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

#1 "[BASH! The neighbour's dog crashed through my door in a moment of seconds. With fear and panic I held the stick from the tip, throwing it in the opposite direction. I zoomed straight back to the house planning some new fencing."

## Strengths:

- Your opening immediately captures attention with the onomatopoeia "BASH!" creating a vivid, dramatic entrance
- You effectively convey the character's panic through short, quick sentences that mirror the urgency of the situation

Weakness: Unclear sequence of events  $\rightarrow$  The location shifts are confusing. You mention the dog crashing through your door, but then you "zoomed straight back to the house" which suggests you were outside. The reader can't visualise where the action is taking place. Also, what door did the dog crash through if not the house door?

Exemplar: BASH! The neighbour's dog crashed through my garden gate. With fear and panic, I grabbed a nearby stick, throwing it in the opposite direction to distract him. I zoomed straight back inside the house, already planning to fix our broken boundary fence.

#2 "My face was sweaty in an amazing way. Oh boy, I hope I never lose an arm. I never have to worry about my phone rolling down the stairs. I was really happy but also kind of nervous. What if this was all a dream and none of this was true. I closed my eyes and opened them again making sure it wasn't a dream. Thankfully it wasn't a dream but it still kind of gave me the frights."

## Strengths:

- Your writing shows the character's mixed emotions about their new power
- You include realistic concerns (like losing an arm) that show the character is thinking about the implications of their ability

Weakness: Repetitive phrasing  $\rightarrow$  The word "dream" appears three times in quick succession, making this section feel repetitive. The sentences also follow similar patterns with many starting with "I" followed by a verb. This creates a monotonous rhythm that doesn't match the excitement of discovering a magical power.

Exemplar: My face was sweaty with excitement. What an incredible discovery! Never again would I worry about my phone smashing on the pavement or breaking precious objects. Despite my joy, a nagging doubt remained—could this all vanish when I woke up? Squeezing my eyes shut then

opening them wide, I confirmed this wasn't my imagination, though the whole situation still gave me the frights.

#3 "I was really happy to see that I could fix almost anything except real life situations like missing a train. This power was a really fun one though. It never felt so good to destroy and break everything in the house I bought. Can't wait to have even more fun tomorrow."

## Strengths:

- You show an interesting progression in the character's thinking from fixing things to deliberately breaking them
- You include a meaningful limitation to the power (can't fix "real life situations")

Weakness: Underdeveloped consequences → The sudden shift from being careful with the power to deliberately breaking things in the house lacks sufficient development. This important character change happens too quickly without showing the thought process behind it. Also, the mention of "the house I bought" is confusing since earlier the character seemed to live with their mum.

Exemplar: While I couldn't fix real-life problems like missing the school bus, my power still amazed me. Cautiously at first, then with growing confidence, I began testing my limits. Starting with small objects, I gradually worked up to breaking and repairing larger things around the house. Mum would be shocked if she knew! Tomorrow promised even more exciting experiments with my newfound ability.

■ Your story shows great imagination and creativity with an engaging concept about a character discovering a magical ability to fix broken objects. The opening scene immediately draws readers in, and your writing contains some vivid descriptive moments. To improve the substance of your piece, focus on developing a clearer progression of events. Currently, some actions seem disconnected—like being inside then suddenly outside. Also, consider deepening your character's emotional journey from initial fear to excitement to responsibility. You could add a moment where the character faces a real challenge with their power. Additionally, think about building more tension—perhaps someone almost discovers the secret, or the power starts working differently. Your ending mentions using the power wisely, but this feels disconnected from the previous statement about breaking everything in the house. Tying these ideas together would create a more satisfying conclusion.

Overall Score: 41/50			

Section 2:

BASH! The neighbour's dog crashed through my door in a moment of seconds. With fear and panie I held [With fear and panie, I held] the stick from the tip, throwing it in the opposite direction. I zoomed straight back to the house planning some new fencing. #1

The damage was crazy as our whole boundary was filled with cracks. Anger rushed down my throat as I squeezed my face back to hold the meltdown. I slowly touched the shattered pieces of fencing, when I then again noticed [I suddenly noticed] there were no cracks.

It was oddly strange, surprising! Maybe it was a dream I had awoken to, or H [it] could be a special capability no one else had.

My mouth let out deep breaths as I slowly touched the fence. It was insane the way the cracks fixed like some invisible glue. A grin plastered right across my face. I was so happy and full of delightment. [so happy and full of delight.]

Before I went to tell my mum about the exciting news, the neighbour's dog appeared right in front of my eyes. My face started to sore [soar] up as I panicked again about it destroying the boundary. Oh then I almost forgot [Then I remembered] I have a secret power nobody knows about.

Of course I let my fear go and let it do whatever it wanted. While I admired my power I sat down and tested on a bowl. It was fully glass! At the same time I was scared and my throat gave me a bad signal. Then suddenly before I trusted myself it fell and shattered into different shapes. I touched one piece and then the whole thing came back.

It was marvelous [marvellous], such an amazing thing like this! Instead of calling mum, I decided to fix everything I had broken in the past. There were plenty in the attic. One by one each got fixed with a single touch.

My face was sweaty in an amazing way. Oh boy, I hope I never lose an arm. I never have to worry about my phone rolling down the stairs. I was really happy but also kind of nervous. What if this was all a dream and none of this was true. I closed my eyes and opened them again making sure it wasn't a dream. [I closed my eyes and opened them again to make sure it wasn't a dream.] Thankfully it wasn't a dream but it still kind of gave me the frights. #2

Hopefully by tomorrow I will realize [realise] if it's a dream or not. When I looked outside, the dog had gone back to his own house. I peeked my eye through the neighbours. He was eating tofu.

I was really happy to see that I could fix almost anything except real life situations like missing a train. This power was a really fun one though. It never felt so good to destroy and break everything in the house I bought. Can't wait to have even more fun tomorrow. #3

I had been gifted with an extraordinary power which I promised to use wisely and definitely not like a fool.