments later, screams echoed across the stadium.*

**#2** - Middle section: "James waited in the shelter, as he looked up at the skies. The dark, grey clouds swirled above like a dome of darkness, enclosing the stadium. Lightning flashed as thunder boomed, and the clouds illuminated, bright as the moon."

**Strengths:** Your descriptive language creates a vivid picture of the storm. The comparison to "a dome of darkness" helps readers visualise the scene effectively.

**Weakness: Repetitive sentence structure** → Your sentences follow the same pattern throughout this section, making the writing feel choppy. Phrases like "Lightning flashed as thunder boomed" and "James waited in the shelter, as he looked up" use similar constructions that don't flow smoothly together.

**Exemplar:** *While James waited in the shelter, the dark grey clouds swirled above like a dome of darkness, enclosing the stadium as lightning illuminated them bright as the moon.*

**#3** - Conclusion: "James lifted his head and stared at the storm. Something was odd about it, it didn't seem natural... Without a single bit of hesitation, he lifted his hands, and ripped the paper out from the notebook."

**Strengths:** Your story includes an interesting twist with James having magical powers. The ending shows character growth as James learns from his experience.

**Weakness: Rushed plot development** → Your magical revelation happens too quickly without proper build-up. The connection between James's predictions and the storm isn't clearly explained, and phrases like "without a single bit of hesitation" suggest he immediately understands something that readers haven't been prepared for.

**Exemplar:** *As James stared at the storm, a chilling realisation crept over him—what if his careless predictions had somehow caused this chaos?*

■ Your piece shows creativity with an engaging supernatural twist, but the story needs more development to help readers follow along. The magical element feels sudden because you haven't given enough hints earlier about James's special abilities. Additionally, your writing would benefit from varying sentence lengths and structures to create better flow. The dialogue between characters is missing, which could help show James's relationships with his family and make the story feel more realistic. Also, you could expand on James's emotions throughout the story—how does he feel when he realises his predictions might be real? Furthermore, the setting needs clearer description so readers can picture the stadium and shelter more easily. Your conclusion teaches a good lesson about responsibility, but you could strengthen this by showing more of James's thought process as he figures out his powers.

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**Overall Score: 42/50**

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## Section 2:

**#1** The first crash of thunder silenced the crowd, but only briefly—moments later, they began to scream. One of the lightning strikes had hit the stadium, and everyone was running for their lives.

**#2** Only a few hours ago, they had ~~been all fine~~ [all been fine], and the soccer world cup was just about to take place. Now, James could hardly believe what he was seeing. A storm was raging high in the sky, but not high enough for the lightning to miss Earth. He looked around, panic rising in his chest. He could see his family all running for the shelter. With no other choice, he ran after them.

**#3** James waited in the shelter as he looked up at the skies. The dark, grey clouds swirled above like a dome of darkness, enclosing the stadium. Lightning flashed as thunder boomed, and the clouds illuminated, bright as the moon. He hoped it would be over soon; the storm looked like it was going to cause serious destruction.

But his hopes were wrong; the storm went on for more than an hour. As it kept going, James felt something odd was going on. His backpack flashed every time lightning struck above, and a loud rattling sound matched the thunder. Now that he came to think about it, he realised he did have his weather predictions in his bag. With a sense of nervousness in his mind, he took it out.

It was still as clean as ever, but his newest prediction was: thunder and lightning at the stadium. He blinked and looked up at the storm. He had only made those predictions randomly! Was this a coincidence?

James lifted his head and stared at the storm. Something was odd about it [—] it didn't seem natural. As he slowly lowered his head to glance at the notebook again, his instincts took over.

Without a single bit of hesitation, he lifted his hands and ripped the paper out from the notebook. As he scrunched it up and threw the ball away, time seemed to have frozen. He watched, in slow motion, as the last lightning strike of the storm hit the surface of the planet, and the clouds vanished in an instant.

The crowd seemed to revive again, cheering loudly as the storm finally disappeared. James smiled. He finally understood that the consequences of guessing and not doing his tasks properly could be serious—just like today.