

Section 1:

#1 "I loved reading adventure books – more than anything like eating cakes, playing board games or maybe even more than my dog. One sunny morning, I was reading a book under a shady tree in my backyard where the sun painted the tree barks golden. All of a sudden, a shiver went down my spine hypnotizing me and my eyes blurred as I teleported into a magical world upside down with my head dunked in a pit of marshmallows."

Strengths: You've created a strong opening that establishes your character's love for adventure books. Your description of the setting with the "sun painted tree barks golden" uses vivid imagery.

Weakness: Abrupt transition → The transition from reading under a tree to suddenly being teleported happens too quickly without enough build-up or explanation. The reader doesn't get to experience the magical moment fully because it happens in just one sentence. For instance, "All of a sudden, a shiver went down my spine hypnotizing me and my eyes blurred" rushes through what could be an exciting moment of discovery.

Exemplar: *As I turned the page of my book, a strange tingling sensation crept up my arms. The words on the page began to shimmer and dance. A shiver ran down my spine as my vision blurred, and suddenly I felt myself being pulled into a swirling vortex of colour, landing upside down with my head in what felt like a pit of soft, fluffy marshmallows.*

#2 "As I approached the tree, a rope dangled from the side. Pulling tight, I climbed it and at the end of it I discovered sweet, juicy, marble sized berries on prickly vines. I quickly picked a few and packed them in my emergency snack box just in case I am hungry."

Strengths: You've included sensory details about the berries ("sweet, juicy, marble sized"). The "emergency snack box" is a clever detail that shows your character comes prepared.

Weakness: Limited character reaction → You don't show much emotion or curiosity when discovering magical elements like the rope or berries. How did you feel seeing these unusual things? Were you surprised, excited, or nervous about trying magical berries? The sentence "I quickly picked a few" doesn't capture what could be a moment of wonder or hesitation.

Exemplar: *My heart raced with excitement as I spotted the rope hanging from the magnificent tree. After tugging it to make sure it was secure, I began to climb. My eyes widened with amazement when I discovered clusters of rainbow-coloured, marble-sized berries growing on prickly vines. "Could these be magical?" I wondered, carefully selecting the juiciest ones and tucking them into my emergency snack box.*

#3 "There was a flying cake that grants us wishes. I wished for fly, but I sneezed while saying it, and it came out as fry. Then the cake exploded into boiling pancakes. At least Moonface had a piece of cake and then I wished to fly, and we were all flying in the sky."

Strengths: You've included a creative complication with the sneeze changing "fly" to "fry," which shows good imagination. The idea of a wish-granting cake is also very original.

Weakness: Underdeveloped sequence → This exciting part of the story feels rushed with too many events happening in quick succession without enough details. The cake exploding into "boiling pancakes" and then suddenly everyone flying happens too quickly without describing how the characters reacted or what flying felt like. The phrase "At least Moonface had a piece of cake" doesn't clearly connect to the story.

Exemplar: *Before me floated an enormous birthday cake, its candles flickering with rainbow flames. "This cake grants wishes," Silky explained with a wink. Taking a deep breath, I prepared to wish for the ability to fly, but just as I spoke, a tickle in my nose caused me to sneeze. "I wish to f-f-ACHOO!-fry!" I stammered. With a thunderous BOOM, the cake exploded, transforming into dozens of sizzling, boiling pancakes that rained down around us. "Oh no!" I cried, as Moonface managed to catch a remaining piece of the magical cake. "Quick, make another wish!" he urged, offering me a bite. This time, I carefully enunciated, "I wish for us to FLY," and instantly we were lifted into the air, soaring through cotton candy clouds with delighted squeals.*

■ Your magical story shows wonderful imagination and creativity! The setting you've created with the magical tree, unique characters like Dame Washlot, Silky and Moonface, and fantastic elements like flying cakes and birthday land is truly special. To make your writing even more engaging, try slowing down at important moments to include more sensory details – what did things smell, sound or feel like? Additionally, you could show more of your character's thoughts and feelings throughout the adventure. When you met the magical characters, were you surprised, scared, or excited? Also, try connecting your paragraphs with smoother transitions to help your reader follow the journey more easily. For instance, you could explain how you moved from one part of the tree to another. Your story has so many creative ideas – giving each one more space to develop would make the magical world feel even more real to your readers.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

The Magical Tree

I loved reading adventure books – more than anything like eating cakes, playing board games or maybe even more than my dog. One sunny morning, I was reading a book under a shady tree in my backyard

where the sun painted the tree barks golden. #1 All of a sudden, a shiver went down my spine ~~hypnotizing me and my eyes blurred as I teleported~~ [hypnotising me and my eyes blurred as I was transported] into a magical world upside down with my head dunked in a pit of marshmallows. As I brushed off my hair, I realized ~~I am~~ [I was] not in my backyard anymore! A second later, a unique sound tuned in my ears. I turned around in surprise and spotted a willow tree with rainbow, shimmery leaves. It whispered to me "Wisha Wisha!" This just gave me the urge to climb up the magical tree to see what awaited me.

#2 As I approached the tree, a rope dangled from the side. Pulling tight, I climbed it and at the end of it I discovered sweet, juicy, marble sized berries on prickly vines. I quickly picked a few and packed them in my emergency snack box just in case ~~I am~~ [I was] hungry. I continued to climb the branches and SPLASH! Laundry water almost poured on me. I shouted, "Watch it!" Out peered an owl through the window and she said, "Oops! Laundry day! Dame Washlot is my name." I was climbing up more till I saw this pretty girl inside with this glowing moon-faced guy. I knocked on the door and the moon face guy gave me a riddle to solve. It was what starts with t, ends with t and has t in it? I replied, "Teapot!" It surprisingly was right, and he welcomed me in. ~~I replied~~ [I asked], "What are you doing here?" They said, "Having a picnic. Do you want to join in?" "Yes please!" I confidently replied. "What are your names?" ~~I replied~~ [I asked]. "Silky and Moonface." They spoke. "Let's eat!" We all exclaimed. Silky had pop cakes that exploded, Moonface had toffee shocks, and I brought sweet berries! When I ate the toffee shock, my mouth was as big as a balloon that burst.

We really enjoyed the picnic and Silky said, "Is it your birthday?" "Yes!" I replied. So, we went up to the birthday land where ~~lots of~~ [many] colorful ~~ballons~~ [balloons] that sparkled, music was playing from above the cotton candy clouds and there were millions of birthday cakes everywhere! There was a costume barn. I wore a fairy dress, Silky wore a butterfly costume and Moonface wore a pirate costume full on with eye patches and a sword. #3 There was a flying cake that grants us wishes. I wished for fly, but I sneezed while saying it, and it came out as fry. Then the cake exploded into boiling pancakes. At least Moonface had a piece of cake and then I wished to fly, and we were all flying in the sky. There were floating presents we had to fly to. We all got one. I got stacks of adventure books, Silky got a sparkly ~~barbie~~ [Barbie] doll, and Moonface got a golden ticket for a trip to the moon! The land was about to move so we went down the slippery slip. As we went back to Moonface's cabin, we all enjoyed the adventure we just had and were waiting for another one of these moments to come again.