

Section 1:

#1 "One morning, I woke up to a blaring sound ringing in my ear. When I opened my eyes, I saw my alarm clock with wheels was looking at me with the time being 7:59 am. I needed to hurry or else I would be late, and the sports coach would make me do 100 push-ups!"

Strengths: You've created an engaging opening that immediately captures attention with the unusual alarm clock. Your use of specific details (7:59 am, 100 push-ups) helps readers visualise the scene.

Weakness: Limited sensory description → Your opening could benefit from more sensory details to help readers feel immersed in the scene. You've mentioned sound ("blaring") but could expand on other senses to create a more vivid picture of this strange morning.

Exemplar: *The shrill, blaring alarm pierced my dreams like a drill, forcing my heavy eyelids open to face the bizarre sight of my wheeled alarm clock staring at me, its glowing numbers flashing 7:59 am.*

#2 "I figured it out when I run my arms grow, and when I drink water, my arms go back to normal. At lunch, I was scared that if I ran, my powers would go off, so I needed to drink some water."

Strengths: You've established clear rules for your character's superpower, which is important for fantasy stories. You've also shown the character's emotional response (being scared), which helps readers connect with them.

Weakness: Underdeveloped character reaction → The discovery of having superpowers is a major life event, but your character's reaction seems quite brief and matter-of-fact. There's an opportunity to explore deeper feelings and thoughts about this life-changing discovery.

Exemplar: *I finally understood the pattern—running made my arms stretch like rubber bands, while drinking water returned them to normal size. My heart raced with a mixture of excitement and terror as I clutched my water bottle at lunch, knowing one sprint could expose my strange new ability to everyone.*

#3 "I began to run backwards, and I was expecting my arms to grow, but I didn't, so I think when I run backwards, my arms will not stretch or expand. I survived today, but what about tomorrow?"

Strengths: You've created an intriguing ending with the discovery of a limitation to the power and a hook that makes readers wonder what will happen next. This shows good storytelling instinct.

Weakness: Rushed problem resolution → Your character finds a solution very quickly without much struggle or failed attempts. This reduces tension in the story and misses opportunities to show problem-solving skills or emotional growth.

Exemplar: *Desperate as my water bottle emptied, I tried running backwards on a wild hunch—and amazingly, my arms stayed normal! Relief washed over me as I finished the sports class undetected, but a knot formed in my stomach as I wondered how many more creative solutions I'd need to find tomorrow, and the day after that.*

■ Your story has a fantastic premise with the stretchy arms superpower and the creative limitations you've established. The concept of running making arms stretch and water returning them to normal creates interesting story possibilities. To improve your writing, try slowing down key moments to build more tension. For example, when your character first discovers their power, spend more time describing their shock, confusion or amazement. Also, you could develop the character's personality more by showing how they feel about having this power—are they excited, terrified, or both? Additionally, consider adding more details about the school setting and other characters to make your world feel more complete. Your ending works well to hook readers, but you could strengthen it by having your character make a specific plan for dealing with tomorrow's challenges. This would show growth and give readers more reason to care about what happens next.

Overall Score: 39/50

Section 2:

My Inconvenient Superpower

One morning, I woke up to a blaring sound ringing in my ear. When I opened my eyes, I saw my alarm clock with wheels was looking at me with the time being 7:59 am. #1 I needed to hurry or else I would be late, and the sports coach would make me do 100 push-ups! I reached for the button on the top of the alarm, but before I could reach it, it zoomed around the house at lightning speed. Before it could cause any damage, I ran after it, but it was no use. While I was getting dragged around the room by an alarm clock with wheels, my arms started to stretch longer every step I took. After many attempts, I just let it go because ~~I need~~ [I needed] to hurry to school. I was scared and drank some water, then my arm shrank back. #2 ~~I figured it out when I run my arms grow, and when I drink water, my arms go back to normal.~~ [I figured out that when I run, my arms grow, and when I drink water, my arms return to normal.] At lunch, I was scared that if I ran, my powers would go off, so I needed to drink some water.

"I hope my water does not run out", I said in my mind.

As lunch ended, our sports lesson started. We had to do a long run as a warmup, and ~~this is the hard bit~~ [this was the difficult part], but I thought of holding my bottle while running. When all of the bottle's water ran out, I had to think of an idea quickly because all the students behind me would see my arms stretching and stretching. #3 ~~I began to run backwards, and I was expecting my arms to grow, but I didn't, so I think when I run backwards, my arms will not stretch or expand.~~ [I began to run backwards,

and I was expecting my arms to grow, but they didn't. I realised that when I run backwards, my arms don't stretch or expand.]

I survived today, but what about tomorrow?